



## Wilson Charles Boveland Jr

June 26, 2025

Wilson C. Boveland (December 20, 1948 – June 26, 2025)

Wilson “Charles” Toups Boveland, Jr., a beloved New Orleans attorney, educator, and tireless advocate for justice and education, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2025, at the age of 76 surrounded by his loved ones. Wilson leaves behind a legacy of selfless service that touched countless lives. A husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend: he was a lifelong champion of his community.

Born at Charity Hospital December 20, 1948, Wilson grew up in Thibodeaux, La. As an adult, Wilson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Treasure Island. During his service, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal before receiving an honorable discharge.

Wilson began his professional career as a teacher and administrator at Marion Abramson Senior High School in New Orleans and became vice principal at Andrew J. Bell Junior High School, where his commitment to education took root. While dedicating his days to New Orleans’ youth, he earned his law degree by attending the Loyola University School of Law evening program.

Later, as a solo practitioner in law, he merged his passion for education and justice with his dedication to uplifting others by providing free notary services

for public school employees, offering pro bono legal advice to underprivileged families, and guiding retiring educators through pension and insurance workshops. He served as the in-house attorney for the United Teachers of New Orleans (UTNO). Additionally, he provided free legal services for the Hume Child Development Center and United Educators, Inc.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Wilson's leadership shone brightly as he encouraged friends and family to return and rebuild New Orleans. As a member of Central St. Matthew UCC, he educated the congregation on wills and successions, empowering them to protect their legacies. A lifetime NAACP member, enthusiastic Rotary Club participant, and chair of the televised MLK Holiday Public School Choral Concert, Wilson united New Orleans through music and activism.

As a member of the Beau Brummell Club, Wilson held several positions over the years including: President, Ball Chairman, Historian, Keeper of the Archives, Chairman of the Committee of Constitutions, and unofficial Legal Counsel. He proudly escorted each of his daughters when they made their society debuts at the Beau Brummell's annual Mardi Gras ball.

Wilson was always on the go. He could make himself at home in a friend's living room or a ballroom — as long as they were serving Crown Royal on ice. He was happy to get on the dance floor and show you how to line dance. His presence turned any gathering into an event filled with lively discussion, warmth, and laughter. When Wilson entered a room — occasionally on a hoverboard — a good time followed. On Sundays, he could be found enjoying brunch with his family and at the movie theater to see the latest new release. An avid reader, Wilson would wind down with a Stephen King novel.

In his free time, Wilson indulged his wanderlust through extensive travel. Notable locations include Hawaii, Alaska, France, Italy, Spain, Belize,

England, and China. As a member of the Soulful Saints, Wilson toured the United States cheering the New Orleans Saints to victory. One of his favorite destinations was Walt Disney World and he frequently visited with his family. He was a true cruise connoisseur who one day planned to cruise around the world.

Wilson is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Catherine Boveland and their daughters: Tiffany A. Boveland, Danielle E. Boveland, Charla A.B. Freeland (Brian); precious granddaughter Savannah Skye Freeland; siblings: George Love, Jr. (Celina) of Killeen, TX, Kenneth Bell of New Orleans, LA, Gerald Boveland of Atlanta, GA, Larry Boveland of Thibodaux, LA, and Hezekiah Boveland of New Orleans, LA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and other relatives and friends; and a community that respected him. He was preceded in death by his parents: Wilson and Alberta Boveland; three brothers: Marshall, Louis, and Edmond Boveland; and one sister, Jacquelyn Boveland.

A celebration of Wilson's life will be held at Central St. Matthew UCC, 1333 So. Carrollton Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 11:00am. Visitation will begin at 10:00am until 11:00am. Internment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, New Orleans, Louisiana. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana 70125.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ  
1333 S Carrollton Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70118

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ  
1333 S Carrollton Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70118

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cousin Wilson was such a wonderful person. He came Long Beach California many times to visit my dad Edward Toups and our family. Cousin Wilson shared stories of our family roots whenever I had a question he and my dad (Edward) would have the answer. It greatly saddens us to find recently Cousin Wilson is no longer here in the physical form however he is in the comfort of Gods Kingdom now. We wish all of the Boveland & my cousins strength during this time of need. He will be greatly greatly missed.*

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**Tee Williams** - January 11 at 03:15 PM

JB

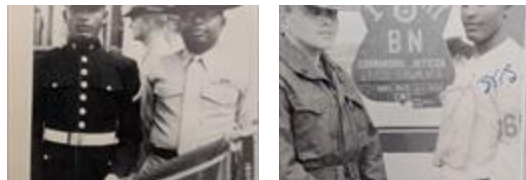
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Boveland Family. Wilson was truly a humble man with a big heart and will really be missed but always remembered. Yours In Christ, JoAnn Bryant and Family*

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**JoAnn Bryant** - December 03, 2025 at 10:58 PM

CY

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Cyndi** - July 05, 2025 at 10:39 PM

AJ

“ *Wilson was truly an asset to the community. We appreciate all the support he gave to UTNO and the teachers of New Orleans. Our condolences to Catherine and the family. Vermon and Avis James*

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**Avis James** - July 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

RC

“ With deepest sympathy! Praying for your family

Rev/Sis Gilmore Chatman - July 05, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MB

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends of this amazing man. The dedication he showed to Orleans Parish Schools was unmatched. He will be missed.

Love, Michele Burton-Oatis of John A. Shaw Elementary School (SPED Teacher)

Michele Burton-Oatis - July 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DF

“ To Tiffany & Family: Sending my deepest condolences and May God comfort you during this difficult time. 🙏

Debbie Barra Ford - July 05, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JW

“ To Catherine and family, you have my deepest condolences. Wilson was a great coworker and friend. He will surely be missed. Praying for you all.



Jane White - July 04, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LP

“ Love, Memory and Cide Pipitone purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wilson Charles Boveland Jr.



Love, Memory and Cide Pipitone - July 04, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilson Charles Boveland Jr.*



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July 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Dear Boveland Family,*

*Our hearts are filled with love and compassion for your family. Wilson was a dear friend and he will be truly missed.*

*Peace,  
William & Deborah Jeffrion*

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**Deborah M. Jeffrion** - July 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Charles was a wonderful person. Easy to be a friend to and with. Always on the move but never forgetting his roots and friends along the way. He helped me get earned leave when I retired. And yes he was fun to be around. My condolences to Catherine his wife. Wilson goes with God. Blessings. Jimmy Saacks*

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**James Saacks** - July 03, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Jacqueline Francine Freeland lit a candle in memory of Wilson Boveland*



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**Jacqueline Francine Freeland** - July 02, 2025 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Mr. Wilson Charles Boveland, Jr., my only Attorney. This gentleman will be missed. Handle cases for my family and myself with excellence. God is pleased. To his Family Be Blessed and know that God will take care of you.*

*Dorothy M. Parker,  
Orleans Parish School Teacher (UTNO - forever)*

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**Dorothy M. Parker ( Riley )** - July 02, 2025 at 03:06 PM

BH

*Sending my prayers and strength. Nothing like the Abramson days.*

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**Brenda (Hart) Hewlett** - July 08, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DB

*Wilson was a kind and caring gentleman who made valued people and genuinely tried to make the world a better place.*

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**Derek Bardell** - October 18, 2025 at 08:15 PM

SF

“ *Stephanie & Audra- AFT/UTNO Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilson Charles Boveland Jr.*



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**Stephanie & Audra- AFT/UTNO Family** - July 02, 2025 at 01:35 PM