

Wesley Waldrop Williamson

July 7, 1993 - January 21, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Wesley Waldrop Williamson, 27, was born July 7, 1993, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and passed away Thursday, January 21, at his home in Olive Branch, Mississippi. He is survived by his parents, Jane and Wayne Williamson, Sister and Brother-in-Law, Shannon and Jerry McBride, Grandmother Geneva Williamson, Aunt and Uncle Cathy and Alan Doyle, Cousins James Alan Doyle, Anna and Stuart Doyle, Liam and Mae Frances, Great Aunt Dianne Nelson, Great Aunt Mary Beth Nelson, Great Uncle and Aunt Shirley and Jack Cole, Cousins, Floy, Jeff, and Elizabeth Cole, and Janet, Terry, and Cole Edwards, and his Godfather David Jackson. He was preceded in death by his Grandparents Lexie and Bud Waldrop and Wesley Williamson.

Wesley attended SBEC from K-3 through the twelfth grade, graduating in 2012. At SBEC, he fell in love with theater and began a career in acting that continued throughout his college years and beyond. Wesley found a home at many local theaters including Desoto Family Theater, Panola Playhouse, Kudzu Playhouse, Harrell Theater, and Theater Memphis. He acted in productions including Meet Me In St. Louis, Fiddler on the Roof, The Foreigner, Mamma Mia!, Beauty and the Beast, Oklahoma, Wizard of Oz, Hello Dolly, Music Man, and countless others. Wesley taught Drama Camps at

Desoto Family Theater as well as Panola Playhouse. In addition to acting, Wesley also developed a love of directing. He received multiple “Allie” awards for outstanding performances and directing. In the summer of 2015, he was a guest Teaching Artist at Appel Farm Arts & Music Center in New Jersey.

Wesley received an Associate of Arts degree from Northwest Mississippi Community College in May 2015. He also attended Ole Miss and University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Acting and Performance in December 2017.

Wesley was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as Jane and Wayne learned before he was born that he had a congenital heart defect. Wesley had his first heart surgery at five days old, another at six months, and another at two years old. Anyone who knows Wesley will agree that no health condition was going to impact his happiness, his zest for life, or his adventurous spirit. Although his heart defect ultimately shortened his life, it never affected his love of family, friends, and Jesus.

A friend described Wesley this way – “Wesley boldly pursued his passions, chose happiness in all he did, and glorified God with his words and his actions. A friend to all, Wesley treated everyone he met with kindness and acceptance, making sure friends and strangers alike knew that they mattered. He showed the world the importance of being true to oneself.”

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 26, at Getwell Church in Southaven, Mississippi. The family will receive friends between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. We encourage all to attend. Seating will follow Covid guidelines and masks are required. Colorful clothing is encouraged to celebrate Wesley’s life. The service will also be livestreamed and can be viewed at www.getwellchurch.org/livestream.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to www.ACHAheart.org (an organization that does congenital heart defect research), Northwest Mississippi Community Foundation Wesley Waldrop Williamson Theater Scholarship (4975 Highway 51 North, Senatobia, Mississippi 38668), or a local community theater of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Getwell Church
7875 Getwell Road
Southaven, MS 38672

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 1:00 PM (CT)

Getwell Church
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Southaven, MS 38672

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Wesley Waldrop Williamson



Coleman Funeral Home - January 25, 2021 at 12:08 PM

CW

Dear Wesley Williamson i just wanted to let you know that my birthday was in October the 11 the in 1994 and i just wanted to say that i just trun to be 31 years old now for this year and i am still freinds with Mac Collins i have been getting to see more now and we're now favorite freinds now this is our 6 years anniversary of high school musical jr of last month so our 6 years so i just remembered you for so long going out to see more shows now to see Mac Collins now i do miss you very very much raise in hallelujah to you there's not a star that heaven that can reach breaking free go wildcats i miss you Wesley Williamson I do miss you so lot

Caroline Williamson from long time to work with you now

Caroline Williamson I miss you haven with you always rest and peace

Caroline Williamson - November 01, 2025 at 11:55 PM

HA

“ Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Wesley Waldrop Williamson



Harper - February 04, 2021 at 06:15 PM

HA

Wesley is loved and adored by so many people. He made such an impact in people's lives and hearts.

Harper - February 04, 2021 at 06:32 PM

LS

“ *We remember little Wesley being prayed for as a baby as we were part of the Getwell Road UMC. What an awesome family you Williamsons were and we are so heart sad for you losing your Wesley . It looks he made quite an impact for the world around him. How very handsome he grew to be. We left him last at around 7 years old. Our prayers to all of you . Sincerely, Tommy, Laurie , Justin and Wesley Smith. Orange Beach , AL*

laurie Smith - January 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM

LR

“ *I am so very sorry for the pain that you feel for the loss of sweet Wesley.
I have prayed for him since the day he was born!
He has always had a piece of my heart!
Truly he radiated a glow and kindness like no other!
He accomplished so much in his short 27 years! But what a gift that he was able to live that long!
He did and will continue to influence others around him!
When the tears slowly fade away, I know I will picture that everlasting
Smile of his... which will give me a big smile back!
Your son and brother was a truly amazing soul!
God Bless You as u live with this huge loss !
Sending love, hugs and prayers!
Thank you for sharing your special son with the world.
God Bless Wesley's new journey...*



Lori Reeves - January 26, 2021 at 03:48 PM

KJ

“ Wesley brightened the summer of 2015 at Appel Farm with his incredible energy, smile and sense of humour. What a special human! I feel so lucky to have met you Wesley, and I'm so sad you had to leave us. Wesley's family, friends and students are very much in my thoughts and heart at this difficult time, I am sending love to you all. I really didn't take many photographs at Appel Farm that summer, but I did take several of this sunset - so here's a glorious New Jersey sky to share with you all.

Katie Jane xxx



Katie Jane - January 26, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BF

“ Wesley was a dear friend. He impacted my life so much in the short time that I knew him. I got to know Wesley through Panola Playhouse, and we worked together at SPHS. Every moment spent with him was joyful. He just had a presence about him that made you feel loved, seen, and special. We were really looking forward to spending more time together now that he had moved to Oxford, and I will always mourn that time that was taken away. But more than that, I rejoice in the FULL and happy life that Wesley lived. He loved big and was, in turn, loved by so many. I know that I'll get to see him again one day, and, in that, I find great comfort. Love you forever, Wesley!



Blair Flint - January 26, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Children, Staff, and Board of Appel Farm Arts Camp purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.



Children, Staff, and Board of Appel Farm Arts Camp -
January 25, 2021 at 09:47 PM



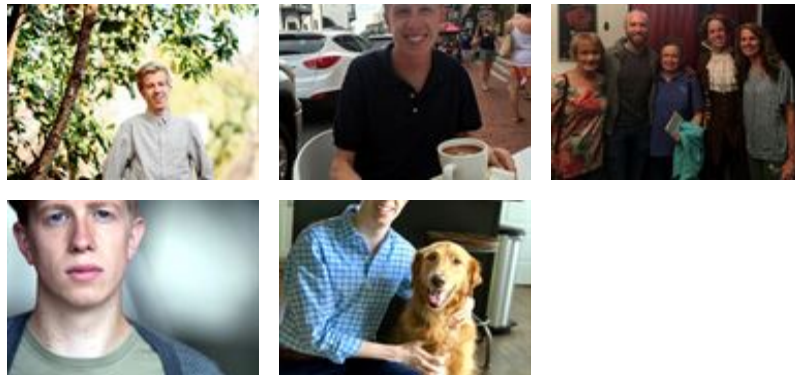
“ What a beginning he had coming into this world but what a splash he made while here! His love for acting, his love for his family and friends will never be forgotten. You were loved and will be missed.



Mary Cocke - January 25, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - January 25, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Wesley was my friend, then he was my student, and then he was my peer & colleague. Through all the changes in our relationship, we never stopped being friends. We'd be professional in public, then we'd giggle and gossip in private. I'll miss most glancing across a room to him, making eye contact, then he'd scrunch up his face in the way only he could and say "love you" and I would immediately do it back. Didn't matter where or the situation (though the more awkward, the better).

Alyssa Algee - January 25, 2021 at 11:04 AM

KC

Wesley loved unconditionally! His posts exuded love for all but especially his family and you Wayne and Jane. What wonderful Godly parents you are! Jesus has welcomed a best friend! Love to you all, the Cate family - Al and Kathy, Jan and Jeff, Anne and Danny, Al and Stephanie

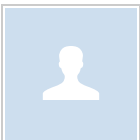
Kathy and Al Cate - January 26, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.



January 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.



January 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 25, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *It was such a delight to meet and know Wesley! Full of life, fun to know, was kind and considerate, and passionate about his work - his love of theater. I am fortunate to have known him! A wonderful Young Man - in God's care now.. Sandy Meurrier*



Sandra Meurrier - January 25, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ *My first memory of Wesley. Play fighting with sponge sticks standing in dust bins, who fell over first won. I fell down. He pulled me up and held me so tight. We became dear friends. I will cherish the time I came to stay with his beautiful family. Our car journeys, our singing, his laughter, his out pouring of love. Rest peacefully. In his words: "Until we meet again, dear friend. I love you"*



Jennifer Capstick - January 25, 2021 at 05:38 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 24, 2021 at 11:25 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 24, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 24, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *Nicole Monroe purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



Nicole Monroe - January 24, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 24, 2021 at 05:50 PM



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Coleman Funeral Home - January 24, 2021 at 01:42 PM



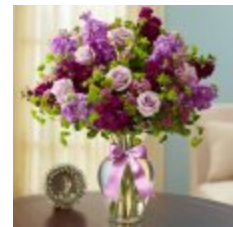
“ *Wesley was one of the most talented actors in high school and beyond. Please enjoy these phone shots from the Oklahoma Playbook his Senior year. We will all miss his cheerful ways. Debbie Dean*



Debbie Dean - January 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Allen-Michael Harmon purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



Allen-Michael Harmon - January 24, 2021 at 12:59 PM

WF

“ Wesley's APO Family purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.

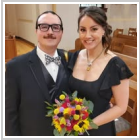


Wesley's APO Family - January 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Words could never express how much Wesley meant to me. He was like my little brother. Praying for his family and friends - he has left his footprints forever on our hearts.

Jeanne Sill - January 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ I didn't know Wesley that well but the second I stepped into the Allie awards, I immediately was drawn to him. I looked at Megan and said “omg who is that?! I love him.” Without even knowing him. That's crazy. He lit up the room. He owned the stage. He was born for theatre. There is no doubt about it. He had that thing. He is a light in this world and everyone that was lucky enough to experience it knows how much of a blessing it was to be in his presence. I just want to carry on his legacy by spreading the love every chance we can. Rest In Peace Wesley, you touched more souls and hearts than you know. I love you. ❤️

Ashley Crabtree - January 23, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Wesley Waldrop Williamson.*



January 23, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *One of my very best friends who I will miss dearly every single day. I will never forget our fun road trips and the silliness that ensued every time we were together. I love you.*

Erica Peninger - January 23, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *I am honored to have known Westley as a student and actor. I enjoyed his talented presence in the many productions at NWCC and Panola Playhouse.*

Charlotte Alexander - January 22, 2021 at 09:39 PM