



## Wilburn Dean Jones Jr.

December 3, 1974 - December 28, 2025

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Wilburn Dean Jones Jr. on December 28, 2025, at the age of 51 in Fresno, California. He leaves behind a family who loved and adored him and a community that will long remember his warmth, humor, and unmistakable voice.

Will, was born on December 3rd, 1974, in Monterey, California, to Margaret Ann Reed of Dallas, Texas, and Wilburn Dean Jones Sr. of Texarkana, Arkansas. A proud athlete and a Hoover High School Patriot in Fresno, Will made Fresno his home for nearly four decades. He liked to say he knew Fresno “like the back of my hand,” and he truly did—able to navigate the city before GPS and always ready with a recommendation for where to go or what to try.

Will loved music, sports, history, gaming, and streaming. His passion for the Dallas Cowboys and football found a wide audience on YouTube, where he built a following by sharing his enthusiasm and candid takes under the name of @SimusSays..... He often live streamed with co-collaborators and friends, sharing his love and critics for the game with articulate and colorful authenticity. He was a devoted foodie and an avid bruncher who delighted in discovering new flavors and sharing meals with friends and family; as long as it wasn't swine. Will spoke his mind with honesty and good humor; he never shied from an opinion and could light up a room with a story or a laugh.

Will is survived by his beloved wife, Alelyn Anne Jones; his daughters Dazhane Henry and Kendra Jones and his son, Tajai Jones; his grandchildren Na'khai, King, and Ace; his father, Wilburn Dean Jones Sr.; his sisters Africa Jones Williams, Grace Patrice Jones and brother, James Elliot Jones; and many nieces and nephews. He is reunited in heaven with his mother Margaret Jones, Uncle James Reed and Niece Egypt Williams. He will be remembered for the love he showed his family and the pride he took in their lives.

A memorial service to celebrate Will's life will be held at Chapel of the Light, 1620 W. Belmont Ave, Fresno, CA 93728, on Friday, January 9th, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. Family, friends, and all who were touched by Will's kindness are welcome to attend and share memories.

Will's curiosity, generosity, and unmistakable presence left an imprint on everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for the joy he brought to ordinary days and the fierce love he carried for his family and community. Those who wish to honor his memory are encouraged to gather, share a meal, and tell a story—just as Will would have wanted.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 11:30 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
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<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Lord have mercy...I can't believe you're gone. We had planned to go to a Cowboys home game when I moved here to Texas. You were more than just a friend but a confidant. You never judged me or anything like that. I will never forget the time you came to CHS to check white boy that I fought who called me that word. 😞 I am blessed to know you're with your mom again in a brand new body. Save a spot for me! Love you Pooks! #DC4L #TheRealest #GoneButNeverForgotten



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**Michelle Harper** - February 14 at 09:50 AM

WC

“ It's still hard to believe that you're no longer with us. I will always cherish our memories and great times we had together. The trips we've taken together, the sporting events, and the phone calls and or texts. Out of all that, my most precious memory that will live forever is the great friendship we developed. Love you and miss you my Brother forever. My prayers go out to Lynn and Taj. You guys will always be family.

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**William Coleman** - January 09 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ *Wil, I always considered it a privilege to hang out or run into you. Thank you for your presence and the words of encouragement you always shared. I pray for GOD's peace & comfort for your family & loved ones.* ”



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**Dennis Horn** - January 09 at 12:41 PM

LC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Lance Carabay** - January 05 at 08:48 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Lance Carabay** - January 05 at 08:45 PM

LF

“ *Lifestyle Solar Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wilburn Dean Jones Jr..*



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**Lifestyle Solar Family** - January 04 at 02:43 PM

GB

“ *Praying for your healing hearts and that his wonderful memories carry you all through this. You have my deepest condolences.*

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**Gloria Billy** - January 02 at 08:28 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Family*



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**Kim Edralin** - January 01 at 04:59 PM