



## Rev. Alfred W. Wiggins, Sr.

July 4, 1936 - February 22, 2017

Rev. Alfred W. Wiggins, Sr., 80, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2017.

He was a one of the founding members of the New Progressive Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, Indiana where he served as an Associate Pastor. He was a professional actor, played in roles on Matlock, Drumline , The Program and several other TV movies. Alfred was retired professor of Fine Arts at Western Carolina University and Fayetteville State in North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Stum of Jeffersonville, Indiana; sons, Fred (Joan) Wiggins of Tucson, AZ, Mike Wiggins of Oakland CA, Curt Wiggins of Oklahoma and Marcus Wiggins of Sacramento, CA; daughters, Lynn Cain of Sacramento, CA and Sheri Wiggins of Los Angeles, CA; sister, Anna (David) Smith of Cleveland, Ohio; sister in law, Janice Wiggins of Bloomington, Indiana.

Funeral service will be Wednesday March 1, 2017 at 11am at New Progressive Baptist Church, 4712 Middle Road, Jeffersonville, Indiana with burial in Walnut Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5pm to 8pm at A. D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St, Louisville Kentucky.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“*Mr. Wiggins had me in a couple of classes at WCU and boy did I give him a run for his money. I knew everything and was not afraid to remind him. Well, he put me in my place a few times and I definitely deserved it. He was one of my favorite mentors and you can imagine my pride when I saw The Program in the theatre a few years later. So proud of him! He called me into his office on the last day of my Senior year, I was convinced I was going to get a lecture and a bad grade. I got an A and he told me don't ever lose my fight and determination. Sorry I never got a chance to tell him how much his teaching and mentorship meant to me in life. Rest in Peace Kind Sir.. JS*

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**jay** - April 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM

WS

“*I was a student of AI at WCU in 1991-93, at first AI and I didn't see eye to eye. After a while and many, many discussions about every thing from race to movies and every thing in between we became, what I believe, allies. Wish I would have kept in touch with you Sir, as you inspired me more than you know. Rest In Peace my long lost friend, the world will miss you - Ware Swain*

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**Ware Swain** - October 13, 2020 at 09:30 PM

SS

“*What an honor it is to have learned and worked in theater beside such a talented and studious mentor. You have always been in my thoughts and I will never forget you or our time together. It's most deserving for you to rest in peace as your work here was timely, unforgettable, and great. To those he's ascended from, bless you. He was truly a gem.*

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**Stephanie Smiley** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

EB

“ *What a friend and a God fearing man. I truly enjoyed being in your presence. We always talked about Jesus and the things we learned about the bible. Sister Barbara, stay strong in the Lord because He will keep you in His care. Deacon Eugene Barlow.*

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**Eugene Barlow** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

AS

“ *My brother Alfred will always live in our hearts and and the memories of the good times we shared will sustain us in this time of sorrow at his passing. Anna (sister) and David (brother in law)*

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**Anna Smith** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

EH

“ *I had the opportunity to meet Alfred while he was a professor at WCU. He was a great man and he will always be remembered for his time and work while in Cullowhee.  
May God bless and keep his family during the loss of their loved one.*

*Keeping you in my prayers,  
Evelyn Howell Hudgens*

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**Evelyn Hudgens** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

AW

“ *Dear Wiggins Family, God is good as you all know. He blessed your dear family with Rev. Alfred Wiggins. May God's Great Grace and Mercy continue to be with you. Many blessings,*

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**Annie Willis** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Dear Anna I am so sorry for your loss. Hearing The name of the funeral home brings back memories A D Porter serviced my brother many years ago, but it is still on my heart. Much love to you and your family, I feel your loss.Elizabeth Pendleton.

June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Condolences to the family. I am very sorry for your loss.

**Timothy Clay** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ My wife and I first met AL when we all We're grad students at UCSD. We shared a close collegiality and later after graduation joined him in working in the Louisville community in various Arts projects. AL will be sorely missed.

**Farrell & Sandra Foreman** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Barbara Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Wiggins Family. May the Lord Jesus comfort and keep you during this time.

**Posey and Florence** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Mr. Wiggins was a role model, and much more importantly, a father figure to countless students at WCU. Every African American male who crossed his path there was positively marked by his presence. "Homeward", you will be missed, but never forgotten. We love you much!

**Randall Morrow** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

PS

“ My condolences at the loss of Mr. Wiggins. As a graduate of Western Carolina I continued to follow him and his acting long after I graduated. He was a huge presence and touched many lives. May God grant you peace and strength during your time of grief.

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**Pamela Stevenson** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

RS

“ Praying for you my dear God bless you and keep you. Love you very much

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**Rhonda Starks** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

RE

“ I was in Black Theater Ensemble for four years, 1988-1992. I was the lead in two of his plays. It was incredible being his student and an experience that I have never forgotten. You will be missed.

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**Renee Thompson Edwards** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

MR

“ Praying for Sis. Barbara, and the family. May you have peace and comfort during your time of grief. Matthew 5:4

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**Marie Robinson** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ I lived on SouthWestern Pkwy and grew up several doors from the Wiggins family. Alfred and I were in the Central High School class of '55 and shared a unique relationship with an extraordinary black community of family and childhood friends. We played tennis at Chickasaw Park, ice skated on the lagoon, and sat on the flood-wall sharing dreams. This was our special corner of the world. Though I hadn't seen Alfred in many years, I recall his genius and gift of writing and know of his many accomplishments to include his play, Chickasaw. May he rest in peace. Dr. Bettye Foster Baker

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**Bettye Baker** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

TN

“ Al Wiggins was my mentor and more. I loved him for the world he made me embrace and the me he made me recognize. I would have never walked into a college or stayed if he hadn't told me I could or that I better. I didn't know he was no longer on this earth but he will always be in my heart. I will never forget you my friend and i will always hear your voice saying, "Keep looking up T."

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**Tarra Nettles-Gilbert** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

KA

“ "Time was, ceases to be and is no more."A great man has left this place after giving us so much and we owe him our best until we leave this place.RIP Wig!!!

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**Kevin Adkinson** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

AA

“ He was one of the most prolific talents I knew....I would say he was brilliant!

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**Anita G. Arnold** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

TF

“ He was one of my favorite teachers at WCU. He was extremely knowledgeable and was always available to listen. He will be missed.

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**Tim Freeman** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

MH

“ Had the pleasure of being a student in Al's Intro to Mass Communications at WCU. Such a fun class. I loved his voice and professional presence. Some of the best and funniest stories I have in college came from that class. Makes me smile just thinking about it. Thank you Al for the wonderful memories. Prayers are with the family and friends

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**Matt High** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

TV

“ I met Al Wiggins as a Radio/TV student at Western Carolina University, and I just want to say: Thanks for the wonderful stories of your traveling days and for being a wonderful educator. Tell the truth and shame the devil!

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**Tim Vancelette** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

DJ

“ My Deepest Condolences to the family. I met Mr. Wiggins in Doentown Jeffersonville as he was thinking about opening a production company next door to my hair salon, a very nice gentleman I had of coarse seen him on film but had no idea, until he told me he was from and Loved Jeffersonville. A very talented, bright, and good hearted person. R.I.P. Mr. Wiggins Gone but never Forgotten.

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**Dana Jemerson-Featherston** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

DJ

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**Dana Jemerson-Featherston** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

ME

“ *Al, used to sing with the Jazz Band at WCU about 30 years ago. He was terrific. He was inspiring and he was a positive influence to those of us less talented. What a powerful effect he had on the people around him. All this time later, I remember him well and fondly. RIP. Christ was there to greet you on the other side. Be well till we meet again.*

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**Michael Ensley** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM

LC

“ *Just discovered this sad news...My condolences to all of his family and friends.Mr. Wiggins was indeed an extraordinary professor at Western Carolina University, giving many opportunities to his students, as he shared his wisdom and advice...I was a better student because of him. More importantly, his friendship will always be cherished. Thank you, Tim, for reminding me of one of my favorite Mr. Wiggins' quotes..."Tell the truth and shame the devil!"Rest in peace dear friend.*

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**Laura C.** - June 13, 2018 at 02:10 PM