



## Wilburn Ansley

February 12, 1926 - June 23, 2024

Reverend Wilburn Ansley, age 98, passed into Heaven June 23, 2024. He was born February 12, 1926, to John Samuel and Autie Ansley in Hemphill, Texas.

Wilburn married Betty Hellen Ashworth on July 11, 1945. They had been married for 68 years when Betty passed into Heaven on June 7, 2013. They had 2 sons Ray and David.

Before Wilburn and Betty married, he enlisted in the Army during World War II at the age of 17. During his enlistment he received several medals; Purple Heart, 3 Bronze, 3 Ribbons.

Wilburn was born again at the age of 24 in Buna, Texas. He surrendered to the ministry at the age of 25 and was ordained February 20, 1955. After surrendering to the ministry, Wilburn attended Lamar Tech in Beaumont, Texas. Before graduation and while attending Lamar Tech for 5 years he pastored 2 churches at the same time. In 2003, Rev. Wilburn Ansley was given an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the President of Covington University, Dr. Fred Guilbert, Jr.

Rev. Wilburn Ansley pastored 7 churches:

First Baptist – Nome

First Baptist – Little Cypress

Alta Vista Baptist – Pasadena

Trinity Baptist – Pasadena

1st Baptist – Point Blank

Calvary Baptist – Coldsprings

Grace Family Fellowship – Willis

He wrote in his Bible a few days ago, “I want to finish well” and he did.

Visitation will be at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis on Thursday June 27, 2024, 6pm-8pm. Funeral Service will be at Mims Baptist Church in Conroe on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 10am. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Smith Memorial Park in Willis.

\*\*\*Correction\*\*\*

We apologize to the family of Rev. Ansley. The Conroe Courier had a misprint of the dates and days of the visitation and service. Please note the dates and days listed above.

The Courier obituary has been corrected and will be published again on Thursday June 27, 2024.

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park Cemetery - Willis

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
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<https://www.shmfh.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Funeral Service

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mims Baptist Church  
1609 Porter Rd  
Conroe, TX 77301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilburn Ansley* ”



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - June 27, 2024 at 12:42 PM

KL

“ I will never forget pastor Ansley, he lead me in the sinners prayer when I was 8years old.

My family and I attended Trinity back in the mid 70's. My step-dad was a hot headed drinker, and he finally agreed to go to church with us one Sunday and he accepted Jesus as his savior laid his cigarettes on the alter and stopped drinking cold turkey.

After seeing that, I wanted to know more about Jesus.

For 3 Sundays every alter call, I asked my mom, "how do I accept Jesus?" She would say, I'll tell you later.

That 4th Sunday, I remember learning about Jesus and the children he allowed to come near him, and the disciples told them to get away, and Jesus said that anyone that comes to him must have childlike faith...

So, when I asked my mom again how to accept Jesus and again she said I'll tell you later, I went to the other end of the pew and cried.

Seeing how serious I was she agreed to take me down to Pastor Ansley.

He smiled and asked what I would like and I said Jesus in my heart, and Smiled and asked if I knew who Jesus was and what he had done for me, and what happened after he was buried, and I told him, and he then lead me in the sinners prayer...I was crying and I remember him saying, why are you crying so hard, and I had felt Jesus come into my heart, and what felt like a warm blanket surround me... I responded with, "because I love him so much"

I am thankful for Pastor Ansley and that Sunday school teacher, and my momma.

We loved that church, and how on fire Pastor Ansley would preach, and brother Willy in the choir shouting Amen. That's about all I recall because we moved about a year later or so to Oklahoma.

Keep fighting the good fight! You never know who you'll reach!

Kim Larranaga

*Formerly at 8yrs old: Kimberly Miller  
Daughter of Bill and Marcia Miller*

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**Kim Larranaga** - March 02 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ *Brother Ansley was an amazing man, a passionate preacher, and a powerful witness for our Lord Jesus Christ. I will always be thankful for the strong spiritual influence that he had on my life.*

*David & Rosa Barnett*

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**David Barnett** - June 27, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Teresa Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilburn Ansley.*

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**Mike & Teresa Williams** - June 27, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MW

“ *Mike & Teresa Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilburn Ansley.*



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**Mike & Teresa Williams** - June 27, 2024 at 10:26 AM

CP

“ Bro. Ansley meant so much to our family. We loved him at Trinity. When we moved up to Montgomery we would see him every once in a while and every time we did he was always talking about Jesus. There is going to be a very special place for him in heaven and I am sure when he got there our Father said welcome home. I am sure Mrs. Betty was waiting for him. We will miss you and we love you Bro. Ansley.  
John and Cindy Powell

Cindy Powell - June 26, 2024 at 09:20 PM

TF

“ The Tom Godwin family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wilburn Ansley.



The Tom Godwin family - June 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM

YF

“ Your RENFROE family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilburn Ansley.

Your RENFROE family - June 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilburn Ansley.



June 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Feigleson and Cox families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wilburn Ansley.*



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**Feigleson and Cox families** - June 26, 2024 at 02:28 PM