



Willie "Pop" Vaughn Jr.

February 28, 1936 - November 19, 2025

Willie "Pop" Vaughn, Jr., age 89, of Gardendale, Alabama, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2025. Born on Pine Mountain in Blount County, Alabama, Willie lived a long and meaningful life defined by faith, hard work, and deep devotion to his family.

Willie was a member of Gardendale First Baptist Church for more than 20 years. He retired from the City of Birmingham after a 30-year career as a Public Works Supervisor, where he was known for his steady leadership and dedication to his community. After retirement, he continued his service to others by joining the City of Fultondale as their Public Works Director, a role he held for 15 years. Willie was also an integral part of the founding and construction of Lassiter Mountain Drag Strip, a place that remains important to many in the area.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy Vaughn; his parents, Willie B. and Edna Tyler Vaughn; his granddaughter, Heather Vaughn; and his daughter-in-law, Pam Vaughn.

Willie is survived by his sons, Ronnie (Tracey) Vaughn and Donnie (Wendy) Vaughn; grandchildren, Heath (Ashley) Vaughn, Jacob (Candace) Vaughn, and John (Caitlin) Vaughn; and his great-grandchildren, Allie Kate, Brynнен, Braelyn, Ava Grace, Camilla, Hudson, Mason, Charlotte, John David Jr., and

Sydney. He is also survived by his sisters, Aileen Bailey and Peggy Harmon, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family who loved him dearly.

Willie was a funny, hardworking man whose family was the center of his world. If his health permitted, he never missed a ball game or event involving his grandchildren or great-grandchildren, always cheering them on with pride.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the funeral service to follow, at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home, 2214 Decatur Highway, Gardendale, Alabama. Willie will be laid to rest at Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 2100 Moncrief Road, Gardendale, Alabama.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Southeast Hospice. A special thank you is extended to Pop's caregiver, Judy Cooper, for the loving and exceptional care she provided throughout this journey.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd
Gardendale, AL 35071

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
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Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Loved Mr. Vaughn. Such a fine man. You can see why the Vaughn's are such an amazing Family. Such a caring man. So involved in Sports and in the lives of young people. Praying for his Family!

Randy Akers - December 26, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie "Pop" Vaughn Jr..



November 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM

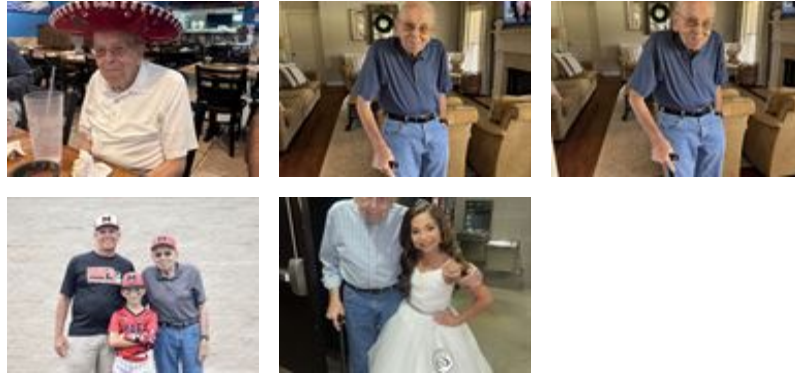
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“ The Terry Moore Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie "Pop" Vaughn Jr..

The Terry Moore Family - November 23, 2025 at 01:45 PM



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Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - November 22, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Willie "Pop" Vaughn Jr..



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Willie "Pop" Vaughn Jr..



November 21, 2025 at 04:21 PM