



## William Dawson II

October 4, 1933 - March 26, 2022

William Lazarus Dawson II, New Haven, Connecticut, affectionately known as Bill, WL or Poppy was born October 4, 1933 in Vanceboro, N.C. to the late McNeal and Erelia Mae Yates Dawson. He was raised by his grandparents, W.L. (the first) and Georgia B. Dawson. William departed this life on Saturday March 26, 2022 surrounded by his children and grandchildren at Yale New Haven Hospital, St. Raphael's campus.

As a young boy, Bill attended various schools in Vanceboro, Chocowinity and Washington N.C. In 1953, after finishing junior high school, Bill relocated to New Haven, CT. He held many positions throughout his professional career. Bill was a truck driver and entrepreneur for over 45 years. In 1965, he started L&W Maintenance Services with his late brother-in-law Louis H. Campbell. He continued to work in maintenance until his retirement. Bill always maintained his connection to his southern roots, travelling to North Carolina regularly. He loved being with his family and he loved the food: fried porgies, watermelon; lemonade; cornbread; fatback and especially chicken feet and pig feet.

Elder William Dawson was an active and devoted member of Sweet Hope Church Inc. He held many positions during his membership and was elevated to Elder.

Bill leaves to cherish his fond and loving memories his children: William M.

Dawson, Anthony B. Dawson (Laura), Wanda D. Dawson, and William L. Dawson III; step-daughter, Salena R. Hansley; bonus sons, Fidel Guevara and Roger Via; godson, Gregory D. Teel; His eleven grandchildren: Sharra Dawson-McNeil (Bruce), Nakia Dawson-Douglas (Marquis), Shymar Avery, Michael M. Dawson, Toni Dawson, Melissa Lewis, Bernice Dawson, Sharkerial Dawson, Monitra Dawson, Adrian Dawson, Zy'aire Dawson and Zinnia Dawson. Bill was blessed with 17 great-grandchildren, all who he adored. Bill's legacy will be felt through his two remaining siblings: sister, Florence Mangum and brother, John B. Dawson; a sister – in – law, Judith Campbell and a brother – in – law, Dennoris Wilson.

William was joyously received in heaven by his biological mother Mary Dawson, his wife Burnestine Dawson, his son, Andrew A. Dawson (Fatts), his sisters: Shirley Dawson, Patricia Dawson, Vanessa Dawson. Lynda Faye Wilson and two great grandchildren Tori and Toray Bellamy. Bill was also predeceased by brothers – in –law, Robert Campbell, George Campbell, Jr., Louis H. Campbell and Armester Lee C. Galloway.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews UFWB Church  
400 Dixwell Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Dawson II*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My condolences to the Dawson family*



**Joanne Wint** - April 30, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *My condolences to the Dawson family. Your dad was a good provider for his family. There was nothing Bill could not do. He had a work van that the gear shift had broken, and by the end of the day he made it into a stick shift. He was something else. I will always be grateful for how he cared and raised Salena Renee Hansley and how we were blessed to have such an amazing son who is just as ingenious as his dad was. So be strong through this part of the process.*



*Julie Nolan Gray*

**Julie Nolan Gray** - April 08, 2022 at 11:13 AM

MC

“ *Michelle. Campbell lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II*



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**Michelle. Campbell** - April 08, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MC

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**Michelle. Campbell** - April 08, 2022 at 10:40 AM

MM

“ *Michelin Campbell- Mackey lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II*



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**Michelin Campbell- Mackey** - April 08, 2022 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ *To Tony and family His light will shine long in all of you find peace in each other sorry for your loss Renee Caesar*

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**Renee Caesar** - April 08, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. May you cherish all the fond memories <3 Love The Troutman Family

Jennifer Troutman - April 08, 2022 at 10:02 AM

JT

“ Jennifer Troutman lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II



Jennifer Troutman - April 08, 2022 at 10:00 AM

WD

“ Wanda Dawson lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II



Wanda Dawson - April 08, 2022 at 07:06 AM

LC

Sorry we're not able to be with you. The family of your cousin William (Dalton) Campbell sends our condolences 🙏

Lauralene Campbell - April 08, 2022 at 10:54 AM

KF

“ *Kelvan Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II*



Kelvan Fitzpatrick - April 07, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Dawson II.*



April 07, 2022 at 11:56 AM

GC

“ *Glad I had chance shared different bible verse with you Uncle Bill. Going miss ur prayer and spending time with you. Please remember Uncle Bill dreams.*



George E Carter - April 06, 2022 at 07:55 PM

SS

“ *Starr Smith lit a candle in memory of William Dawson II*



Starr Smith - April 05, 2022 at 05:12 AM

FA

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to our family cousin Tony and Wanda, you are in our prayers*

*Love cousin,  
Gina & Faye* 💕💕

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**Faye** - April 04, 2022 at 10:00 PM