



## Clarence Wade

March 31, 1927 - March 11, 2026

CLARENCE WILLIE ROBERT WADE

Peacefully entered into eternal rest on March 11, 2026

Date: March 27, 2026

Viewing: 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life: 12:00 PM

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

2112 Varnum Street NE

Washington, DC 20018

Esteemed chemist, community leader and educator, Dr. Clarence W. R. Wade, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2026. Born in Rowland, North Carolina, to Marie and Lester Wade on March 31, 1927, he lived a life dedicated to family, faith, scholarship, and service.

Married for over 60 years to Geneva Mae Smith Wade, they welcomed a daughter, The Honorable Beryl Elaine Wade, both of whom predeceased him.

He earned a BS in Organic Chemistry and Mathematics from Johnson C. Smith University, MS from

Tuskegee University, and a PhD in Organic Chemistry from Georgetown University in 1965.

Dr. Wade honorably served his country in both the United States Navy and Army. A dedicated researcher, he authored and submitted scholarly work to more than 45 publications. His professional career included service as a professor of chemistry and work as a research organic chemist for the US Government.

Committed to higher education he served as Chairman of the Board at Johnson C. Smith University for 14 years. A member of Northeastern Presbyterian Church, he served in numerous leadership roles. He volunteered to tutor STEM to elementary students in DC, was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and served on the Board of Directors of Providence Hospital.

He is survived by an extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as a circle of dear friends, who will all cherish his memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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