



Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer

September 19, 1943 - December 12, 2025

Mr. Robert Sawyer (82) transitioned from this life to eternal rest on December 12, 2025, at Gates Health and Rehab in Gatesville, NC. He was the son of the late Robert J. Sawyer and Audrey Melton Gating of Hertford County. Robert received his formal education in the public schools of Hertford County before embarking on a work career which included the Newport News Shipbuilding and truck driving.

Left to cherish fun loving memories are his children Wardell Gatling, Otis Gatling, Ronald Sawyer, Renee Vaughn, Jacqueline Poindexter, Felicia Davis, Chemese Smith, Mark Sawyer, and Derrick Sawyer, bonus children Faye Kennedy, Magnola Gilbert, Precious Thompkins, Chelijah Gilbert and Curtis Gilbert, his dedicated significant other Queenie Gilbert, siblings Curtis Vinson, Alvin Vinson, Quinton Gatling, Frank Timothy Gatling, Michael Gatling, Alice Anderson, Catherine Wilkins and Joyce Vinson, a host of other relatives and friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Lucy Mae Gatling, two sons Jeffrey Sawyer and Jerry Sawyer, one brother Ervin Vinson, Robert H. Sawyer and Kent Sawyer.

Cemetery Details

Evening Light Church of God

505 N Carolina 305
Windsor, NC 27983

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Reynolds Funeral Home Chapel
321 North Maple St
Ahoskie, NC 27910

Funeral

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evening Light Church of God in Christ Jesus
505 N Carolina 305
Windsor, NC 27983

Tribute Wall

FL

“*Frieda Lassiter sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer*



Frieda Lassiter - December 28, 2025 at 10:27 PM

KI

“*Thank you for your wisdom. Love your HebrewOne Family Knissi Judith Weeze Turquoise Debra Hannah*

Knissi Israel - December 27, 2025 at 02:15 PM

KI

“*Knissi Israel purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer.*



Knissi Israel - December 27, 2025 at 01:59 PM

TH

“*Tomika Harrell lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer*



Tomika Harrell - December 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

TM

“ You will be greatly missed Elder Levi! Thank you for the knowledge and wisdom you shared with us over the years!



Terry Mitchell - December 22, 2025 at 02:03 PM

RM

“ Raielyah (Rhoda Williams & OG MATTOX purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer.



Raielyah (Rhoda Williams & OG MATTOX - December 21, 2025 at 01:40 PM

WC

“ My sincere condolences to the family



Westelle Cherry - December 18, 2025 at 11:53 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer



Sharon Jenkins - December 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the family on the loss of your love one.

Doctors Gilbert and Charmont Hall-Stephen



Charmont H Stephen - December 17, 2025 at 09:36 AM

CS

“ Condolences to the family on the loss of your love one. May God continue to strengthen you each and every day.

Doctors Gilbert and Charmont Hall-Stephen



Charmont H Stephen - December 17, 2025 at 09:23 AM

WV

“ Wendy Vann lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer



Wendy Vann - December 16, 2025 at 09:32 PM

AO

“ Adell Overton lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer



Adell Overton - December 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM

AO

“ *Adell Overton*



Adell Overton - December 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ *Devon Sessoms sent a virtual gift in memory of
Robert Lee "Steel Wheel" Sawyer*



Devon Sessoms - December 16, 2025 at 09:35 AM