

In Loving Memory of



# *Henry L. Willis*

**Sunrise**  
**May 2, 1949**

**Sunset**  
**May 1, 2011**

## **Service**

Saturday, May 7, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**Perry Funeral Home Chapel**

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey

***Rev. Andre Coffee, Officiating***

## Obituary

**Henry Lee Willis** was born in Abbeville, Alabama on May 2, 1949 to the late Oscar and Fannie Lee Willis. He departed this life on May 1, 2011.

Henry came to Newark, New Jersey at a very young age and attended the Newark Public School system. After attending Central High School, Henry volunteered and served in the Army Division in the United States Military from September 18, 1967 to September 17, 1970. It was at this time that he served in the Vietnam War. In 1988, he was united in marriage to the late Vertie Mae Willis.

Henry worked at the Midtown Meat Company, Newark Demolition, Cardinal Gloves and the VHA in Lyons, New Jersey.

He had four sisters and three brothers precede him in death, Veatrice (Johnny) Feggins, Sophie (Robert) Houston, Clara Harris, Fannie (George) Sewell, Lester (Mattie) Willis, Ernest (Brenda) Willis and Freddie (Lillian) Willis. Henry was a loving brother, uncle and step-father.

He leaves to cherish his memory: twelve step-children, Annie Mae (James) Strickland of North Carolina, Alma Marie Thomas of Newark, NJ, Zannie Louise Thomas of Newark, NJ, Lucille (Van) Adams of Edison, NJ, Verdie Thomas of Newark, NJ, Theresa Thomas of Hazelton, PA, Juanita (Alphonso) Martin of Philadelphia, PA, Jacob (Herta) Hunter of Elizabeth, NJ, Andrew (Claudia) Hunter of Cherry Hill, NJ, James (Silvia) Hunter of Florida and Tyrone Thomas of Newark, NJ, and the late Twanda Thomas of Irvington, NJ; one sister, Hattie Mae (Lawrence) Sheppard of Newark, NJ; four godchildren, Rahmel Walker, Ali Walker, Marel "Snowball" Anthony and Najaun Livingston; special friends, Laverne Hall and Michele Walker; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection ..... Delores Davis

Expressions *(2 minutes each please)*

Selection ..... Jacob Hunter

Obituary & Acknowledgements ..... Victoria Mack

Selection ..... Charles McElveen

Eulogy ..... Rev. Andre Coffee

Viewing

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosemount Memorial Park

Newark, New Jersey

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgements*

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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