

**Sunrise** *May 27, 1950* 

**Sunset** *May 20, 2011* 

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

## **COTTON PARKER FUNERAL HOME**

37 Clinton Ave. • Jersey City, NJ

Rev. Arthur Long, Officiating

# *Obituary*

Willie James Davis, more popularly known as "Zag" was born on May 27, 1950 to Mary Catherine Davis and the late James Davis in Raeford, North Carolina. On that day a unique individual entered the world and any life that he touched would never be the same. Zag was the younger of two children. He was predeceased by his loving sister, Willie Catherine Roper.

In 1954, a little country boy left a small town in North Carolina and moved to Jersey City, NJ, which would become the city he loved.

Zag received his early education in the Jersey City Public School system. While attending PS#14, Zag had many hidden talents that his teachers uncovered. He was very creative and talented. He

was an artist and could draw exceptionally well; he could sing and was

also an amazing dancer.

As talented as he was, Zag had a passion to help people. Around the age of seventeen, Zag joined the Black Panthers. The Black Panthers was an organization that was active in the United States between 1966 until 1982. Although they were a radical organization, there mission was very positive. They wanted freedom and equality for all African-Americans. One of the highlights Zag often talked about was being involved in starting up the first free lunch program for the Jersey City Public Schools while an active member of the Black Panther Party.

Zag later held a number of odd jobs including driving the Bergen Avenue Bus and Driving "Big Blue", the bus used to transport children attending the Boys and Girls Club of Jersey City. Above all things, Zag was very good with his hands. Zag was the "car man". If you needed to buy a car, sell a car or get your car fixed, he was the man to get the job done.

Zag loved his Family, Cadillac's, Oldies but Goodies Music, Dressing up in his suits and Cooking.

He was very caring and protective of his family and the people he cared about. Everyone knew that Zag knew he was full of life, fun-loving and giving. If he could help you he would. He was a keep it real kind of guy. He was always able to make people laugh and put a smile on their face. He loved to have a good time, but also knew how to handle his business.

Zag resided in Jersey City, NJ until God called him home on May 20, 2011. He put up a good fight, but in his own words he was "Tired".

Zag as he was affectionately known, is survived by: his mother, Mary Catherine Davis of Jersey City, NJ; his wife, Toressa Fuller-Davis of Jersey City; his children, Walter Houchins of Carteret, NJ, Maisha Davis (Andrea Whitehall) of Raleigh, NC, Lameka Hunt of Savannah, GA and Shanti Davis of Jersey City, NJ; stepdaughter, Raymona Fuller; his grandchildren, Lakeema Hazelwood of Jersey City, Lanitra Moultrie of Savannah, GA, Laniyah Harris of Savannah, GA and Lakrista Harris of Savannah, GA; step-grandson, Nyisuan Riddick of Jersey City, NJ; grandmother, Willie Roper of Raeford, NC; nieces and nephews, Calvin Roper of Philadelphia, PA, Tracy Roper of Jersey City, NJ, George Millet (Joya Frazier-Millet) of Hillside, NJ and Annie Wade of Jersey City, NJ; mother-in-law, Valarie Fuller of Jersey City, NJ; brother-in-law, Andrew Fuller of Atlanta, GA; and a host of aunts, uncles, great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.



**Musical Prelude** 

**Processional** 

**Opening Hymn** 

**Scripture Reading** 

Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - John 14:1-6

**Prayer of Comfort** 

Selection

**Acknowledgement / Resolutions** 

Remarks

(2 minutes please)

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**Selection** 

**Eulogy** 

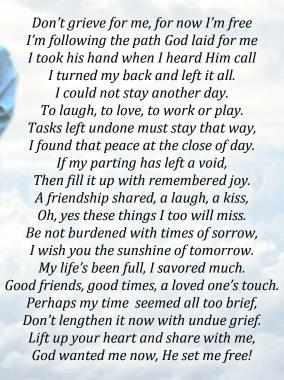
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Recessional

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey





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## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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