

In Loving Memory
of



Willie “Zag” Davis

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, their 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.

Order of Service

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)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Arthur Long

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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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