

In Loving Memory of



Willie Croom

Sunrise

June 22, 1929

Sunset

February 13, 2014

Service

Friday, February 21, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Obituary

Mr. Willie Croom, departed this life on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the Park Manor Nursing Home in Middletown, NY. He was born on June 22, 1929 in Sumter, SC to the late Emmaline and Frank Croom.

In 1951, Willie married Margaret Moore of Sumter, SC and was soon drafted into the US Army where he served in combat during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954. From that union their daughter, Colleen was born.

Due to a back injury, Willie was unable to work but he was always there for his family. He was a great cook who loved to joke around and was known for his many “sayings” such as “Don’t mess with Bill” and “when I tell you blackberry ripe, you better get your bucket”. He was affectionately known in the neighborhood as “Mr. Willie” aka “one can”.

He leaves behind: a loving wife, Margaret; daughter, Colleen; grandson, Marquis; granddaughters, Taylor and Cai; and a great-grandson, Elijah. He also leaves behind two sisters, Mary Hines of Washington, DC and Geneva Montgomery (Robert) of Irvington, NJ; two sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

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!

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Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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