# A Celebration of Life Willie Ernest Page

Sunrise September 19, 1951 Sunset March 23, 2015

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

375 Van Houten Street Paterson, New Jersey

## Reflections of Life

Willie Ernest Page aka "Ollie" aka "Weak" was born on September 19, 1951 in Marion County, South Carolina to Julius and Carrie Bell (Moody) Page.

Willie attended Paterson Public Schools and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. From there, Willie attended St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville Virginia, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math. He had a very successful career in track and field and football.

After graduation, Willie was drafted to the NFL Philadephia Eagles. Willie then went on to become a teacher for Paterson Public Schools. He also coached football and basketball. His final career was at Shoprite of Oakland, where he worked for over twenty-five years as a shipping / warehouse manager.

Willie was formally married to Gloria (Pickett) Page and to this union two daughters were born. Willie loved his family very much. He loved his two granddaughters very much. He loved to entertain and feed them until they couldn't eat and drink anymore. Willie would give his last to help someone else out. He later met and married Suzanne Page.

Willie was very strong willed and always told you what was on his mind, even when you didn't want to hear it.

He loved to spend time with his two granddaughters and youngest son, Jayden. After Shoprite, Walmart was his favorite Store. He would go to Walmart almost everyday always stating he needed milk or bread. He loved old western movies.

Willie is predeceased by his parents, Julius and Carrie Bell (Moody) Page and his younger brother, Jimmie Page.

On Monday, March 23, 2015, Willie was called back home to the heavens. He departed his life with his older brother, Elijah by his side at Hackensack Medical University in Hackensack, NJ.

He leaves to cherish: his loving wife, Suzanne of Garfield, NJ; four children, Shannel Page of Elmwood Park, NJ, Shanese Page of West Orange, NJ, Marcus Jones and Jayden Page of Garfield, NJ; two granddaughters, Sage Evans of Elmwood Park, NJ and Jordyn Brunson of West Orange, NJ; six siblings, Virginia (Marion) and Elijah (Joan) of Paterson, NJ, Lula of Matthews, NC, James of Tampa, FL, Betty of Detroit, MI and Herman of Dallas, TX. Willie is also survived by a large extended family throughout the county as well as a host of nieces and nephews and his best friend, Elijah Scott.

# Order of Service

#### **Opening Sentences**

**Prayer of Comfort** 

#### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: Luke 23: 33, 39-43

#### Hymn

#### **Acknowledgment & Reflections of Life**

**Obituary** 

#### **Eulogy**

Rev. A Taylor Sweringen

#### Recessional

#### **Interment**

Fairlawn Cemetery Fairlawn, New Jersey

Repast immediately following the Interment at United Presbyterian Church

# 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**

The family of the late Willie Ernest Page wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You! Special thanks to the ICU Cardiac staff at Hackensack University Medical Center.

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