

In Loving Memory of
Willie Birdie Dawson, Sr.



Sunrise
March 21, 1919

Sunset
October 9, 2015

Service:
Saturday, October 17, 2015 - 11:00 am

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

809 E. Hazelwood Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey
Reverend Allen Thompson - Pastor

Obituary

Willie Birdie Dawson, Sr. an exemplary guiding light of this life, departed on October 9, 2015.

He was born March 21, 1919 in South Carolina (Lee County) the son of the late Arthur Dawson, Sr. and Eliza Waiters Dawson. He received Christ at an early age, and was a dedicated member and trustee of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Rahway, NJ. A silent activist for social and cultural equality, and human rights, he continuously pursued and enhanced his educational and societal knowledge and experiences, by attending technical schools, writing and reading books. He retired from General Motors (Hyatt Bearing Division) in Clark, NJ where he worked as an operator in the Heat Treatment Department. He was a member of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Chapter 736.

He was a free accepted Mason of Lodge #9, Sons of Widows, Roselle, NJ; and a WWII Navy Veteran.

October, 1939, he was united in marriage to Corine Alberta Wheeler who preceded him in death. This marriage was blessed with five children. He relocated with his family from South Carolina to New Jersey and resided for the past fifty-two years in Rahway. The love, compassion, and respect of family, friends, and acquaintances were displayed in numerous ways, especially in his mentoring and words of wisdom with a smile. He would say, "It doesn't cost anything to be nice to people; treat people with respect; and say "thank you", because you never know."

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jimmie, Wallace Sr., Ollie, and Arthur Jr.; and three sisters, Julia, Mabel, and Edith.

He leaves to cherish his memories a sister, Earlene D. Swan of South Carolina; children: Mary McLaughlin (Mack), Earline Boyer, Willie Jr, Charlie, and Jimmie Lee (Janet) Dawson. This fruitful family tree included eleven (11) grandchildren: Kevin Sr., Aubrey, Tyrone, Ricardo, Robert Jr., April, Bonnie, Charlie, Jamie, Jared, and Janelle; fourteen (14) great grandchildren, and three (3) great great grandchildren. His memories are also cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, extended families, and friends. To his many nieces, nephews and cousins, he was referred to as "Uncle and/or Cousin Duke".

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Order of Service

Prelude.....Organist

Processional

Hymn of Comfort.....Choir

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Solo

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Hymn.....“I Won’t Complain”Choir

Remarks

Eulogy.....Pastor Allen Thompson

Recessional

Entombment

Clover Leaf Memorial Park
Woodbridge, New Jersey

I've Changed My Address

I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.

I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.

I now live forever with Jesus
in my new home in the sky.

I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place to find me.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore.

For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.

You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.

I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.

-Author unknown

Thank You

Dad, you always repeated two simple words "Thank You" that has represented your strong character and sincere appreciation for love of life and family. We never knew when you were in pain, because you never complained, but always said "thank you" to all that greeted you.

Your voice so soft, your direction so clear, brought peace and understanding that your journey had begun. Rest with the Lord, for you are now free of sickness and pain. We now and always will say "Thank You Dad" for all the love, nurturing, and wisdom you gave to all of us.

- The Children -

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