

*Celebration of Life for*

*Willie D. Slater*

**Sunrise**

August 12, 1940

**Sunset**

January 14, 2016



Thursday, January 21, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

**FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

326 Ellison Street

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Douglas Maven, Pastor*

*Bishop Marvin E. Mack, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Willie Davis Slater** was born August 12, 1940 in Lamar, South Carolina. He was the second oldest child born to Willie and Rebecca Slater.

Willie Slater attended Spaulding High School located in Darlington County, South Carolina. He soon after moved to New York. Willie D. Slater was a member of Sandy Grove Methodist Church, located in Lamar, South Carolina. He later migrated to Paterson, NJ, where he was employed by Perma-Flex Industry. He later joined Renco Corp. as a machine technician. Willie D. Slater was employed as a sanitation engineer with Atlas Sanitation Company before retiring in 1982 .

On March 4, 1976, Willie D. Slater married his wife Rev. Debbie A. Slater. Through this union, the two would create a family of their own, which they loved so dearly.

Willie D. Slater was known to close family members and friends as “Doug” and “Uncle Doug”. Willie D. Slater was known as a protective brother, a caring, sharing and loving person. He was known as “The Money Man” and stood out to many as a handsome individual who enjoyed living life to the fullest. He enjoyed playing pool, fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rev. Debbie A. Slater, parents, Willie Slater, and Rebecca Slater, brother, James E. Slater, granddaughter, Marquita West, grandsons, Gregory West and Corey West, mother and father-in-law, Willie Mildred and Luke Jacobs, brothers-in-law, James Jacobs and William Jacobs, and sister-in-law, Carolyn Jacobs.

Willie D. Slater leaves to cherish fond memories: his sons, Gregory McFadden of Lamar, SC, Dwight Slater (Monique) of Antioch, California, Youth Pastor Shaun L. Slater (Shahidah), Sybre L. Slater, Shyli Slater all of Paterson, NJ and Shyann L. Slater (Tiffany) of Irvington, NJ; sisters, Gracey Alexander of Concord, NC, Mae Pugh (McCormick) of Concord, NC and Eleese Patterson (Charles) of Paterson, NJ; brother, Donald Slater (Louella) of Paterson, NJ; fifteen grandchildren, Donta West, Anthony Slater, Alyssa Slater, Arshari Thompson, Arshawn Thompson, Faith Finister, Quincy Kaisa, Eleanor, Yantinique, Symir, Nasir, Shaqua, Seanya, Sabre and Massiah; eight great grandchildren, Talina Holmes, Kendrick West, Jamiyah Wilson, Donta West Jr., Amarie West, Harmony Quilter, Zaniyah and Josiah; extended family one sister-in-law, Clarice Johnson (Harrison) of Wilmington, NC, brothers-in-law, Luke Jacobs (Shirley) of Charlotte, NC, John Jacobs (Annette) of Philadelphia, PA, Lorenza (Bernice) of Wilmington, NC, and Nathaniel R. Jacobs of Wilmington, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, additional relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude .....Gerrod White

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6 ..... Elder Willie Colyer

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... Co-Pastor Violet Mack

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Dale Van Rensalier

Reflections of Life ..... Evangelist Johnell Bradley

Remarks

Dance Ministry ..... Daughters of David

Selection ..... The Bradley Sisters

Eulogy.....Bishop Marvin E. Mack

*The Holy Tabernacle of Praise Ministries, Paterson, NJ*

Recessional

## **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue

Clifton, New Jersey

*The Family will receive relatives and friends after the interment at  
the Integrity Masonic Temple  
224 Broadway, Paterson, NJ*

## *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 D. Slater** 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!*

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