



Homegoing Service
For
Evrall Willwood Willis

Sunrise
October 29, 1943

Sunset
February 10, 2016



Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

Elmwood United Presbyterian Church
135 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

Reverend Maria Crompton, Officiating

Obituary

Today we bid farewell to our beloved **Evrall Willwood Willis** who, without much fanfare, departed this earthly life on February 10, 2016 in Florida. While we are all saddened by his passing, we are comforted by the fact that he lived a full life, using all of his God given talents while he traversed this earthly plain.

Born on October 29, 1943 to Inez and Benjamin Willis at Nabacalis, a small village on the East Coast of Demerara, in then British Guiana, now Guyana, South America, he was the second child and eldest son in a large family of seven children at that time. In those circumstances of Colonial Guiana, he was fortunate to attend the Sydney King High School at Buxton and later, the Tutorial High School in Georgetown, from which he graduated in 1960. The family later moved to the town of Linden where Evrall secured employment with the prestigious Bauxite Mining Company, then called DEMBA.

Always ambitious and seeking to improve his lot in life, Evrall, together with his lifelong friend, Dennis Ishmael, left the shores of Guyana in 1968, in pursuit of higher education and a better life in the USA. He settled in New Jersey and quickly made many friends among the members of the small Guyanese community who had made their homes in the Oranges. It was there that Evrall met and later married Marva Ince in 1972. Their union produced their two beloved sons, Leon and Sean.

Evrall, though busy raising his small family, working and attending University, never forgot his mother and siblings back home in Guyana. He paved the way for them to follow in his footsteps, and over time, they were all given the opportunity to pursue and realize their own dreams in the USA.

Evrall had an effervescent personality and, in spite of numerous challenges over the years, he never seemed to let anything get him down. Always friendly, upbeat and jovial, he looked on the brighter side of life. A sports enthusiast, he loved to play cricket and never missed a match during those beautiful Spring and Summer days of the nineteen seventies and eighties, when Branch Brook Park in Newark, New Jersey was the hub of such activities. He always ensured that his sons Leon and Sean were there to enjoy those fun-filled occasions. He was also an avid player of cards and always managed to find a circle of friends who shared this passion. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1978 with a BSc in Economics and worked for many years in the Banking sector, primarily with Fidelity Union Trust Company. He later worked in the Airline industry through his employment with Continental Airlines and this allowed him to enjoy the benefits of travelling to far flung destinations. Never selfish in this regard, he often facilitated his friends and family members in their travel jaunts by making Buddy passes available.

After Evrall and Marva agreed that their lives would lead them in separate directions, he met and married Violet. This union gave Evrall his third son Brandon, who was also the apple of his father's eye. Brandon was fortunate to share the later years of his father's life in Florida where they had taken up residence. Evrall loved the warm weather of Florida, which must have reminded him of the beautiful sunshine of Guyana, the country of his birth and was not easily lured back to the cold climes of New Jersey. Leon and Sean, therefore, took the opportunity to visit with him, whenever possible. Throughout his life, Evrall was a hard worker, good and loyal friend to many, devoted son, caring brother, and most of all, a loving father and grandfather.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Osquith and sister, Denise. He leaves to mourn his children, grandchildren, siblings, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and in-laws.

He will, indeed, be sadly missed by all of his sorrowing relatives especially his sons, Leon, Sean and Brandon, grandchildren; Kieon and Kayla; and siblings Dolsie, Cicely, Dennis, Deon, Lloyd, Cleveland, Marilyn, Victor and Oslen. Evrall Willwood Willis will continue to live in the memories of all whose lives he touched in so many ways and in the hearts of those with whom he shared his love. His loved ones should be comforted by the fact that he lived life fully and is now at rest in the arms of the Creator.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

February 2016
New Jersey, USA

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Reverend Maria Crompton

Invocation.....Reverend Maria Crompton

Musical Selection“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Mrs. Caroline Mentis

New Testament: John 14:1-6.....Mrs. Carol Corbin

Musical Selection (Solo)“It Is Well With My Soul”
(Ms. Tiffany Starks)

TributesRelatives & Friends

Reading of Obituary.....Mr. Lloyd Ince

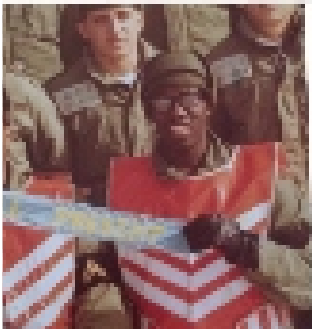
Musical Selection.....“Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy/Sermon.....Reverend Maria Crompton

Recessional Hymn.....“In The Sweet Bye & Bye”

CREMATION

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey



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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