

In Loving Memory of

Willie T. Turner

Born In Time
May 28, 1942

Born In Eternity
July 5, 2016

Service

Thursday July 14, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Willie Thomas Turner was the youngest son of the late Lawson and Eva Jackson Turner born in Pahokee, Florida on May 28, 1942.

The family relocated to Fort Pierce, Florida where he attended public school and graduated from Lincoln Park Academy High School.

Growing up with his siblings Elouise, Louise, and Lawson, they were a close-knit family who shared everything and when necessary, even beds. They became their own team playing with and against other friends. Always together, looking out for each other. In 1960, after reconnecting with their father Lawson, the four became a blended family with sisters, Jackie, Sylvia and Freda.

Moving to Newark, New Jersey in 1970, **Willie** was a butcher, forklift operator and warehouse worker. Gifted in the culinary arts like his father Lawson and sister Elouise, they worked together in the kitchen at St. James A.M.E. Church Newark, New Jersey.

Willie was a true sports fan. He enjoyed watching sports, television documentaries and the Animal channel.

Willie lived his life on his own terms. If he liked you, he showed you and if he didn't like you, you knew it. Under his tough, stubborn façade was a gentle considerate heart. Even as his health declined, he would always say, "I'm Alright".

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:40 PM, he was released from his earthly body to take on his eternal flight.

Cherishing his memory are daughters, Lena Mason (Willie) West Palm Beach, Florida, Rusheba Corbett (Javon) of North Carolina; sisters, Elouise and Jackie Turner; Sylvia Robertson and Freda Williams (Thurlon); the late Louise Pratt; and brother, Lawson of Fort Pierce, Florida; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was loved and adored by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture

Old Testament..... Psalm 24

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks and Reflections 2 min.

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



In tears we saw that you were ill
And watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken
For we wanted you to stay
But when we saw you sleeping
Peaceful and free from pain
How could we wish you back with us
To bear such pain again
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
A great part of us went with you
When our God called you home

With Love,
Family

Acknowledgement

The family of **Willie Turner** would like to thank you for your heartfelt sympathy and expressions of kindness during this difficult time.

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