

# A Celebration of Life for Willis Brian Bolden

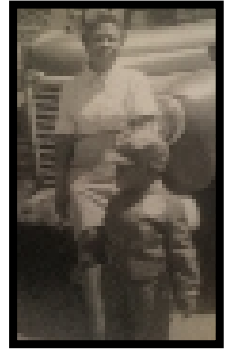
Sunrise  
May 24, 1959

Sunset  
August 15, 2016

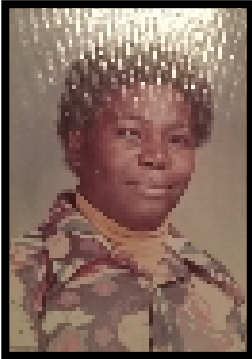


# Reflections of Life

**Willis Brian Bolden** known to family and friends as “Big Boo” and “Big Daddy B” was born to Ethell (Baker) Bolden and the late Willis Eugene Bolden on May 24, 1959 in Passaic, NJ.



Brian was raised in Teaneck, NJ and graduated from the Teaneck School system in 1973. He was employed by F.D.U., Cheesecake Factory as well as various cooking jobs. His signature dish to prepare was cornbread stuffing.

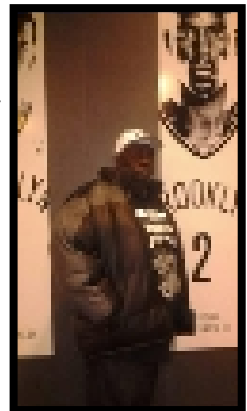


He was known to everyone as being a gentle giant, and a kind-hearted soul. He loved his daughter, grandchildren, his family and his buddy, Teddy (his dog). His favorite sports teams were the Giants, Knicks, Yankees and the Mets.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Willis Eugene Bolden, two grandfathers, two grandmothers, one aunt and one uncle and one grandson.

The Lord in his infinite wisdom called Brian home on Monday, August 15, 2016.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories: his devoted mother, Ethell Bolden; daughter, Teyia; three granddaughters, Teyara, Unique and Victoria; a devoted companion, Wesslyn Hicks of Teaneck, NJ; godson, Jason Giles; one sister, Crystal; brother, Eugene Scott of Teaneck, NJ; two uncles, Gene (Deloris) Myles and Roscoe (Maxine) Baker; one aunt, Rev. Dolly Johnson; nieces, Nadine, Christian, Christa’Rae and Eugenia; nephews, Eugene S. and Christopher Aaron; his devoted cousins the Barbers and friends, Monsur, Bryan, Melvin, Reggie, Nathan, Kay Kay, Kevin T, Katrina and Connie; and a host of family and friends.



Friday, August 26, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

**MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH**

9-11 Tulip Street, Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. William Baskerville, Pastor

*Order of Service*

Presiding.....Shalef Manuel

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Lawrence Lock

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Willie Green

Selection

Acknowledgements & Cards ..... Cynthia Miller

Reflections of Life.....Hope Dukes

Remarks ..... (2 ½ Minutes)

Tribute ..... Sharon Lockett

Poem ..... “May I Go Now” - Christin Mims

Selection

Eulogy..... Rev. W. Louis McDowell

*Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ*

Recessional

**Interment**

*Monday, August 29, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

*Arlington Cemetery*

*748 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey*

# 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.

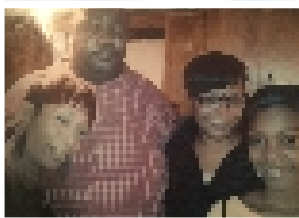
My life's been full, I savored much.

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 **Willis Bolden** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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