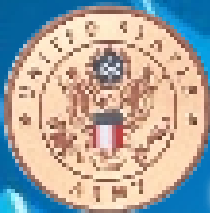


CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE  
OF

*Willie McPhatter, Jr.*

Sunrise: January 31, 1947 - Sunset: May 5, 2017



**Service:**

Friday, May 12, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Thomas Sigley, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

# Obituary

**Willie McPhatter Jr.** was born to Versey (Waiters) and Willie McPhatter Sr. in Newark on January 31, 1947. He has one sibling Patricia Arnold.

He was raised on Wright St. in Newark and attended Miller St. School and South Side High. Shortly after graduation he married and enlisted into the US Army. The marriage resulted in 2 daughters. He served briefly in the Vietnam Conflict completing 2 terms for a total of 8 years, both culminating in honorable Discharges.

Willie was an excellent driver and has always held some type of government job. He worked for the US Post Office, TSA, and Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He has earned many safe driver awards, defensive driving certificates and had a CDL License.

Willie remarried in 1981 to Teresa. They met at Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles, CA while on assignment with the Army Discharge Review Board. There were 6 children born from this union which lasted 36 years until his death. He fathered other children in the interim of his marriages whom he dearly loved and spent time with.

Willie loved horses, gambling, the Buffet and being the life of the party. His friendly personality, outspokenness, hospitality, great leadership made him very popular and a flair for fashion. Everyone knew where they stood with him.

He departed this life on May 5, 2017 at St. Barnabas Hospital. He is preceded in death by his mother and father and son Christopher.

He leaves to mourn his memory his wife of 36 yrs Teresa, sister Patricia Arnold, sons, Willie 3rd, Willie "Manzy", Maurice, Maxwell, and Stephen C., Jacoby and daughters- Kim, Tracey, Kia, Janelle, Amber and Maeanne. And a host of grands, great-grands, relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION.....Pastor Thomas Sigley

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT.....2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8

SONG SELECTION .....“Mercy and Grace”  
by Clarice L. “Vonnie” Harper

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL (PLEASE STAND)  
ST. JOHN 14:1-6 by Pastor Thomas Sigley

PRAYER OF COMFORT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY .....Maxwell and Mae McPhatter

SPECIAL REMARKS ...(Abu Bakr Salaam and Ritchie Thomas)

THE OBITUARY .....(READ SILENTLY)

EULOGY .....(Harvey Jones)

SERMON AND BENEDICTION

MILITARY HONOR GUARD SALUTE

RECESSIONAL

## **INTERMENT**

*Monday, May 15, 2017*

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
350 Provinceline Rd. Rt 2, Wrightstown, New Jersey

# *In Tears We Saw You Sinking*

*In tears we saw you sinking  
And watched you fade away.  
Our hearts were almost breaking  
We wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
So peacefully and free from pain  
How could we wish you back  
To suffer that again?  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home*



## *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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