

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*William I. Van Kline, Jr.*

**Sunrise:**  
February 20, 1949

**Sunset:**  
August 24, 2017



**Service**

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

**St. Matthew Baptist Church**

159 East Ninth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

*Reverend David Ford, Sr., Pastor*

*Reverend Jacqueline Chapman, Eulogist*

## Life Reflections

*William I. Van Kline, Jr.* was born on February 20, 1949 in Rahway, New Jersey, eldest son of the late William I. Van Kline, Sr. and Roberta Van Kline. He grew up in a household of 12 children, 8 sisters and 3 brothers. He graduated from Linden High School in 1967 where he ran track and got the nickname “Pokey”.

“Little Bill,” or “LaBill,” as he was affectionately called by his family, was the oldest so he had a lot of responsibilities that fell on his shoulders. Daddy always said that Bill had to take care of us because he was our big brother. At a young age, he helped support the family. He purchased our mom a washing machine. He was loving, generous and caring. Bill was appreciative of everything people did for him. When he was younger, he was known as a fighter. As an adult, we considered him “The Great Debater” because he liked to challenge people mentally. He also wanted things done his way and if you did not do it he would instruct you on how to. He would tell you what was going on outside the room even though he had not left his room. He was funny and would always start trouble with his sisters and brothers. Whenever you saw his silly sideways grin, you knew he was going to say something funny or sarcastic. He enjoyed walking, drawing and playing Solitaire on the computer. He loved listening to music, his favorite song was “25 Miles” by Edwin Starr and you could hear him singing, “*I gotta walk on ah ah ah.*” Bill remained positive despite his physical challenges, took them in stride and was never bitter. This was a testament to his bravery, faith, strength and love of others.

On Thursday, August 24, 2017, William I. Van Kline, Jr. departed this life.

William is predeceased by his brother, Donald Van Kline and two sisters: Donna Van Kline-Murray and Barbara Van Kline Shivers.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his siblings: Jacqueline Chapman, Tanya Gaskin, Bobby Van Kline, Janet Van Kline, Zakiyyah Sandra Muhammad and husband Abdullah Lesure, Mark Ibrahim Van Kline and wife Jackie, Juanita Dickens and husband Kenny, and Lolita Williamson and husband Darin; and a host of nieces, nephews, dear family members and friends.

We all loved him dearly, provided family support and assistance to the end. He will be forever missed.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Mr. Brett Banks

Processional

Call to Worship.....Reverend Jacqueline Chapman

Invocation

Solo.....Curtis Hudson

Holy Scriptures.....Deacon Joseph Hutchinson

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. Gregory Chapman

Acknowledgement of Condolences

and Obituary.....Mr. William Gaskin

Solo.....“His Eyes Is On The Sparrow”.....Shara Smith

Eulogy.....Reverend Jacqueline Chapman

Closing Congregational Hymn

Benediction.....Reverend Jacqueline Chapman

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to a Repast located at God's Assembly in Christ, 416-420 Clinton Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07063.*

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **William I. Van Kline, Jr.**

## *Footprints*

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **William I. Van Kline, Jr.** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement.



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