

*Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory of*



Willie

B.

Whitehurst

Sunrise:

April 5, 1928

Sunset:

October 14, 2010

Saturday, October 23, 2010

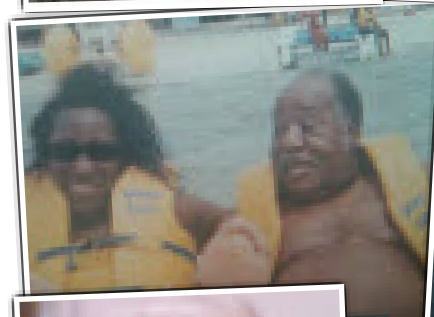
11:00 a.m.

Zion Baptist Church

459-65 Avon Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07108

Reverend Wilton Gyant, Senior Pastor



A LEGACY TO REMEMBER
WILLIE B. WHITEHURST
APRIL 5, 1928 – OCTOBER 14, 2010

*“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.” -2 Corinthians 5:8*

Willie B. Whitehurst was born on April 5, 1928 in Troy, Alabama. He was the fourth son of the late Thomas Early Whitehurst and Beauty King. He transitioned his earthly life peacefully on October 14, 2010. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by five brothers, Eddie Frank, Gifford, Thomas, Jimmy, Oliver King and one sister, Betty Francis. They lived happily in Troy, until Early Whitehurst was accused of making an inappropriate comment toward a Caucasian man. Late that evening, Early rounded up his wife, their eight children and fled to Panama City, Florida.

Willie attended Oak Grove Elementary School and Rosenwald High School.

The charming Willie B. Whitehurst and the lovely Annie Lee Moore were united in holy matrimony in Dotham, Alabama on December 6, 1947. They became the proud parents of Annie Doris, Patricia Ann, and Willie B. Jr.

Willie B. Whitehurst understood the value of establishing a relationship with God and was baptized at an early age. Willie committed his life to God and his family.

His passion for gospel music led him to join the Men’s Choir at Zion Baptist Church. His outstanding character and leadership qualities inspired the Reverend G.L. Dickson, currently the pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, who ordained him as a Deacon on March 21, 1991.

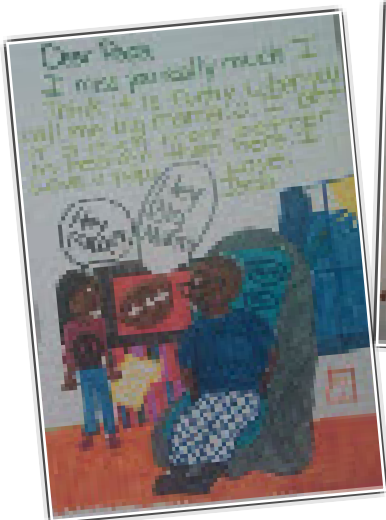
He retired from Max Blau after forty-five years. After the passing of his beloved wife, Willie B. Whitehurst came out of retirement and worked for Linden Associated Parts in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey from

2002 up until the time he became sick on August 2, 2010.

Willie was a wise man who had charisma, charm, style and he exemplified the most unique laugh on earth. He was often referred to as “Papa” by his grandchildren. He nicknamed each one of his grands and great-grandchildren. Just to name a few, Dawn is “The Boss”, Daria is “Miss Piggy”, Syasia, Nyasia and Semya are “The chick-a-ties” and Jada Dawn is “Big Mama”.

Willie loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Through his life, he instilled in his children the importance of loving God, believing in themselves, valuing education and establishing strong family values. Willie’s generous heart blessed the lives he touched in so many ways. Willie’s death was sudden and untimely, yet his departure characterizes his life; it was full of integrity, dignity and peace.

Willie was the devoted father of Annie Doris Whitehurst; cherished grandfather of Dawn, Felicia, Daria, Andre and Djuan; great-grandfather of Brianna, Javon, Jaden, Jada Dawn, Nyasia, Syasia, Semya, Danielle and Jesiah; dearest brother of Herman Whitehurst; loving uncle of Jay, Nechelle, Sonny, Sheila, Job, Niecey, Frieda, Stefanie, Pamela, Bellany, Gifford, Jr. and Beverly. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.



By Jada Dawn (Great Granddaughter)

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING 9-11AM

PRESIDING – DEACON FUR

Musical Selection Sister Maude Bonnie

Funeral

Musical Prelude

Processional

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn

Introduction of Presider Reverend Wilton Gyant, Sr. Pastor

Pastor Terry Whitehurst

New Beginning Christian fellowship, Azusa, California

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Deacon Green

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Deacon Fur

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Jordan

Musical Selection Senior & Men's Choir

Acknowledgements/Expressions/Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary Ursula Whitehurst

Remarks (2 mins.)

Musical Selection Reverend Jordan

Eulogy Reverend Wilton Gyant, Sr. Pastor

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

After the Interment, everyone is invited to return to the church for fellowship and refreshments.



Close family and friends are invited to the Whitehurst home for an evening of fellowship at 6 p.m.

In Remembrance

This world, however beautiful, was never meant to be the place that we would call our Home for eternity. And though we would not choose to leave, A loving God knows best, and in His time, He lifts us to a place of peace and rest, for He has built a mansion where His children will abide, forever at His side, We cannot judge what happens, though tears and questions start.... We only see what's visible --- God sees into the heart, and though the one we love so much has left our present sight and passed into a better world of majesty and light, someday we'll be together in our Father's home above.

I'M FREE

I'M FREE, PRAISE THE LO-RD, I'M FREE NO LONGER BOUND, NO MORE CHAINS HOLDING ME, MY SOUL IS RESTING, IT'S SUCH A BLESSING PRAISE THE LORD HALELUJAH, I'M FREE

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Jay Whitehurst, nephew	Sonny Whitehurst, nephew
Andre Pelham, grandson	James Jackson, son-in-law
James Bryant, son-in-law	Joseph Morgan, son-in-law

Acknowledgement

The family sincerely appreciates all of the kindness extended and sympathy expressed during this difficult time. Your love, concern, and support are sincerely appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless and keep each of you in His tender loving care.

Special Thank you... Zion Baptist Church Family for preparing food today. Dr. Mehesh Desai MD, the Whitehurst's family physician for 36yrs., Dr. Hemant Patel, Pulmonologist, Dr. Nardia Kania Oncologist, Dr. Paetella Hematologist, Dr. Ayragari, St. Barnabus Hospice & Palliative Care Unit Floor 5300.

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