

In Loving Memory of  
**Willis Joseph Thurman III**

Sunrise  
*January 24, 1987*

Sunset  
*April 16, 2011*



*Monday, April 25, 2011*  
*11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

*130 Main Street • Orange, NJ*

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Willis Joseph Thurman, III** was born to Willis Thurman, Jr. and Joylyn Lott on January 24, 1987 in Newark, New Jersey.

He matriculated in the South Orange School system. He last worked at Direct TV as a technician.

“Will” as he was affectionately known, was extremely over-protective of his family. Willis had an outgoing, kind hearted spirit. He was a comedian and a prankster and loved the ladies. “Will” was a likeable and loveable person, which touched everyone spirit, hearts and mine. Willis loved sports, especially basketball and football, his favorite teams were the Jets and Knicks. Willis enjoyed playing video games. Willis had a great love for Chinese food and he was the Seafood King (Shrimps and Crab legs).

Andre Saunders and Ben Baiyina grew up as “Will’s” best friends and later in life became his brothers. They were inseparable, when you saw one you saw the other. They loved to dress to impress. Willis was the sneakers king, his favorite sneakers were Jordan’s. They laughed together and cried together and they will always remain best-friends and brothers in their eyes and in spirit.

Will was preceded in death by his father, Willis Thurman, Jr.

He leaves to mourn: his mother, Joylyn Lott; one sister, Latoya Fields-Thomas; one brother, Markeith Lott; one step-father, Samuel Bush; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, a Godmother, a Godfather and friends.

Will will be greatly missed.

Humbly Submitted,  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Acknowledgement / Resolutions**

**Poem**

Latoya Fields-Thomas

**Remarks**

Andre, Ben and Markeith

**Obituary**

Darrell Lott

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

*Rev. Edward Allen*

**Recessional**

**Interment**

*Glendale Cemetery*

*Bloomfield, New Jersey*

***Repast:***

*Abyssinian Baptist Church*

*224 West Kinney Street, Newark, NJ*

# "Life Without End At Last"

Can you see, with your mind's eye,  
Peoples dwelling together?  
Sorrow has passed. Peace at last!  
Life without tears and pain.

(Chorus)

Man and beast, living in peace,  
Cause no harm to each other.  
Food will be there. All will share  
In what our God provides.

(Chorus)

In those days old will grow young,  
Flesh revived as in childhood.  
Troubles are gone, from now on  
No need to weep or fear.

(Chorus)

Paradise all will enjoy  
As they sing of God's glory.  
Yes, ev'ry day we will say  
To God our Maker, "Thanks!"

(CHORUS)

Sing out with joy of heart.  
You too can have a part.  
Live for the day when you'll say:  
'Life without end—at last!'

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to us during this time of bereavement.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness.*

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