

Celebrating the Life of
Willie Lee Freeman

Sunrise
July 28, 1955

Sunset
March 13, 2013



Service

Thursday, March 21, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Christian Pentecostal Church

971 Clinton Avenue

Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Pastor Jerry Smith, Officiating

Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." II Timothy 4:7-8

Eternal rest was bestowed upon our dear husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend **Willie Lee Freeman** on March 13, 2013 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Willie Lee Freeman, the son of the late George and Daisy Lee Freeman was born on July 28, 1955 in Lewiston, North Carolina. Willie was the second eldest son of twelve children. He was raised in North Carolina and attended elementary school in Kelford, North Carolina and later attended Bertie Senior High School in Windsor, North Carolina.

Willie was a huge sports fan. He enjoyed watching and playing a variety of sports. His favorite sports were basketball and football. Anyone that knew him would know that he was a loyal fan of the Oakland Raiders and LA Lakers. In addition to basketball and football, he also enjoyed leading family softball games which were fun and very competitive.

After completing his high school education, he relocated to Jersey City, New Jersey in 1973. Willie began his longtime tenure at the United States Postal Service in Jersey City where he maintained employment over the next 40 years. He received a host of awards and accommodations during his many years of service.

In 1974, Willie met the love of his life Virginia Howard and they later wed in July of 1978. From this union two beautiful daughters were born Dineene and Arneshia. Willie was a dedicated husband and father that was committed to his family. He was a loving, caring, and hardworking man that his family could depend on. Willie was very proud of his two daughters and expressed his love to them often.

He is preceded in death by his parents George and Daisy Lee Freeman, his siblings; Alice Jane Freeman, James Earl Freeman and Chucky Ray Freeman, his father-in-law Roy Haley Sr., his sisters-in-law Mae C. Howard and Theresa Freeman and brother-in-law Richard Perry.

Treasured memories of his life will live on in the hearts of his wife, Virginia Freeman of Rahway, daughters, Dineene Freeman (Richard), Arneshia Freeman-Lawson (Darnell) both of Edison, siblings, Marilyn Freeman of Jersey City, Gwendolyn Freeman-Armstrong (John) of Newark, Brenda Morgan (Larry) of Hillside, Rudolph Freeman (Emma) and Larry Freeman of Jersey City, Wanda Rushing (Clifton) of Lake Mary, Florida, LaTayna Freeman and Marion Hawkins (Eric) of Union, Addie Haley (mother-in-law), John Howard (Barbara) (brother-in law), Roy Haley Jr. (Mabel) (brother-in-law) of Whiteville, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn of ComfortFirst Baptist Church Praise Team

Old Testament (Psalm 90: 1-12)

New Testament (John 14:1-6)

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... First Baptist Church Praise Team

Remarks (2 minutes please)Family
Friends
Colleagues
Clergy

SelectionFirst Baptist Church Praise Team

Acknowledgements and Obituary..... Richard Harris

Selection/Solo.....First Baptist Church Praise Team

Eulogy.....Pastor John H. Armstrong
New Light Baptist Church • Cliffwood Beach, NJ

BenedictionPastor John H. Armstrong

RecessionalClergy, Officers & Family

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

REPAST

*Kenilworth Inn
60 S. 31st Street
Kenilworth, NJ*

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

God Called Your Name So Softly

*God called your name so softly,
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.*

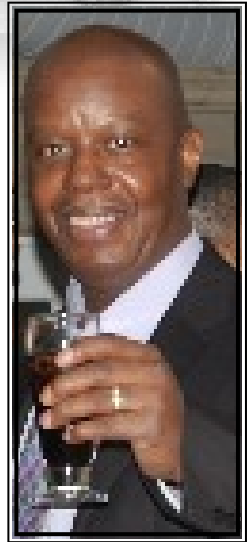
*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You're always close beside us, in everything we do,
You were our greatest treasure,
God's gift to us was you.*

*We will always remember that way you looked,
the way you talked and smiled,
The little things you said and did
to make our lives worthwhile.*

*Each time we look at your picture,
you seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take
and love each other for my sake.*

*Just a prayer from the family to you,
just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will stay forever
because we thought the world of you.*



In Gratitude

Words cannot capture the real sense of loss we have experienced with the demise of our loved one, nor can they express our deep gratitude for every expression of sympathy and compassion extended to the family.

These acts of kindness brought comfort to our saddened and troubled hearts. Your many kind deeds, whether they were visits, telephone calls, floral tributes, cards of condolence, prayers or other expressions have helped us bear the loss of one who was very dear to us.

-The Family

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