





*Homegoing Celebration
In Loving Memory of*

Bro. Willie Richardson, Jr.



Sunrise
July 19, 1938



Sunset
January 2, 2015

Service
Saturday, January 10, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Greater Saint James AME Church
1831 Jedburg Road • Summerville, South Carolina
Rev. Wilton Gyant, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Willie Richardson Jr. was born to the late Essie Elizabeth Gadson Richardson and the late Willie Richardson Sr. on July 19, 1938. Willie went home to rest on January 2, 2015, 4:20 p.m. at Mountainside Medical Center in Glen Ridge, NJ.

Willie was raised in Summerville, SC. He received his education in the Berkeley County public school system. At an early age, he learned about the teachings of Jesus Christ from his mother and father and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at Greater Saint James AME Church in Summerville, SC. He continued his relationship with Christ in Newark, NJ at Zion Baptist Church.

In 1963, Willie met Arlene Ferguson of Moncks Corner, SC. They later married and relocated to Newark, NJ, and to this union eight children were born. Willie was preceded in death by his loving wife in 2005 and two children, Willie James and Katherine Richardson, three brothers, Moses, JD, and Virgil Richardson, a sister, Evangelist Ella Mae R Buie, a niece, Essie Elizabeth Perry.

Willie was gainfully employed at Q-Pak Corporation as a Foreman in 1965 until his retirement in 2000. He joined Mount Herman Lodge #210 on June 20, 1984 where he was a faithful Brother until his death.

Willie "Duck Leg" as he was known in the Archbishop Walsh Homes Housing Community where he resided for fifty years was a pillar of his community and considered a father figure to many. He gave numerous young men jobs and was always willing to help a friend in need. Willie was known for cooking on the grill summer, winter, spring, and fall. If you needed a ride or to borrow money he was willing to help if he was able too. His compassion and generosity was immeasurable.

He is survived by his children, Cornelius (Neil) Walker (Lavetta) of Fontana, CA, John Henry Ferguson (Wanda) of Fitzgerald, GA, Bobby, Elizabeth (Libby), and Taia Richardson, Fatima Richardson McMillan (Shawn) all of Newark, NJ, Keith Richardson of New York, NY, Nathan and Tameka Miller of North Port, FL; a granddaughter whom he raised, Shantae Gilmer of Newark, NJ, a loving surrogate father to Viemae Richardson White (Ivory) of Brooklyn, NY and McCennia (Cookie) Richardson of Summerville, SC; surviving siblings, Sampson of Moncks Corner, SC, Sinclair (Dersette) of Summerville, SC, Elijah Richardson (Deloris) of Newark, NJ, Edna Lary (Ernest) of Moncks Corner, SC, sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Richardson of Summerville, SC, Isabel Richardson of Brooklyn, NY, Eloise Beverly of New York, NY, Rhoda Cade (Bobby) of Moncks Corner, SC, Betty Ferguson of New York, NY, and Marguerite Ferguson of Reading, PA, brother-in-law, William Ferguson (Mary) of Atlanta, GA; twenty-seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Hymn “I’ll Fly Away” ZBC Combined Choir

Scripture

Old Testament - Isaiah 28-31

New Testament - Romans 38-39 ... Chaplin Margaret A. Robinson

Acknowledgement/Obituary Chaplin Margaret A. Robinson

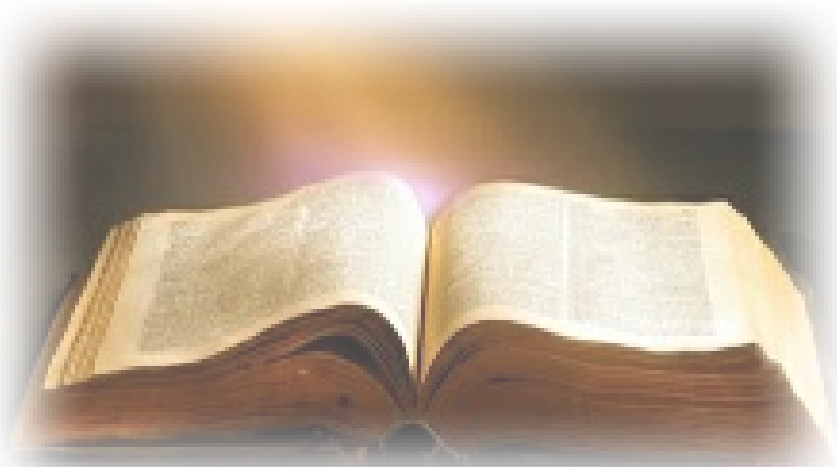
Selection “No Ways Tired” ZBC Combined Choir

Remarks Keith Richardson

Solo Taia Richardson

Eulogy Rev. Wilton Gyant Sr.
Pastor Zion Baptist Church

Recessional



Repast

*Prince Hall Masonic Temple
188 Irvine Turner Boulevard
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The Family of the late **Mr. Willie Richardson Jr.** would like to express sincere gratitude for your acts of kindness, love and support shown during their time of bereavement.



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Loving Father and Grandfather



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!