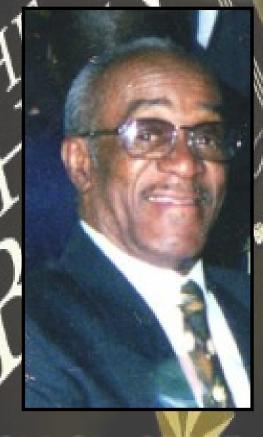


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Sunrise October 19, 1930

Sunset February 3, 2015



Saturday, February 7, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 163 Autumn Street Passaic New Jersey

Reverend W. Louis McDowell, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Isie "Ike" Willis passed peacefully at his home in Garfield, NJ on Tuesday morning, February 3, 2015 at the age of 84. As he entered eternal rest he was surrounded by his loving family.

Ike was born on October 19, 1930 in Passaic, NJ to the late Nicholas and Emma Willis. He graduated from Passaic High School in 1947; he then entered the United States Army. After countless entrepreneurial endeavors, including opening the "188 Bar" in Passaic, NJ (with his dearly beloved friend, the late Buster Stillwell), he later in life worked for Garfield Pressing Co. as a Presser. It wasn't until after he retired that he would take on his most cherished role at Willy's Candy Store in Passaic, NJ where he was loved by everyone and affectionately called "Pop", a nickname that stuck with him.

Ike and Gloria met on a blind date where Gloria was immediately skeptical due to his loud banter, three piece white suit and bright red socks. After several dates, she eventually gave in to his charm; they ultimately wed and were happily married for 54 years. He loved his wife dearly and was a devoted family man. He was the monarch; family was everything to him. His wife and children remember him as man who loved the Lord - God fearing, kind, gentle, witty, and quiet, a loving husband and father who encouraged them to always put God first, live in pursuit of their happiness and be independent.

Ike was a rambunctious soul with an infectious smile/laugh. He was humble, full of life, had a joyful spirit and found great pleasure in making people laugh. Often times, you'd spot him driving through any given neighborhood waving profusely out the window while yelling "Heeeeeey!!" with a huge grin on his face. Sometimes he'd get called to pull-over and sometimes not, but he always made time for his friends; whether to answer a question, to listen or to help solve a problem, no matter how big or small. He just loved people and was generous to all. There wasn't a place he couldn't go and not be shown love.

Ike was an active and dedicated member of the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church located in Passaic; he served as a Trustee for *"30" unwavering* years. He loved his church, his Pastor, his fellow Trustees/Officers and his extended church family. The hymn *"He Saw Me"* was his personal testimony. His firm belief in God supported him in his struggles and always gave him peace.

In Ike's leisure time he enjoyed going to the movies, listening to his "oldies but goodies" music, dancing, watching black n' white films, visiting the sick, spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, feeding the birds, going on strolls with his canine grandson "Baby" and serving/doing anything "Mt. Pilgrim!"

He was preceded in death by two sons Ike Willis Jr. and Anthony "TonyRome" Hilliard, one sister Lemard "Montie" Johnson and her husband Edward Johnson and one brother Nicholas Willis.

Ike leaves to cherish a life well lived his loving wife, Gloria (Willis) who affectionately called him "Zeer", daughters Linda Willis, RaMona (Arnold) Price, Izetta (Anthony) Barksdale and Nicole Willis; Roberta "Lottie" (Cornell) Perry; close friend David "Dixie" Johnson and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

Ike will be dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with his creator.

Order of Service

OPENING SELECTION	George Garrison
OPENING HYMN	
	t (Psalm 27:1-6)Trustee Jerry Dillard at (John 14:1-7)Trustee Ethel Powell
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Clergy
SELECTION	Combined Choir
WORDS OF COMFORT	Clergy
REMARKS	Trustee Dave Johnson Chairman, Trustee Board Deacon Michael Veal Chairman, Deacon Board
SELECTION	Combined Choir
FAMILY TRIBUTE	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Rita Sallie
READING OF THE REFLECTIO	NS OF LIFE/POEMAngela Burgos-Oliver Alexine Hunter
SOLO	Adrian Champion
SELECTION	Combined Choir
EULOGY	Pastor W. Louis McDowell
RECESSIONAL	

<u>Cremation</u> Cedar Lawn Crematory Paterson, New Jersey

A Tribute to Isie

"Ike the Man"

Another angel has gone on in free from worry, pain, or sin Walked right on through the golden gate with his cool sway and shoulders so straight.

> Generous, giving, loving soul whom had allowed God to wash and make him whole.

Respect Ike had and that is for sure no one could have asked for anything more.

"Ike" you gave your all and best may peace be with you in your heavenly rest.

> I could see you now walking in so cool you'd only know that if you're from "Old School."

You'll forever be with us in our heart your spirit will forever live.

the family, with thanks, will always be grateful, never forgetting all the love you did give.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Isie "Ike" Willis** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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