

In Loving Memory of



Willie Lee Rayford Jr.

Sunrise
July 31, 1955

Sunset
January 24, 2018

Service

Thursday, February 15, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

Christian Love Baptist Church

830 Lyons Ave • Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Rev. Curtis Morris, Officiating



Obituary

Willie Lee Rayford Jr. was born on July 31st, 1955 in Orange, New Jersey to the late Willie Lee Rayford Sr. and Mary Lee Rayford.

He was educated in the Newark School System. Willie, also known to others as “June”, was a simple man who loved his video games and bowling. Later through the years, he joined in a union with Denise Dorsey in which they had two daughters: Kamilah and Zakiyyah Rayford, and a little Angel above.

On January 2nd, 1988, Willie pursued a career and became a State Correctional Officer for Northern State Prison. He was an exceptional officer and friend. While employed at Northern State Prison, he was named officer of the year in 2011. Soon after in 2013, officer Rayford retired as a Biden General Assignment Officer. Through his years of retirement, he protected and served in his local area as the security officer. On his off time, he still would play a game of spades, and bowl from time to time with his friends.

Willie Lee Rayford Jr. leaves to cherish him and his memory his daughters, Kamilah & Zakiyyah Rayford; three sisters, Mary Patterson, Evelyn Rayford, Mary Denise Pittman; five grandchildren, Kamiyyah, Jai'Shirah, Zaliyah, Zai'Iyannia, and Kai'Sher Rayford; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. He will truly be missed!!



Order of Service

Family Viewing

Song Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament - Psalm 23

Poem by Granddaughter
(Kamiyyah)

New Testament - John 14:1-4 & 6

Remarks

Song Selection “A Change Gonna Come”
(friend Leemy Waiters)

Obituary Reading

Eulogy
Pastor Curtis Morris

Song Selection - “Take Me To the King”

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.*

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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