

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

A portrait of Ezekiel Williams, Jr., a Black man with a mustache and a goatee, wearing a brown jacket over a maroon shirt. He is resting his chin on his hand and holding a pair of glasses. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

EZEKIEL WILLIAMS, JR.

February 26, 1942 - April 12, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Viewing - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Service - 10:00 a.m.

Eternity Funeral Services, LLC

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Reverend Calvin Gibson, Officiating

Minister Mark Stewart, Organist

Order of Service

Greeting

Opening Prayer.....*Reverend Calvin Gibson*

Hymm..... “*On Stormy Banks*”

Reflection.....*Joanna Wedderburn (Niece)*

Scripture Reading.....*Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Joanna Wedderburn (Niece)

Tributes..... *Al Mebane (Friend)*

Clara Wedderburn (Sister-in-Law)

Psalms 121..... *Read in union w/ Pastor*

Hymm..... “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

Eulogy..... *Eric Johnson (Nephew)*

Words of Comfort..... *Reverend Calvin Gibson*

Closing Prayer.....*Reverend Calvin Gibson*

Final Viewing*Eternity Funeral Services Director*

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

Repast

Wembley’s Athletic Club

550 East 239th Street 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Eulogy

Ezekiel Williams took his last step on the 12th day of April 2019 to a place of rest; to say “Lord I am here, it is done, it is done, I am here forever with you.” Ezekiel was the most loving father, husband, brother, confidant, and friend, who some called ‘Junior’, some called Willie, and others called Papa. Many knew him as “the man of Good Deeds”, always putting others before himself. If you needed him, all you’d have to do was call. He was a kind, decent person in every way.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the youngest of 5 children, to mother Willie Mae Barnhardt and father Ezekiel Williams, Sr. He spent his early years in Cleveland, but eventually moved to New York as a young boy. He grew up on the West side of Harlem and in his adulthood made his way up to the Bronx; it is where he remained for the rest of his life. He was married to his wife Julie in 1986, and together they raised two beautiful children. He worked at the Jewish Guild for Aged Blind home for 22 years.

In 2005, Ezekiel suffered a stroke that completely changed his life and the lives of those closest to him. Although he had difficulties in the beginning and many obstacles to overcome, he showed immense strength and perseverance, allowing him to return home [the following year] to remain with his family for the next 12 years.

Ezekiel was an amazing artist with a talent for creating paintings and drawings for his friends and family to enjoy. He further enjoyed family outings, picnics, watching movies and throwing fun parties throughout his life. He was known to be a ‘people’s person’ and got along with most who met him. He had a way with words and a charm about him that could put those who spoke to him at ease. He loved to laugh and loved for those around to also be in good spirits. He was kind, patient, and easy to get along with.

He is survived by his wife, Julie; 2 children, Natasha and Clayton; grandson, Jayden; brother, Billy; sister, Geneva; sisters-in-law, Gladys and Clara; brother-in-law, Alfonso; and countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and siblings-in-law. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to cherish his memory, and it is important never to forget the good times or the reasons why we loved him so. May his soul rest in harmony and everlasting peace, until we see him again.

'On Stormy Banks'

1. *On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.
Chorus:*

*We will rest in the fair and happy land,
Just across on the evergreen shore;
Sing the song of Moses and the Lamb by and by,
And dwell with Jesus evermore.*

2. *O'er all those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day,
There Christ, the Sun, forever reigns,
And scatters night away. [Chorus]*

3. *When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his kingdom rest? [Chorus]*

4. *Fill'd with delight, my raptured soul
Would here no longer stay;
Tho' Jordan's waves around me roll,
Fearless I'd launch away. [Chorus]*

Thessalonians 4:13-14

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind who have no hope.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.



Psalm 121

1. I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help?

2. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

4. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

8. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forever-more.

'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

1. *My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine;
now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.*
2. *May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.*
3. *While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.*
4. *When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.*



Acknowledgement

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