

Celebrating The Life of
Willie Gardner

Sunrise
August 9, 1950

Sunset
January 10, 2020

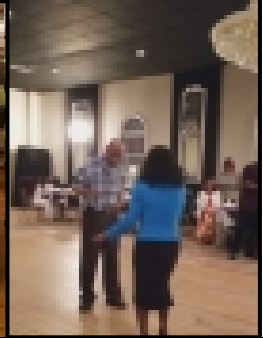


Friday, January 17, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Jehovah Jireh Praise & Worship Center

505 S 15th Street

Newark, New Jersey 07103



Obituary

Willie "Ricky" Gardner of Newark, NJ departed this earthly life and gained his heavenly wings on January 10, 2020. He was born the first of eleven children to the late Junior and Mable Gardner Eaddy on August 9, 1950 in Florence, SC.

Ricky was educated in the Newark Public School system. He attended, Miller Street School and Southside High School and was affectionately known as "Cornbread". He was employed as a Truck Driver and also a repairman for Sam's Auto in Elizabeth, NJ. Ricky was a very affectionate person and enjoyed playing football, roller skating and dancing in his youth. His favorite sports teams were the Miami Dolphins and the Mets. He also enjoyed watching Westerns on TV all day long.

Willie is preceded in death by his parents, Junior and Mable Gardner Eaddy; siblings, Mable E. Younger, Tracy C. Moore and James R. Eaddy and Wife, Carrie Gardner.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving son, Jesse Wilson; daughters, Keisha Feaster, Tamia Feaster and Barbara Y. Hargrove (Timothy); sisters, Linda L. Carlton (Bishop Rudy V.) Barbara Ann Koon (Vincent), Sharon Eaddy, Andrea Y. Eaddy, Alexandria Burroughs (Lee Raymone); brothers, Alexander Eaddy (Carlissa) Jermaine Eaddy (Dawn), Jerry Sanders (Omijean), Wendell Moore and Davey Wright; brothers-in-law, Larry D. Younger and Michael Moore; uncles, Leon Eaddy and John Gardner; aunt, Mary Gardner; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, special family, The Carlton's and Bailey's and a host of nephews, nieces and other loving relatives and close friends.

Uncle Ricky,

Thank you for always taking care of us. School trips,
parks, fixing us peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
and making us watch old westerns.

Love your Nephews and Nieces.

He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
You can close your eyes and
pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back
on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for
tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his
memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile,
open your eyes, love and go on.

~By David Harkins

Order of Service

Officiating Bishop Rudy V. Carlton

Opening Hymn At The Cross

Scripture Readings

Old Testament-Psalm 51:1-15

New Testament- Mark 3:10-11

Prayer of Comfort

Selection The Family

Remarks (2 Minutes)

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection The Family

Eulogy Pastor Joshua Younger

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repass- Private family only

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,

Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We The Family thank you so much-whatever the part

Special love and thanks to Sharon & Alexander
who cared for him during his illness.

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