

Celebration of Life
Willie A. Sallie
"Chima"

Sunrise
June 10, 1927

Sunset
September 9, 2020



Service

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

34 Cook Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Officiating

Rev. Craig Dunn, Pastor

Social Distancing and masks are required!

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Dr. Mark Exum

Processional The Family

Musical Selection,..... Dr. Mark Exum

Prayer Rev. A. Craig Dunn

Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Pamela D. Sallie
Pastor of the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Obituary Nala S. Sallie, Granddaughter

Musical Selection Dr. Mark Exum

Eulogy Rev. A. Craig Dunn

Recessional The Family

Pall Bearers

Robert James, Jr.
Ehric Piggery
Curtis Sallie

Eddie Sallie
Jermaine Piggery
Jared Rolle

Obituary

On September 9, 2020, Willie Alfred Sallie, affectionately known to all as “Chima” quietly slipped into the arms of Jesus at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, NJ at the age of 93. He spent his final days surrounded by his beloved family and the dear friends whose lives he so deeply touched.

Willie was born in Madison on June 10, 1927 to the late Willie Green and Jennie Sally (née Harris) and was the second son of five children. He fondly recalled the old days growing up in Madison. After graduating from Madison High School, Willie served honorably in both the United States Merchant Marines and the United States Army. After his honorable discharge he returned home and took a job cooking at Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, NJ.

Willie met his beloved wife, Doris Sallie (née James) in Summit and the couple married on February 28, 1954. They settled in Willie’s hometown Madison where they would raise their family and share a wonderful life together of 66 years of marriage. Family was everything to Willie and he cherished all the beautiful memories he had of his children growing up and of his grandchildren.

Willie was a gentleman, as well as a genuine person with an impeccable work ethic. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He had several careers before starting his own paving business and valued the knowledge and skills each of them afforded him in his life. As a young man Willie accepted a position at the GM Automotive Plant in Linden, manufacturing vehicles for several years. Later, he transitioned to jobs to the Hercules Powder Co. Inc. of Kenvil. After several years at Hercules, Willie joined the Allocco Bros. Paving Company in Madison where he worked for another several years. In the early 1980’s Willie started his own business, Sallie’s Construction Co. Inc. in Madison. He was extremely proud of his business to which he dedicated many years to before retiring. Willie was the proud sponsor and fan of the Madison Softball team “Sallie’s Construction” for many years as well.

Willie was a former Chairman of the Trustee Board of First Baptist Church of Madison for several years. He was an active member of the American Legion Frank Patterson Post 43 of Florham Park and well-respected, loved & active member of the Madison community. Willie was the first and only African American Grand Marshall of the Madison Memorial Day Parade on May 24, 2001.

Willie was an outdoorsman and remained active well into his old age. He also took pride in maintaining his home, painting the exterior and landscaping. His favorite pastimes also included hunting, listening to all genres of music, and playing cards. “Chima” was always “the life of the party!”

Willie leaves behind an incredible legacy and he will be deeply missed by his family, loved ones and friends.

In addition to his parents, Willie is predeceased by two sons, Lawrence & Raymond Sallie; one daughter, Carol “Queenie” Baxter; two brothers, Fred and Earl Sally; one sister, Jennie Spencer; and one grandson, Damien James. Willie is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Doris Sallie (née James); seven sons: Robert L. James Sr. of Madison, NJ; Edward Sallie of Union, NJ; Willie Sallie Jr. of Morristown, NJ; Frederick Sallie and his wife Teresa of Iselin, NJ; Craig Sallie and Minister Alan Sallie and his wife Carolyn of Morristown, NJ; Barry Sallie and his wife Rev. Pamela D. Sallie of West Orange, NJ; 2 daughters: Rosalie Sallie of Dallas, TX; and Rita Sallie of West Orange, NJ; 15 grandchildren, Robbie, Eddie, Dionne, Ehric, Tyree, Nova, Jermaine, Raymond, Andrea, Curtiss, Ehrica, Eddie, Aaron, Jared and Nala; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Nora Miles of Washington, DC; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

I'M NOT TIRED YET

*I've been working for Jesus a long time. I've been running for Jesus a Long time.
I've been singing for Jesus a long time. Been running by day and praying by night.
I got to keep on it's a might hard fight. No, I'm not tired yet.*

*I been serving the Lord a long time. I've been serving God a long time.
I've been living for Him a long time. I've been living for God a long time.
I've been praying to Him a long time. I'm not tired yet.*

*It's an uphill journey, but I'm on my way. I'm working for Jesus, I've got to stay.
Sometimes my burdens press me down. Sometimes I hasten to a higher ground.
Sometimes I can hardly see my way. So I get on my knees and I begin to pray.*

No, I'm not tired yet ... No, I'm not tired yet ... No I'm not tired yet!



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
For we've had so many good times,
and wonderful memories that it really is okay.
I know how much you Love Me ...as much as I Love You,
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That Jesus came and called my name, and took me by the hand.
And said my place was ready in heaven up above,
And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly Love.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*



The family 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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