

In Loving Memory of



Jeanette Willis

August 29, 1977 - March 14, 2021

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Shaquan Murphy, Officiating

Obituary

Jeanette Willis was born August 29, 1977 to the late Freddy and Lillian Willis who both preceded her in death. She entered the world at the Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ and departed this life on March 14, 2021.

Jeanette was born and raised in Newark, NJ. Her early beginnings started at the Dayton Street Project Houses in the south ward of the city. She matriculated her education in the Newark Public Schools. Jeanette graduated from Malcolm X Shabazz High School in June 1995 and began a career in medical services field shortly after. Her career would span over fifteen years from working in private practices to working at The Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Lyons, NJ.

Jeanette was known for her cooking! Whenever you wanted a dish done “right” you called Jeanette and she was always happy to oblige. Her kitchen was her sanctuary and one of her various ways she expressed her love to her friends and family. It was very common to head over to Jeanette’s where you knew you’d be welcomed with her huge infectious smile, her oozing heart of love and a comfort and safety you only get from matriarchs.

Jeanette had a love that was so profound for people that God blessed her with her first-born child, Khirey in September 1999. Parenthood brought her such joy that soon after, she would adopt her lovely daughter Tanijah in 2000. Life seemed to only get sweeter as her “nest” grew again with a bouncing baby girl name Jakyah Dior in 2010. Soon after she birthed her last child, she took on the privileged task of adopting two more darling children, Mercedes and Nehemiah Willis in November 2011. Her love for her children would be boundless until her untimely death.

Jeanette was a giver! God graced her with a heart to help; not only those in need, but any way she could lighten the load for another she would do it even if at times her own load seemed too much to carry. She was an adoring and selfless mother, dependable and passionate sister and loyal and true friend.

Jeanette leaves to cherish her memory: her five children, Khirey Willis, Tanijah Little, Jakyah Willis, Mercedes and Nehemiah Willis; two grandchildren, Karter Willis and Azariah Bennerman all of Newark, NJ; nine siblings, Ernest Brown (Annette) of West Palm Beach, FL, Judy Willis-Lee (Anthony), Latanya Little, Annette Willis-Lee (Ernest), Peter Anthony Little, Freddy, Lashell and Cassandra Willis of Newark, NJ and Kyle Clark of Irvington, NJ; nine nieces and eleven nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Shaquan Murphy

Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Romus Wyche

Troy Little

Ernest Lee

Anthony Lee

Amin Willis

Khalil Willis

As I sit in heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
I watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilt that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me...

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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