



To those I love and those who love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me in tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave to you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love each has shown,
But now it's time I travelled on alone.
So, grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust,
It's only for a while that we must part,
So, bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,
All my love around you, soft and clear,
And when you must come this way alone.
I'll greet you with a smile
And "Welcome Home."

Dedicated to the family from
Sharlene Baxter

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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HOME GOING CELEBRATION

Willie James West

November 22, 1954 - June 20, 2021



THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 - 3:00 PM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Hilton Rawls, Jr., Officiating

Joshua Nelson, Organist

OBITUARY

Willie James West – dedicated father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, finished his work on this earth and returned home to His Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

He was born on November 22, 1954, to the parentage of the late Agnes and Ernest West St. in Americus, GA. He was educated in the Sumter County GA school system. He was married in Holy Matrimony to Cynthia Ann Kimbrough. To this union, one child was born.

In the late 70s, Willie decided to move from Americus, GA and make his home in Newark, NJ. He worked as a skilled laborer most of his life.

Willie loved his family. He was always on the phone checking up on his loved ones to make sure everyone was alright. Before he become ill, Willie was always willing to help if saw you had a problem he could fix. Whether it was putting brakes on your car or putting you in contact with someone he knew could help you find a solution. Willie also had a love for gardening and barbecuing. Each year he had a huge garden on 7th Street. He thought his barbecue was the best and had no issue with telling you if thought your barbecue did not live up to his standards. His big

heart and even bigger laugh will be great missed by all that knew him.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents Agnes and Ernest West Sr, brothers, Ernest West Jr and Charles West.

Willie leaves behind to cherish his memory, his children, James F. (LuCrista) West of Warner Robbins, GA; Reshira (Aaron) Jones-Guest; Tamira Shanta Jones, both of Columbus, GA; Vincent (Najah) Green; Renee Green, both of Newark, NJ; wife, Cynthia A. West of Americus, GA; sisters, Natherine Bartley of Americus, GA; Beulah West of Irvington, NJ; brothers, Henry (Willela) West of Black Jack, MO; Freddie Lee West of Irvington, NJ; sisters-in-law, Kathy Kimbrough of Americus, GA; Gwen (Virgil) Purvis; Linda K. Brown, both of St. Petersburg, FL; Carolyn (John) Hurley of Americus, GA; Roberta West of Newark, NJ; Evelyn West of Wichita Falls, TX; a devoted friend, Sharlene Baxtor of Newark, NJ; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends to cherish his memory.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Rauls

Scripture.....Octavia Aneesah Muhammad West
Revelations 21:4

Musical Selection.....Jearl Corbett
“I Won’t Complain”

ReflectionsOpen to Friends and Family
(2 minute limit)

Obituary.....Shameka S. West

Poem.....Octavia Aneesah Muhammad West
“To Those I Love”

Musical Selection.....Jearl Corbett
“Jesus Is The Best Thing”

Eulogy.....Bishop Rauls

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey