

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Willie Edward Askeru*



July 18, 1949 - August 6, 2021

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Stanley Newsome, Officiating*

*Joshua Nelson, Organist*

## Obituary

Willie was born in Elba Alabama on July 18, 1949 to the late Lela Pearl and Ezekiel Askew. Willie the eldest of three sons.

Willie attended Roosevelt high school in Lake Wales Florida. Willie ambition lead him to relocate to New Jersey. Where he furthered his education and became a valuable employee of UMDNJ Public Safety Department. Willie was also a part time employee for the Meadowlands Sports Complex for 16 years.

Willie enjoyed the simple things in life. Willie was a great basketball player even at the age of 62! Willie loved fishing checkers chess bowling and pool. Willie love to cook and he was great at it. Willie was a sunshine kind of guy. He was highly respected and loved by all.

Willie leave to mourn him his wife Lillian a adopted son Hassan B Jones, Step-daughter Sharon Mccann, Step-granddaughter Shonda Mccann, Step-great grandson Justin R Mccann. His two brothers Odis Askew, Eugene Askew Sr, of Lake Wales Florida and a host of nieces , nephews and cousins, friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Special Remarks

*Joseph Sherd*

Eulogy

Recessional

*Interment*

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

**-author unknown**

## *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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