

Celebrating the Life of



Willie Allen, Jr.
"It looks good on you"

Sunrise
November 29, 1935

Sunset
December 5, 2021

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

New Christian Missionary Baptist Church

16 Bridge Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. James Salmon, Officiating

Obituary

Willie Allen Jr., name meaning “Resolute Protector”, was born to Bessie (Brinkley) Allen and Willie Allen Sr. on November 29th, 1935, in Nash County, North Carolina. He was the seventh child and first to survive to his parents. He was the oldest of 11 children born to their union.

Willie was educated in the Nash County School System at Spalding School. Early in his youth he joined and was baptized at St. Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Willie started off his career as a Farmer before he met the love of his life, Thelma. He knew immediately he wanted a better life for them so they married December 13, 1954. Willie relocated his family to Paterson, NJ in 1963. To this union two sons and one daughter was born. He worked a host of jobs including but not limited to Knoxol, Sears Roebuck, and Sealy Mattress company. He also started a career at S.B Thomas Bakery of which he spent 30 years and successfully retired. Willie joined the New Christian Missionary Baptist Church Paterson where he happily served as an Usher, Security, Food Pantry assistant and anywhere else he was needed.

Willie loved his family, his house, playing the guitar, music, NC State Fair, talking on his CB while on road trips (he referred to himself as “Muffin Man”) and competitive horse racing. He was an all-around people person. He loved to laugh, joke and play with everyone. His slogans and catch phrases would be sure to put a smile on your face...” It looks good on you”.

He was preceded in death by his Parents, Children; William “Toot” Allen, Fredric G. Allen Sr., Sisters; Rozena Austin, Doretha Webb, Rosella Evans. Brothers; Johnnie Allen and Rev. Ivey Allen.

On Sunday, December 5th, 2021, God decided that he needed Willie and therefore he called him home.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His Beloved Wife of 67 years: Thelma Jones Allen, Daughter: Lillian B. McKenzie (Eric Sr.) Siblings: Velma Richardson, Hoby Allen (Linda) of Spring Hope, NC, Hassel Allen, Sterling “Birdie” Allen (Willie Mae) of Paterson, NJ, Mary “Deeda” Tucker of Cumming, GA, and Addie Mae Moore of Newark, NJ, Sisters-in-law: Loretta “Pete” Wheelless of Knightdale, NC, Mary Jo Allen of Richmond, VA, Daughter-in-law: Jessie “Becky” Allen, Grandchildren: Demont Cuffie (Lamonica), Sharita Riggins (Michael), William Earl Allen, Nicole McCutcheon (Lamar), Fredric Allen Jr., Alicia Allen-Gant (Edward), Edward “EJ” McKenzie, Eric McKenzie Jr., Elijah McKenzie, and Justin Allen, 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Willie was also adored by a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

Order of Celebration

New Jersey

Processional Clergy

Invocation

Scripture Reading Deacon Cedrix Moses & Min. Eugene Nazareth
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Rev. James Bethea

Musical Selection Allen Family

Acknowledgments..... Trustee Karen Martin

Musical Selection Sterling Allen

Remarks: 2 minute maximum

Reflections of Life Deaconess Pauline Robinson

Musical Selection Eric McKenzie Sr.

Words of Comfort Rev. James E. Salmon Sr.

Recessional

Pall bearers- Grandsons and Nephews

North Carolina

Processional Clergy

Invocation

Scripture ReadingKimberly Reels
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Pastor James L. Pugh

Musical Selection Mary Tucker

Acknowledgments & Reflections of Life Sharita Riggins

Remarks: 2 minute maximum

Musical Selection Allen Family

Words of Comfort Rev. Judy Cook

Recessional

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I've Changed My Address

I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the
sky. I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place to find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.
-Author unknown

Interment

St. Hope Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Spring Hope, North Carolina

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Willie Allen, Jr.** wishes to thank all of you for
your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of
kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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