

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Charles Alvin Willis*

**SUNRISE: January 12, 1952**

**SUNSET: December 17, 2021**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022 - 1PM**

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# *Obituary*

On December 17, 2021, **Charles Alvin Willis** was called home to the Lord. A humbled easy going man who didn't want for much, his work on this earth was completed. Charles was born on January 12, 1952 in Harlem, New York to Vivian Willis. He spent most of his adolescent and teenage years growing up in the South Bronx, New York.

Charles spent a great amount of his time with his grandmother, Essie Mae Willis, and prospered under her spiritual tutelage during his formative years. He and his siblings were introduced to the Baptist faith and attended church services at Second Union Grove Baptist Church on 125th Street in Harlem, under the ministry of Reverend Herbert Smith for many years.

Charles attended Central Commercial High School in New York City, where he learned the trade of bookkeeping, which assisted in gainful employment at Consolidated Edison. He went on to work as a contractor for New York City Parking Enforcement.

In describing Charles Willis, although tall in stature and not small in girth. Those who knew Charles could rarely, if ever, recall a time when his voice was raised. He was never angered. He did not debate in times of disagreement, but gracefully retreated.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Mary A. Willis; two surviving children, Charlene R. Navarro/Jose A. Navarro and Tiffany S. Hunter/Richard H. Hunter, Jr., (Damion Charles Lourick preceded him in death); two sisters, Lorina Sanders and Valerie Brown-Hatchett/Terry Hatchett brother-in-law; one uncle, Jewel Willis; five grandchildren, Franklin N. Herrera, Savion M. Herrera, Damion Breon Jabre Lourick, Dakari Lourick, and Connor Hunter; mother-in-law, Mary E. McKay; sisters-in-law, Doreen Mott of Charlotte, NC, Helena Victor of Bronx, NY and Barbara Lucas of Sanford, NC; brothers-in-law, Ralph McKay/Wanda of Greensboro, NC, Marvin McKay of NY and Leonard Sanders of NY; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**FINAL DISPOSITION:**  
Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# *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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