

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**WILLIE STARKS JR.**

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 20, 1944

SUNSET: FEBRUARY 3, 2022



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

**130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey**

# OBITUARY

Willie (Junior) (June June) (Will) Starks Jr. of Newark, NJ passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

Willie was born on December 20, 1944, in Newark, NJ to Rose and Willie Starks. He's survived by his Aunts Christine Maing and Brenda Bennett as well as host of cousins, family and friends.

Willie did not have children of his own or siblings but his first cousins, Arnita, Brenda, Gregory, Darrell, Lamar, Vanessa, Kimberly was raised as siblings.

Growing up Willie spent summers with his Grandparents Bennett along with his cousins in Fort Gaines, Georgia. In which he hated every moment because he was a city boy, so being in the county was no fun for him. He never liked following rules.

Willie completed his education at Southside High School in Newark, NJ in 1963. He went on to serve in the US Army during the Vietnam War. (Per) Willie his entire post – was making sure the women were safe (SMILE), (LAUGH) because that's what we did listening to his story. Wille worked for US Postal Service for 37 years until his retirement in 2012.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Willie's like (PUFF PUFF PASS). He loved being with his family & friends with a camera in his hands to capture the moments. He also loved his Jazz Music. Most weekends and days off Willie spent in New York City at the Jazz Clubs, Broadway Plays or one of the Museums. He kept people rolling in laughter because he could find humor in the most mundane life circumstances.

Willie had an uncanny ability to find happiness in his life. His pleasant personality was contagious to everyone he met. His generosity was one of a kind, from his ( PUFF PUFF PASS) to financial.

Willie's pride and joy was his Mother Rose, up to his last days he talked very highly of her and called out for her daily. His Aunt Christine Maing was his heart. Willie would take her shopping on his days off. It was just one problem. He would fall asleep at every signal light. She would complain but turn around and get right back in the car with him. His other love was Aunt Brenda Bennett, she would call him a few times a week to check on him. And to let him know his peach cobbler pie was on its way.

In the last 3 years Willie lived with his cousin Lakeenya and Russell Lee surrounded with a lot of love. With show downs with his cousin Nicole, both being Sagittarius they had their moments. Both just knew they won the argument. In the end it was all love, and Wille will be deeply missed.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary



## INTERMENT

Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Park  
Sparta Township, New Jersey

## REPAST

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# MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do miss me-but let me go.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family wishes to acknowledge all acts of kindness shown to them during the passing of their loved one. Your thoughtfulness, prayers, food, gifts, phone calls, floral pieces and most of all your presence will always be remembered by us. May God shower each of you with His richest blessings.*

*The Family*

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