In Loving Memory of



Willie Ates, Jr. "King"

March 24, 1947 - May 9, 2023

Friday, May 19, 2023 - 11:00 AM

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME 256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

<u>Obituary</u>

Willie Ates Jr. was born on March 24, 1947. He was the son of the late Willie Ates Sr. and Ruby Mae Moss-Ates of Cochran, Georgia. He was the oldest son to this union of eleven. On Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 Willie entered into eternal rest.

Willie attended the Thompson Street Colored High School of Bleckley County in Cochran, GA. Willie also played baseball and was the coach while in Cochran, GA. He left Cochran, GA in 1965 at the age of 18 years old. He relocated to Paterson, NJ and met his now former wife Rose Mauzone-Ates-Thompson. There were four children amongst this union. Bridget Ates, Clarence Ates both of New Jersey, Lakeisha Ates-Wilkins of Columbia, SC and Antionette Ates of Bennettsville, SC.

He met his current spouse Alesha-Cooper-Ates, with whom he shared life for 20 plus years. Willie was employed at Tenneco Chemical in Garfield, NJ, Morton International Industrial in Paterson, NJ, Amway Products South Jersey, Kenaco Development Corp in New Jersey and Ferro Corporation in South Plainfield, NJ as a Chemical Laborer for all of them. During the time from leaving Cochran, GA and coming to Paterson, NJ is when he joined the United States Army. He received many metals during that time including a Purple Heart for bravery award. He received an honorable discharge.

Willie is predeceased by his beloved parents; Willie Ates Sr. and Ruby Mae Moss-Ates, sisters; Ethel (Cigar) Chambliss, Rosetta (Rose) Jones, Linda (Lynn) Colley, brothers; Johnnie and Ronnie Ates, maternal grandparents; Rosetta and Ira Moss, paternal grandparents; Annie and Edward Ates, brother-in-law; William (Ham) Milton of Paterson, NJ.

He leaves to cherish precious memories his children; Bridget, Clarence, Lakeisha (Tyrell) and Antoinette, sister; Eva Mae-Ates-Wilson of Cochran, GA, brothers; Robert Ates (Candice) of Paterson, NJ, Ray Charles Ates (Devoney) of Irvington, NJ, James and Alonzo Ates of Cochran, GA, brothers-in-law; Thaddeus (Deek) Chambliss, George Jones and Micheal (Chucky) Colley III, sisters-in-law; Roxanne and JoAnn Ates, grandchildren; Kalem, Desmond, Desia, Denia (Keito), Keyon, Kevonte, Kiara and Micah, great-grandchildren; Olivia and King, favorite niece; Julie Primus (LiL – Babydoll), a host of other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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