

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF



Sunrise
December 20, 1941

Sunset
April 25, 2024

Deacon Willie E. Mills

Service

Friday, May 10, 2024 • 11:00 a.m.

Grace Apostolic Church of Christ
233 Freeway Drive East • East Orange, NJ 07018
Elder Ronnie Amos III, Officiating



Remembering Willie

Willie E. Mills affectionally known as “Wolf Killer” was born December 20, 1941, in Sandersville, Georgia to the late Cora Bell and Robert Mills. He departed his earthly life peacefully on April 25, 2024 at the tender age of 82 years old.

Willie is one of six children. After attending school, he left Georgia to start a new life in Newark, New Jersey. After relocating, Willie met and married the love of his life Margie Ann Mills in 1962. From this union they raised and nurtured six children together; Delvoris, Jerome, Cornelia, Rodney, Margie, and Shaun, he later became a father to his youngest son Brandon. He was a devoted father and husband who honored the principles of family.

Willie was a hardworking man and believed in providing for his family. He became employed by AJ Pignatelli Paving company at 17 years old and was a dedicated employee until his retirement. It was at this company where he gained the infamous name the “Wolf Killer”. Fun fact, Willie got the name “Wolf Killer” from his boss after killing a wolf with a shovel, the rest was history.

In the early 1970’s, he became a member of Grace Apostolic Church of Christ alongside his loving wife and children. He was ordained as Deacon Willie Mills. Besides being famously known for officiating baptisms in the 1990’s, he also drove the church bus named “Grace Line”, where he was committed to evangelizing, picking up and dropping off members of Grace. He was also a member of the adult choir, faithful to the handling of the offerings and maintenance of the church. He was a devout member and served wholeheartedly for over three decades.

In 1979, Willie became a lifelong resident of 32 Palm Street where he was known and loved for over 44 years. He made the Newark Star Ledger four times for his knowledge and operational skills and was responsible for paving his own street. Some of his hobbies were fishing, hunting, cooking, watching baseball & western movies in his recliner and enjoying the fresh air while sitting on his front porch. He was very independent from childhood; even in his older years he would sit on the very same porch and groom himself. We will always carry his memories in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Margie Ann Mills, son Jerome E. Mills, grandson Daquan Morgan, daughter Delvoris Mills, parents Robert and Cora Bell Mills, siblings: Evelyn Mills, Luscious Johnson, Beverly Mills, Robert Mills, Carther Jean Mills, and Pauline Outen.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory five children: Cornelia Mills, Rodney Mills (Sharon), Margie Lewis (Jeffrey), Shaun Mills and Brandon Johnson; thirty-two grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great children, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Gathers

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23

Minister Ron Mills

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Valerie Whitfield

Musical Selection

Obituary

Ayanna Sheppard

Remarks (2 mins)

Tribute from Mills Children

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Elder Ronnie Amos III

Benediction

Recessional

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Hollywood Memorial Park and Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey

Repast to follow at Grace Apostolic Church of Christ





He Only Takes the Best

– Unknown

*God saw that he was getting tired,
A cure was not to be.*

*So He put His arms around him
and whispered, “Come with Me.”*

*With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away.*

*Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes “the best.”*

Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon Willie E. Mills wish to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time.



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