

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

There are no words to adequately express our sincere appreciation for the many cards, calls, prayers and other acts of kindness. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and sincere words of comfort to console our hearts.

- The Family -

To My Husband

We took our vows together
Said: "till death do us part"
But when GOD came and took

YOUR HAND
My whole world fell apart



No one knows the heartache I try so hard to hide.

ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES

I've **BROKEN** down and **CRIED**

When I look back upon our lives

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES ME GLAD

That you chose me to share with you

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Mr. Willie James Gary

BORN INTO TIME 07-18-1958

RECEIVED INTO ETERNITY 11-24-2023



“ZOOM”



Saturday, December 2, 2023 1:30 PM

BETHELEHEM GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1952 Bethlehem Church Road Clinton, SC 29325

Reverend Herry Mansel, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Terry A. King, Presiding

Pastor, Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing.....Family and Friends

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Dr. Terry King

New Testament.....Reverend Anthony Sims
Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Ninety Six, SC

Prayer.....Reverend Anthony Sims

Musical Selection.....Christy Bradley

Reflections.....Deborah Johnson, *daughter*
Revonne Harrison, *sister*

Reflections.....TWO MINUTES PLEASE.....Family and Friends

Musical Selection.....Christy Bradley

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Herry Mansell
Pastor, Bethlehem Grove Baptist Church, Clinton, SC

Closing Prayer

Committal Rites, Closing Prayer, Benediction and Blessing of Meal

A Memorial Prayer

You never looked back; you never complained; you never let hardship, keep you restrained.

We saw through your eyes, Jesus' wisdom and power. You showed us God's grace, at its finest hour.

You were humble, and gifted, and patient with us. You were just who we've always wanted to be.

We asked for your healing, so you'd stay here with us; but God knew you were tired, so He set your soul free.

Now we won't waste a minute, "wishing" life to be fair. We'll trust, as you did, in God's answer to prayer.

Please look in our eyes, and see from our heart. We know you are with us although we're apart.

And if you see tears—don't worry we're fine. We just feel so special, that God let you be ours!

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIE JAMES GARY

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On Friday, November 24, 2023 God dispatched his Angels to shepherd His son home. Surrounded by his family and wrapped in love, Willie James took their hand and fulfilled his destiny. Lovingly known as Zoom by his family and friends, he was born on July 18, 1958 to Walter and Carrie Gary. Zoom attended Laurens County public schools and was a lifelong resident of Clinton, SC.

His laughter and gentle words brought comfort to anyone who came in contact with him. A husband, father, grandfather, brother, nephew, uncle, and friend...Zoom loved his family and friends unconditionally

In addition to his parents, Willie James was preceded in death by his grandparents Alonzo and Elder Rebecca Carter; grandson, Demetrio Barros, Jr; siblings: Freddie Gary, Harold Rice, LeRuth Washington; aunts/uncles Lela and Hallie Rice, James and Elder Marie Moses; in-laws, Harrison and Elizabeth Whitener; and sisters-in law: Gertrude Richards and Loraine Chapman.

Zoom will be missed dearly by Virginia, his wife of more than twenty-eight year; his children, Debra Johnson of Washington, DC and Zachery (Tashia Kennedy) Jennings of Greenville, SC; his grandchildren: Janyri, Shimeeka and Mohogany Crawford, Izeal Williams, Zachary, Laiden, and Alexis Jennings, and Kedarius and Zaquary Todd; siblings: Rebecca (Thomas) Poole, Revonne (Charles) Harrison, Leroy (Brenda) Rice, Larry Rice, Otis (Stevy) Rice all of Greenville, SC and Benjamin (Sharon) Rice and Pernail Davis of Clinton, SC; aunts: Sophia Gillam, Sharon Bates and Vivian Richland; uncles: Willie Gary, Jr. and Willie Carter; devoted great aunts: Pastor Ruthie Pyles and Essie Gary; sisters-in-law: Gloria (Grady) Boyd and Sadie (Bernard) Perrett; brother-in-law, Harrison Whitener, Jr.; beloved nieces and nephews: April Lay, Hezekiah Maddox, Leroy Hunter, James Whitmore; and godbrothers: Oscar Priestley and Steve Davis.

Willie James left footprints of kindness, love, courage, compassion, humor, inspiration and joy on the hearts of family and friends. His love is still our guide; and though we cannot see him, he is always by our side.