

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Attendants

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A Note of Gratitude

The family of Willie Lee O'Banner, Jr. wishes to express our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness, love, prayers, and support shown during our time of bereavement. Your comforting words, thoughtful expressions of sympathy, beautiful floral tributes, cards, visits, calls, and acts of generosity have brought us strength and comfort as we celebrate Willie's life and cherish his memory.

Your love and compassion have been a source of great consolation, and we are deeply grateful to have such wonderful family and friends by our side. May God richly bless each of you for your kindness.

*With Love,
The O'Banner Family*

Professional Services Entrusted To:

M.F. Riley's Funeral Home

Motto: "Service Above Self"

"We express our deepest appreciation of your faith and complete confidence in our services. We sincerely hope that every aspect of the SERVICE has been SATISFACTORY for you." The Director and Staff

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A SERVICE OF LOVE

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

"RUSTY"
Willie Lee
O'BANNER, JR.
DECEMBER 6, 1984 – JULY 5, 2026

~ Celebration ~

Friday, July 10, 2026 – 11:00 Ante Meridian

~ Held At ~

Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church
Fairfax, South Carolina 29827

~ Officiates ~

*Dr. Arlene Dunbar; Pastor/Presiding
Pastor Terrance Thomas; Eulogist*



~ Order of Worship ~

Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Processional Viewing	Clergy, Family, Friends
Opening Selection	Choir
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament.....	Pastor Mamie Grant
New Testament	Dr. Arlene Dunbar
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Tyriq Harley
Selection	Minister Tyriq Harley
Remembering Our Beloved Willie: (2 Minutes, Please)	
As Co – Worker.....	Antoinette Maffett & Byran Williams
Family Tribute	Peggy O’Banner (Aunt)
Acknowledgements	M.F. Riley’s Staff
Solo	Shawn Haynes
Words of Comfort	Pastor Terrance Thomas
Director’s Memorial	M.F. Riley’s Staff
Benediction	
Recessional	
Postlude	



Memorial Repository
Nazarene Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Fairfax, South Carolina
Committal ~ Prayer ~ Benediction

My Brother, My Friend

You were more than my brother
You were a part of my heart,
A constant source of laughter,
A love that will never depart.

Your smile could brighten any day,
Your jokes could ease my pain.
Though tears now fill my eyes,
Your memory will always remain.

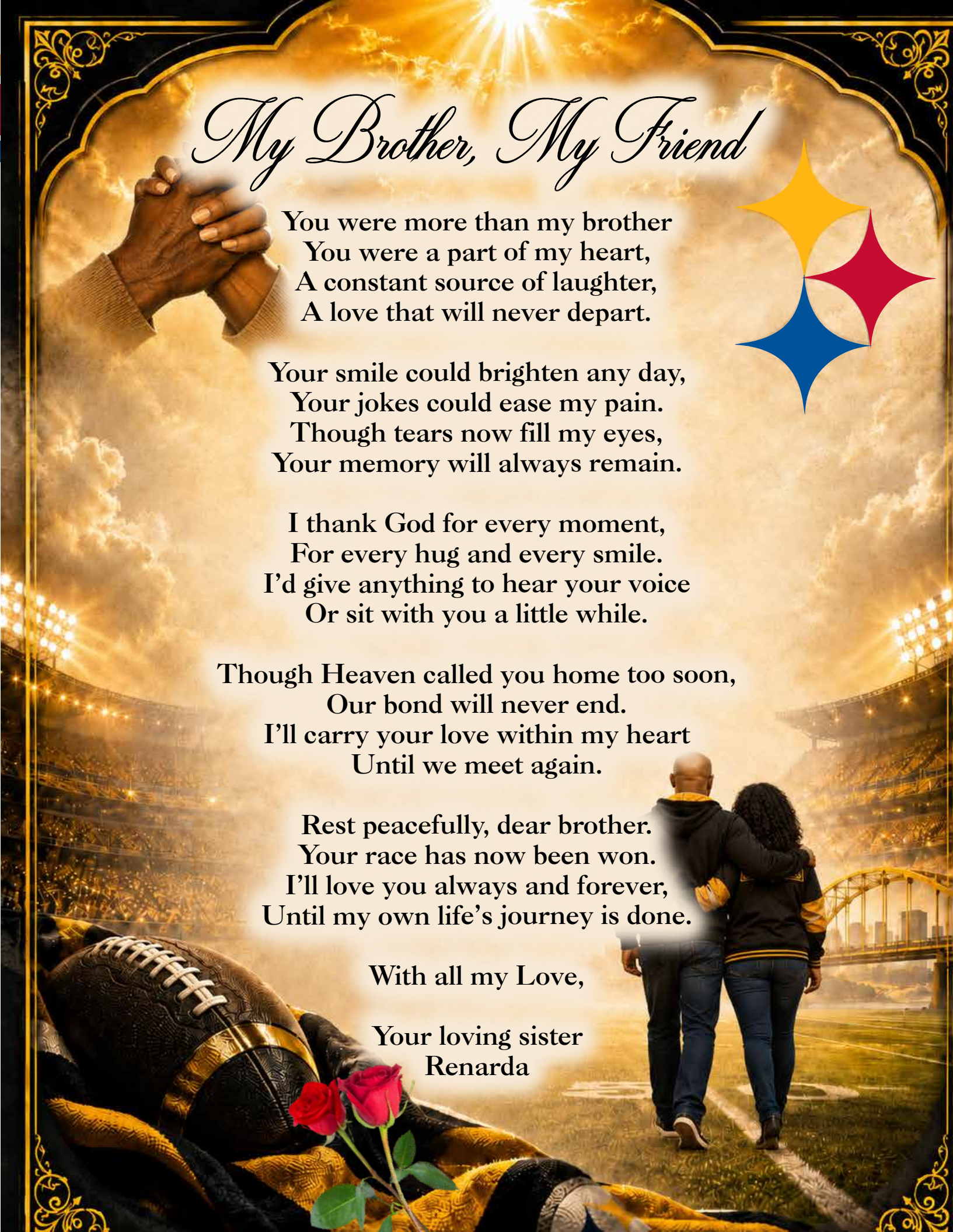
I thank God for every moment,
For every hug and every smile.
I’d give anything to hear your voice
Or sit with you a little while.

Though Heaven called you home too soon,
Our bond will never end.
I’ll carry your love within my heart
Until we meet again.

Rest peacefully, dear brother.
Your race has now been won.
I’ll love you always and forever,
Until my own life’s journey is done.

With all my Love,

Your loving sister
Renarda



TO OUR DADDY

Daddy,
You were our protector, our teacher, and our biggest supporter. Your love gave us strength, your laughter filled our home, and your presence made us feel safe.

Though our hearts are broken and we miss you more than words can express, we are thankful for every hug, every lesson, every smile, and every moment we shared with you.

We promise to carry your love with us, to honor your memory, and to make you proud each day. We will remember your kindness, your jokes, your smile, and the way you loved us without condition.

You may no longer walk beside us, but you will forever live within our hearts. We will see you in the memories we cherish, in the values you taught us, and in the love that will never fade.

Until we meet again, we will hold you close in our hearts and thank God for blessing us with the privilege of calling you our Daddy.

We love you today, tomorrow, and always.

Humbly Submitted,
Loving Children

DEAR DAD,

Thank you for being a father, friend, loved one & someone I can rely on no matter what. Thank you for always having my back no matter what, even when I'm wrong. You weren't perfect, but you did everything in your power to make sure that I was OK & happy.

I will always protect your last name like it's a 10-karat diamond. I'll always make sure that it's spelled right with the capital "O", apostrophe & the capital "B". I know you tried your hardest no matter what came your way. I'll continue to make you proud. And I'll always be proud when someone says I look like you or that I act like you. Your presence will always be remembered.

This is not a goodbye but it's a "see you later"

I love you, Dad
Faith O'Banner

~ Life's Reflections ~



"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself: there – where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 1 – 3

Willie Lee O'Banner, Jr. was born on December 6, 1984, in Hampton County, South Carolina, to the late Anita Sabrina Busbee and the late Willie Lee O'Banner, Sr.

Willie received his education in the Allendale County Public School System and was a proud graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School, Class of 2004.

He was employed by Scotsman Ice Systems, where he worked faithfully as a Machine Operator.

Affectionately known as "Rusty," Willie was well known for his infectious smile, quick wit, playful jokes, and outspoken personality. He possessed a humble and kind spirit and had the unique ability to make friends with everyone he met. He embraced life wholeheartedly and found joy in playing cards, working, and spending quality time with his family and loved ones.

On June 20, 2013, Willie married the love of his life, Pamela Simmons O'Banner. Together they built a life centered on love, family, and unwavering devotion.

On Sunday, July 5, 2026, Willie peacefully transitioned from labor to reward at Wellstar MCG in Augusta, Georgia.

Although his earthly journey has ended, his legacy of love, laughter, kindness, and strength will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving and devoted wife, Pamela Simmons O'Banner; (7) Children: Demaurion Ginn, Willie Lee O'Banner III, Jossiah O'Banner, Miracle O'Banner, Destine O'Banner, Zane Maner, and Faith O'Banner; (2) Sisters: Devoted Sister: Renarda Cohen; Ebony Blassingame; Mother – In – Law: Barbara Simmons; (3) Nieces: SaNai King, London Outing, and Khloe Summers; (1) Nephew: Jaylen Outing. A host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and sympathizing friends.



My Forever Love,
Willie

You were my greatest blessing,
My partner, my best friend,
The one who walked beside me
Through every beginning and every end.

Your love was my comfort,
Your smile brightened each day,
And though you are no longer here,
Your love will never fade away.

Our home may feel much quieter,
And my heart bears this pain,
But the memories we created together
will forever remain.

Thank you for loving me,
For standing by my side,
For every laugh we shared,
And every tear we cried.

Until God calls me home,
I'll carry you within my heart.
No distance, time, or heaven itself
Can keep our love apart.

Rest peacefully, my darling.
Your work on earth is through.
I'll cherish you forever,
Until I'm reunited with you.

Forever your loving wife,
Pamela

