



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day to laugh,  
to love, to work, or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys:*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.*

*Oh, yes, these things I, too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life has been full; I*

*savored much: good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*

## PALLBEARERS

### Nephews

Bobby Bowers, Jr.

Donald Tucker

Chris Bowers

Javis Tucker

Brian Bowers

Bobby Kay

## FLOWER BEARERS

### Nieces and Friends

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of Willie James Williams would like to thank  
everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits,  
flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during  
our time of bereavement.*

*May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.*

## INTERMENT

New Hope MB Church Cemetery

Greenwood, Florida

## REPAST

5366 13th Street

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*"We Are Not Satisfied Until You Are"*

## A SOLEMN FAREWELL FOR



SUNRISE

April 9, 1984

SUNSET

April 27, 2024

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

SECOND WEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCH

4110 Herring Avenue

Marianna, Florida

*Reverend Dwight Cockerham, Sr., Moderator*

*Reverend Wallace Godwin, Officiating*



# Obituary

## MR. WILLIE JAMES WILLIAMS A.K.A. "POKEY"

*Willie James Williams* also known as "Pokey" received the gift of life on April 9, 1984 in Marianna, Florida to Exie Lee Peterson of Malone, Florida and the late Little Willie Williams, Sr. Pokey transitioned to his heavenly home unexpectedly on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

He attended and graduated from Malone High School in 2002. After graduating from Malone High School, he furthered his education at Chipola College pursuing a major in Electronic Engineering. He was employed with Pathways at Sunland as a Vocational Instructor II and the Christmas Group Home.

Pokey was passionate about his music, cars, and ATVs. In his leisure, he enjoyed playing the "loudest" music, keeping the cleanest cars, and riding through a mud hole. Pokey loved spending time with his children, family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Little Willie Williams, Sr.

He leaves treasured memories with his loved ones:

Mother: Exie Lee Peterson of Malone, Florida.

Sons: Latrell Williams and Avion Williams of Malone, Florida.

Daughters: Jaliyah Godwin-Williams, Jamea Williams, Jordyn Williams of Marianna, Florida; Ja' Miyah Williams and Jessiah Cunningham of Malone, Florida; Tiara Nix of Tallahassee, Florida; and Tykia Thornton of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Brothers: Donald Peterson (Lauri), and Jasma Peterson (Katherine) of Malone, Florida; Charles Peterson, Jr. (Shawna) of Gordon, Alabama; Calvin Peterson (Trish) of Marianna, Florida; Little Willie Williams, Jr. (Stacy) of Malone, Florida; and Taurus Williams (Sheri) of Greenwood, Florida.

Sisters: Angela Bowers (Bobby) of Alford, Florida; Tiwania McGriff and Sharon Thomas (late Steve) of Malone, Florida; Latricia Sherett Williams of Marianna, Florida; and Tamika Graham Harrigan of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mother(s) of Children: Jessica Williams of Marianna, Florida; Precious Thornton of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Martrice Cunningham (special friend) of Malone, Florida.

And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Pokey's life will always be remembered for his love, laughter, and affectionate smile.

# Precious Memories



# Service OF Memory

Processional

Selection..... Greenwood Chapel Choir

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Sam Everett

Scriptures of Comfort

Old Testament ..... Brother Bobby Bowers

New Testament ..... Reverend Blanche Godwin

Selection..... Greenwood Chapel Choir

Reflections

As A Friend ..... Bobby Kay

As A Co-Worker ..... Jeffery Hawks

Resolutions/Acknowledgements..... Peoples' Staff

Solo ..... Brother Charles Milton

Eulogy ..... Reverend Wallace Godwin

Recessional..... "Free at Last"