## Celebration of Life Willie Lee Dillard

December 13, 1959 - January 22, 2025

February 1,2025 11:00AM CST Harris Funeral Home Chapel 515 S 6th St, Opelika, AL 36801

Order of Service

*Processional* "Fix It Jesus" - The Canton Spirituals

*Scripture Readings:* The Old Testament The New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Dow Perry, Jr.

*Poem* Sister Martha Jackson

Musical Selection - Willie's Favorite Song "Champion" - Brother Charles Jackson

*Words of Expression* Family and Friends (*Please Limit Two Minutes*)

*Eulogy* Pastor Eddie L. Jackson

*Acknowledgments* Harris Funeral Home Staff

*Recessional* "Can't Run" - Lee Williams

*Interment* Higgsville Baptist Church Highway 80 East at Gallimore Mill Road Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044

















































## To My Beloved Family

To my sisters, my heart and my guide, You gave me strength and stood by my side. Through every season, your love held true, I was blessed in this life because of you.

To my nieces and nephews, so dear to my heart, You've been my joy from the very start. Carry my lessons, let faith be your guide, In your laughter and dreams, I'll always reside.

Though I'm not here, don't feel alone, In your hearts, I've found my home. Live boldly, love deeply, and always stay true— My greatest blessing was loving all of you.

Reflections of Life

Mr. Willie Lee Dillard was born on December 13, 1959, in Dry Branch (Jeffersonville), Georgia, to the late Norman Dillard and his beloved mother, Mollie Mae Holston Dillard. He attended Twiggs County Public Schools. At the age of 20, Willie would begin working as a short-haul truck driver at Sam Hall & Sons Construction Company in Macon, Georgia, a role he held for several years.

Willie grew up deeply rooted in faith at Higgsville Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Styles. He confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as his savior and was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Along with his parents and siblings, he faithfully attended Sunday School. His love for music was self-nurtured as he taught himself to play the bass guitar.Willie's musical talent would later see him playing alongside others at various churches within the community, sharing his gift and uplifting spirits through the power of song.

In search of new opportunities, Willie relocated to Opelika, Alabama, where he embraced the chance to reconnect with his family and rebuild his life. Throughout various employment opportunities, Willie remained steadfast in his faith, serving and flourishing under the guidance of Pastor Eddie L. Jackson at Greater Faith Ministries in Beauregard, Alabama. His commitment to his spiritual growth was a testament to his unwavering belief in the goodness of life and the power of redemption.

On Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the age of 65 and in the comfort of his home, Willie's soul was gently called to eternal rest by our Heavenly Father. His brothers, Norman Dillard, Jr. and Lonnie Dillard, and his sister, Minnie Lee Dillard-Collins, preceded him in death. Their memories and the values they shared continue to resonate in the lives of those who knew them.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Martha Jackson of Shorter, AL and Mary Myers of Columbus, GA; one aunt, Dorothy (Horace) Rutherford of Culloden, Georgia; a special friend, Valarie Williams; a host of nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and friends will deeply miss him.

He will forever be affectionately known to his family as "Uncle Willie." And will always be remembered for his kind heart and unwavering faith.

To God Be the Glory

Services

Celebration of Life: February 1, 2025 11:00 AM CST Harris Funeral Home 515 South 6th Street Opelika, Alabama 36801

Commital Service: Monday, February 3, 2025 12:00 PM EST Higgsville Baptist Church. Highway 80 East at Gallimore Mill Road Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044

Pallbearers & Floral Attendants

Nieces & Nephews

Acknowledgement

The family of Willie Lee Dillard extends our heartfelt gratitude for the love, prayers, and support shown during this time of loss. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have brought us comfort and strength. May God bless each of you for your compassion and kindness.

The Dillard Family

Arrangements Entrusted To:

Harris Funeral Home 515 South 6th Street Opelika, Alabama 36801