

### **The Last Request**

Please don't say that I gave up, just say I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.  
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best  
Just say I tried to do what's right,  
To give the most I could and not to do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.  
Don't be concerned about me, I'll be well with God alone.  
I'm on my way to heaven now, to make it my home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done.  
Just see to all my family's needs. the battle has been won.  
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint.  
I've done some good; I've done some wrong  
So use all your paint.

Not just the bright and light tones,  
Use some gray and dark.  
In fact, don't put me down on canvas; paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember the good times, but remember some bad.  
For life is full of many things, some happy, some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request.  
Forgive me for the wrong I've done with all the love that's left.

Thank God for my soul's rest. Thank God for I've been blessed  
Thank God for all who loved me. **Praise God who loved me best.**

**Final arrangements entrusted to:**  
Mack's Funeral Home Elberton Chapel  
320 College Avenue  
Elberton, GA 30635  
706-283-4566

**"Let your light shine so that others will see the good that you  
do and will praise your father in heaven." Matthew 5:16**

## **A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILLY" JOE DuBOSE**



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
1:00 PM**

**MACK'S FUNERAL CHAPEL  
ELBERTON, GEORGIA**

**REV. STEVEN SMITH, OFFICIATING  
REV. SHAQUITA JOHNSON, HIS PASTOR**

## Obituary

Mr. William Joe DuBose was the fifth child born to the late Minnie Burton DuBose and Arthur DuBose, Sr. on July 26, 1936 in Elbert County, GA.

Billy as he was affectionately known, and his three sisters and two brothers were reared in a loving and caring home. He attended Elbert County and Calhoun Falls, South Carolina public schools. Billy retired from Century Granite Company in 2005 after 23 years of service. After retirement, he enjoyed gardening and fellowshiping with others.

Billy realized that Christ died and gave His life for him and he gave his life to Him and became a member of Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church. He was a faithful member and served as Chairman of the Steward Board until his death.

Billy was a peaceful man with a "big heart" and a winning personality that made it easy for him to talk to anyone. He loved and respected people and went out of his way to help them.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Laura Jean Daniels and Woodfin Sims and two brothers Arthur DuBose, Jr. and Florence DuBose.

Early Friday morning, January 30, the "Angels of Mercy" came to lead Billy home to rest. He leaves precious memories to treasure to his wife: Mrs. Laura Murray DuBose, one son: William DuBose, Decatur, GA; three daughters: Nancy (Myles) Watkins, Villa Rica, GA, Diane (Ron) Barron, Ellenwood, Georgia and Carol Ann (Tracy ) Stephens, Athens, Georgia.; one sister: Idaliah White, Detroit, MI; one aunt: Mrs. Addiebell Simpson, Elberton, GA, mother-in-law: Mrs. Sammie Lee Murray, Atlanta, GA; seven sister-in-laws: Mrs. Lenora DuBose, Elberton, GA; Mrs. Nila DuBose, Atlanta, GA; Ms. Carolyn Murray; Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Wadine Smith, Villa Rica, GA; Ms. Barbara Murray and Ms. Marguerite Murray, Elberton, GA; Mrs. Eunice Davis, Conyers, GA; two brother-in-laws: Mr. Alvin Murray, Lincolnton, GA and Mr. Eberhardt (Sharon) Murray, Decatur, GA; ten grandchildren: Dorian (reared in the home) and Krystal DuBose, Sherman Allen, Drew and Lauren Watkins, Kendall, Jordan, and London Barron, Steven Binns and Tracy Stephens; five great-grandchildren: Shermya and Sherman Allen, Jr., Nehemiah and Brooklyn Young and Caleb Binns, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends who all loved him dearly.

## Order of Celebration

Processional

Clergy & Family

Musical Selection

*When The Saints Go Marching In*

Elder Ricky Rose

Fresh Anointing Deliverance Ctr.  
Apopka, FL

Prayer

Rev. Charles DuBose

Old Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
Conyers, GA

Scripture

Rev. Shaquita Johnson

Hunter's Chapel A.M.E. Church  
Elberton, GA

Solo

Mrs. Shirley DuBose

Reflections

Mr. James McDonald

Mrs. Naomi DeLoach  
Deacon Horace Bradley

Acknowledgments

Ms. Loretha McCalla

Solo

Rev. Warren Peek, Sr.

Fortson Grove Baptist Church  
Elberton, GA

Words of Comfort

Rev. Steven Smith

Lofton & Sand Valley AME Churches  
Wrens, GA

Recessional

*"I'll Fly Away"*

## Repast

Blackwell Memorial Cultural Center  
375 Mill Street

## Acknowledgement

We the family of Billy DuBose acknowledge with grateful appreciation, the many kind expressions of sympathy and love extended to us by our family, friends and neighbors during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you richly.

**The DuBose Family**