

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid you see;
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, to play;
The tasks I left undone must stay that way;
I found that peace at the close of day.

If 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;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow;
My life has been full; I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;
Life up your hearts, peace to thee;
God wanted me now; He set me free.
(Author Unknown)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude we have for our family and friends who have consoled us during this time of bereavement. Your presence, prayers, love, and many acts of kindness have truly sustained us. Again, we say Thank You and may God continue to bless you all.

~The Family

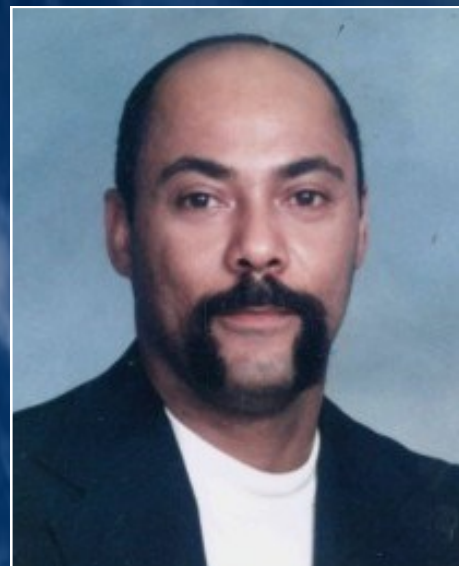
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Celebration of Life

WILLIAM ROBERT WASHINGTON, SR.



His Sunrise:
October 4, 1953

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His Sunset:
November 15, 2021

“Forever In Our Hearts”

Funeral Service
Friday, November 19, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Knotts Funeral Home Chapel
719 Wall Street
Sanford, North Carolina
Pastor Kenneth L. Swann | Officiating

The Worship Celebration

Musical Prelude.....Musicians

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Musical Selection

Reading of the Holy Scriptures.....Minister Jasper Tymes
Cameron Grove AME Zion Church | Broadway NC

Prayer of Consolation.....Elder Carolyn Cox
Liberty Praise Center | Sanford NC

Acknowledgments.....Mrs. Dianne T. Chubbs

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Kenneth L. Swann
Cameron Grove AME Zion Church | Broadway NC

Committal Rites & Benediction.....Pastor Kenneth L. Swann

Recessional.....Morticians in Charge



Obituary

THE MEMORIAL REFLECTIONS

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” | St. John 14:1 – 3 NIV

WILLIAM ROBERT WASHINGTON, SR., the oldest of the four sons of the late William Milton Washington and Shirley Minter Washington, was born October 4, 1953, in Newark, New Jersey. He matriculated through the school systems in New Jersey, graduating from South Plainfield High School, South Plainfield NJ.

William’s employment background included the steel mill industry and the A&P Grocery Store until he and his family moved to Broadway, North Carolina in March 1989. He then became a valuable employee at GKN Automotive Company of Sanford, NC and at the Weyerhaeuser Corporation of Moncure, NC. He enjoyed spending time with his family – his most cherished possession.

In his later years, **William** experienced health challenges that limited his mobility. In the early morning of Monday, November 15, 2021, **William** finished his work with us and transferred to his heavenly home to receive the promised joy of rest and peace from God.

William was preceded in death by his father: William Milton Washington and his brother: Tony E. Washington.

The precious and fond memories of **William** will forever be cherished in the hearts and souls of his two sons: William Robert Washington, Jr. of Springfield NJ and William Robert Washington, III of Broadway NC; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his mother: Shirley Minter Washington of Broadway NC; his brothers: Lloyd W. Washington and Jeffrey M. Washington of Broadway NC; his aunt: Valerie Washington of Youngsville NC; and generations of nieces, nephews, cousins; and a plethora of friends.