

## ~Obituary~

*Woodie Rutley Jr.* was born on June 27, 1941 to Woodie Rutley Sr. and Fannie Weatherspoon Rutley. He was the fifth of eleven children: Willie (aka Leachy), Connell, Nellie Ruth, Mary Sue, Elizabeth, Charles, Willie Oscar, Betty, Ethel, and Lee Thomas. He often fondly spoke of his childhood and the very close bond that he had with both of his parents.

After graduating from high school at Moundville Public School in Moundville, Alabama, Woodie moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was known to many in the community as a man of integrity, honesty, and generosity who served his community. In terms of his career, Woodie was a multifaceted individual. Woodie was the first black assistant manager at A & P Grocery store where he worked for over 20 years. In the late 1970's, he launched and operated Music World, a popular record store, situated in a prime location in downtown Tuscaloosa. After this enterprise, he became an insurance salesman for A.L. Williams then ventured out on his own with Rutley and Associates, which provided insurance and other financial products to its customers. After many years in insurance sales, Woodie pursued another career venture in the mortgage industry. He built Trinity Mortgage company, a successful mortgage company in the Tuscaloosa area that helped countless individuals achieve home ownership. He saw Trinity Mortgage Company as a ministry and was known to decrease his commission if it was necessary to help his clients successfully close their home.

Woodie was a life-long member of Powers Chapel C.M.E. Church where he taught Sunday School and served as a Steward until his health prevented him from regularly attending services. His love of God was evident in all aspects of his life.

Woodie departed this life during the morning of Wednesday, April 19, 2023. He was preceded in death by four siblings: Charles Rutley, Willie "Leachy" Gordan (John Henry), Nellie Ruth Logan (Sydney), and Mary Sue Spates (Robert-deceased). He was also preceded in death by one son, Woodie Rutley, III, who died three days after birth. Those left to carry on his memory include six siblings: Connell Rutley (Wilma Rutley-deceased), Elizabeth Hewins (Willie), Willie Rutley (Lucille), Betty Trotter, Ethel Himes (Artist Himes Sr.-deceased), and Lee Thomas Rutley (Faylor). He also leaves

7 children to cherish his memory: Toney Rutley Sr. (Angela), Vickie Rutley, Christine George (Winfred), Marvin Trussell (Jennifer), Dametria "Dee Dee" Irvin (Jason), Julia D. Rutley, and Jeffrey D. Rutley. Woodie also leaves behind ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a plethora of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. — 2 Timothy 4:7-8*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer.....Lee Thomas Rutley

Scripture.....Lee Thomas Rutley

Apostle's Creed.....Attendees

Selection.....Choir

Obituary Reading.....Read Silently

Reflections

As a Brother.....Willie Rutley

As a Friend.....Rev. Willie Coley

As a Father.....Christine George

Eulogy..... Elder Paul Harton

Solo..... Freda Givens

Benediction.....Elder Paul Harton

Recessional

*Active Pallbearers*

Marcus Cooper      Brandon Rutley  
Marvin Rutley      Toney Rutley  
Toney "TJ" Rutley Jr.      Kendrick Trussell

*Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Phillip George  
Jeremy Rutley

*Interment*

Oak Hill Cemetery  
Moundville, Alabama

*Acknowledgements*

The Family of Mr. Woodie Rutley Jr. sincerely appreciates and acknowledges the comforting expressions of love, telephone calls, and visits during his illness, and following his death. A special thank you to the staff of Oasis Hospice for their excellent care and compassionate commitment to ensure his comfort. In addition, the family extends heart felt gratitude to A Touch of Love Home Health Care (owner Barbara Ford) and caregiver Bertha Ryans for the loving care given to Woodie. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless you and keep you.

—The Family

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*A Celebration of Life*  
*for*  
*Woodie Rutley Jr.*



*Sunrise*

June 27, 1941

*Sunset*

April 19, 2023

Friday, April 28, 2023 \* 11:30 AM

Powers Chapel C.M.E. Church  
20231 County Road 21  
Moundville, AL 35474

*Senior Pastor Paul Harton, Officiant*