### Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

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#### A Fallen Limb - Author Unknown

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me."

Remember the best time, the laughter, the songs

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

There is no more pain.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about the falls.

I miss you all dearly so keep your chin up and smile because I will always be with you.

Until the day comes, we're together again

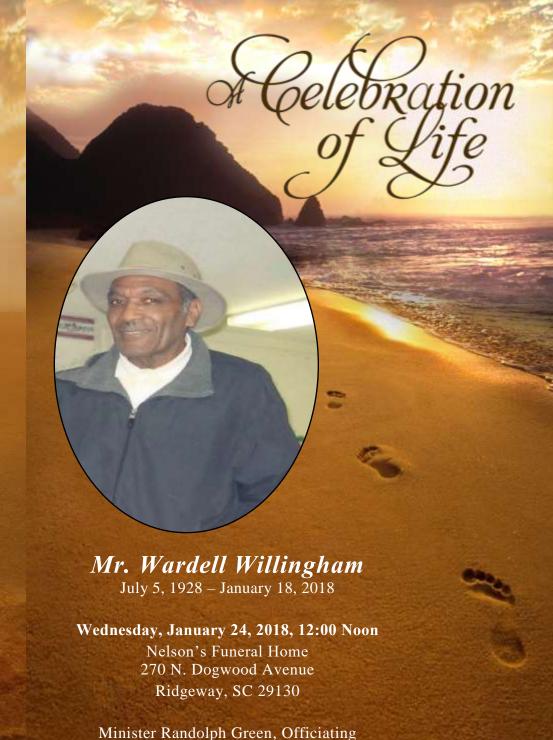
### Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. Wardell Willingham would like to thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and other acts of kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.



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# **Obituary**

**Mr. Wardell Willingham**, son of the late Robert and Francis Johnson Willingham was born July 5, 1928 in Winnsboro, SC. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at PruittHealth in Ridgeway, SC.

Wardell attended the Public Schools of Fairfield County. At an early age, he was baptized at St. Luke Baptist Church. After high school, he relocated to Detroit, MI where he spent the majority of his adult life. He was a long-time employee of General Motors while in Detroit. After returning to South Carolina, he was a loyal employee of Winnsboro Builders until an injury forced his early retirement.

He enjoyed gardening, baseball, fishing, and watching cowboy movies. Another favorite pastime was making wine.

He leaves to cherish warm and fond memories three daughters, Esther Goodwin of Winnsboro, SC, Izetta (Larry) Slade of Alcoa, TN and Monique Willingham of Columbus, GA; three sisters, Lodesta Parnell, Izetta Gripper, and Emma Mae Coleman; two brothers, Albert "AC" Willingham and James Banks; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Wardell was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Willingham; two sons, Michael Willingham and Wardell Willingham, Jr.; ten brothers, Celess, Robert, Zachariah, Kitch, George, Moses, Maxie, Abraham and Jacob; three sisters, Hadiyah (Ella Lou Watts), Essie Lee and Willie Mae; one grandson, DeShawn Willingham.

#### Interment

St. John Baptist Church Cemetery Anderson Quarry

# Order of Service

# Minister Randolph Green, Presiding

Musical Prelude
ProcessionalClergy, Family and Friends
Opening Selection
Scriptures:
Old TestamentPastor D. S. President New TestamentPastor D. S. President
SoloMs. Violette Delly
PrayerPastor D. S. President
Reflections
Selection
Words of ComfortMinister Randolph Green
SoloMs. Violette Delly
Recessional Funeral Directors