

*Order of Service*  
*Reverend Karen E. Belton, Presiding*

Prelude-----  
Processional----- Clergy, Family and Friends  
Selection-----Minister Avril L. McQuilla  
Old and New Testament----- Reverend Jerome Boyd  
St. Luke Baptist Church  
Winnsboro, SC  
Reflections & Acknowledgements-----Sister Carol Roach  
Prayer -----Reverend Karen E. Belton  
Solo -----Minister Avril L. McQuilla  
Words of Comfort----- Reverend Karen Belton  
Victory International Ministries  
Camden, SC  
Recessional----- Funeral Directors

**Committal Rites**

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, SC 29229

*Floral Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Pall Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Willie “Bill” Peay acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting visits, special meals, floral tributes, and overwhelming expressions of love and kindness during this time of bereavement.

**I’m Free**

Don’t grieve for me for now I’m free,  
I’m following the path God laid for me.  
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 or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found my place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow:  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life’s been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one’s touch.  
Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:  
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.  
**Author - Anne Lindgren Davison**



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IN LOVING  
*Memory*



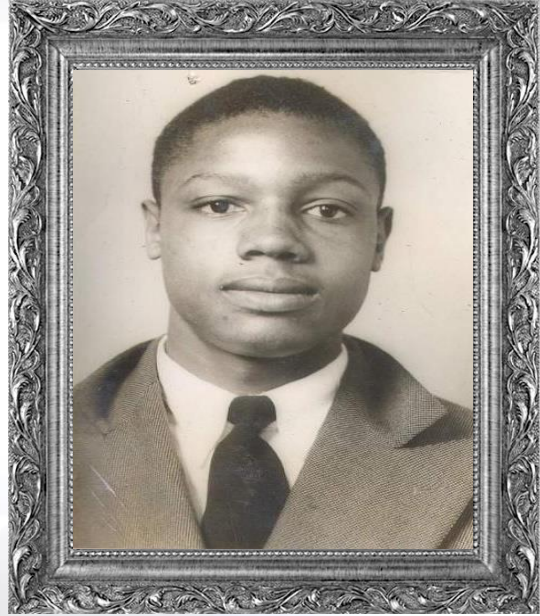
*Mr. Willie E. Peay, Sr.*  
June 28, 1928 – November 20, 2021

Monday, November 29, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
Nelson’s Funeral Home  
270 N. Dogwood Ave.  
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Reverend Karen Belton, Officiating



## Obituary



Mr. Willie Edward Peay, Sr., affectionately called “Bill” was born on June 28, 1928 to the late Moses and Nancy Ford Peay. “Bill” entered into eternal rest on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina at 93 years of age.

“Bill” was educated in Richland and Fairfield County schools and he attended Midlands Technical College. Willie served his country in both The United States Army and The United States Air Force and he retired after 20 years of service. He took pride in being a veteran and the opportunity to travel and see many parts of the world. While serving in the armed forces, he worked as an aviation mechanic and was an experienced paratrooper. He had a vast list of skills which included masonry, electrical, auto repair, and he knew how to use every type of tool. His very first job was as a barber and those earnings bought his very first car.

Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, playing the slot machines and telling stories that would keep you entertained for hours. He was a member of The Charity Club. A phrase he used while describing his life was “on the hill was roughing it.” If you visited or talked to him, he was one of the best storytellers. Whatever the occasion or casual conversation, Bill would manage to put a smile on your face or make you laugh.

Bill was the epitome of a great man. He was always the pillar of the family and he had a special bond with his siblings and their children, whom he treated as his very own. He was dependable, generous, reliable, resilient and possessed many remarkable traits. Bill was the type of person you knew that you could depend on without expecting anything in return. He was loved by many and was blessed with a life of longevity.

He leaves to cherish his memory a friend, companion and devoted wife, Barbaree Belton Peay; daughters, Sundra D. Peay of Detroit, Michigan, Nancy Burns of Raleigh, North Carolina, Ashley Peay of Ridgeway, South Carolina; sons, Willie Peay, Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina, Darryl Peay (Debie) of Colfax, California, Kevin R. Peay (Christina) of Ridgeway, South Carolina; three sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and numerous friends.

Willie was preceded in death by one son, Carl Peay of Detroit, Michigan; one daughter Connie Peay of Taylors, Michigan; four brothers, Lewis, Allen, Nick and Robert Peay; seven sisters, Isabel Smith, Mary Dreher, Mozelle Hudson, Thelma Brown, Ernestine Whitaker, Druetta Goodson and Elnora Montgomery.

*Although we lost our loved one, Heaven has gained a Hero.*

