

Pallbearers

Sons, Grandsons & Friends

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Weep Not For Me

*Weep not for me though I am gone
Into that gentle night. Grieve if you will, but not for long*

Upon my soul's sweet flight.

I am at peace, my soul's at rest

There is no need for tears.

For with your love, I was so blessed

For all those many years.

There is no pain, I suffer not,

The fear now all is gone.

Put now these things out of your thoughts,

In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath

Remember not the strife.

Please do not dwell upon my death,

But celebrate my life.

Acknowledgement

You have shown yourself to be loyal friends by words, deeds, and actions. A special thank you Cancer Specialist of North Florida – River City, A. C. Skinner Parkway; Vitas Healthcare – Hospice; Conviva - Northside. May God bless each of you.

~ The Family ~



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Celebrating The Life of

**DEACON
WILLIE W. KIRKLAND, JR.**

**SUNRISE
7/23/1947**

**SUNSET
2/19/2023**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 - 11:00 AM

**NEW SPIRIT FULL GOSPEL
WORD CHURCH
4511 SOUTEL DRIVE
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32208
BISHOP FOREST GILBERT, PASTOR**

**INTERMENT
RETLAWN MEMORIAL PARK**



Obituary

Deacon Willie W. Kirkland, well known as “Jr”, passed away peacefully February 19, 2023, with his loving and dedicated wife at his side. He was born to the late Willie Kirkland and Louise Kirkland McCloud July 23, 1947, in Jacksonville, Florida. Willie received his early education in the local public schools in Duval County, graduating from Stanton Vocational School. He was a truck driver all his adult life, retiring in 2008.

Willie accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member and served on the Deacon Ministry of New Spirit Full Gospel Word Church – he was a deacon and worship leader. Willie began his gospel singing with his mother’s group, The McCloud Gospel Singers. Later, Willie joined the family group, New Creation Gospel Singers. He also sang with Victory Gospel Singers, The Singing Souls, just to name a few.

He met Rosa Lee Simpkins at a gospel program, and they were later united in holy matrimony as husband and wife March 15, 1997. Willie, affectionately known for fishing especially with his sons out on the boat, barbecuing, and singing. His favorite basketball team was the Los Angeles Lakers and his favorite football team was Dallas Cowboys.

Deacon Willie Kirkland was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ephron Johnson; sister, Ruby Marie McCloud. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of twenty-five years, Rosa Kirkland; sons, Willie (Bobbie) Kirkland, William Kirkland; daughters, Deidra (David Jr.) Gardner, Tina Jenkins; eight grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; brothers, James (Cindy) Johnson, Pastor Stanley (Tangie) Johnson; sister, Pastor Wilhelmenia (Bishop Forest) Gilbert; sister-in-law, Lee Johnson; a loving and devoted aunt, Wylene Hughes; his dudes, David III & Donte Gardner; godson, Minister Horace (Sadie) Scott; best friend, Coach Freddie Stephens; a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends who loved him dearly.

Order of Service

Bishop Roderick Love, Presiding

<i>Processional</i>	<i>“I’ll Fly Away”</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Bishop Roosevelt Gamble III</i>
<i>Scriptures</i>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Elder Douglas Williams, Sr.</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Pastor A. L. Jordan, Sr.</i>
<i>Hymn</i>	<i>Evangelist Jackson</i>
<i>Reflections (2 minutes please)</i>	
<i>Resolutions/Expressions of Gratitude</i>	<i>Rosalyn Gilbert</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>“Glad I Got Jesus”</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>“Jesus Is All I Need”</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Bishop Forest Gilbert</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>“On My Way Home”</i>

