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### *Acknowledgment*

The family of Willie Ed McKnight expresses sincere thanks for acts of kindness and comfort during its bereavement.



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*Celebration of Life*  
*for*

# WILLIE ED McKNIGHT

SUNRISE  
3/25/1940

SUNSET  
3/17/2019



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019**  
**3:00 PM**

*Peoples Funeral Chapel*

707 Vinson Boulevard  
Whiteville, North Carolina

**PASTOR TONY BELL, EULOGIST**

## Obituary

**Willie Ed McKnight**, son of the late James and Lue Esther McKnight, was born March 25, 1940 in Loris, South Carolina. He departed from this life on February 17, 2019 after a long illness.

Willie received his religious experience from Silent Grove Baptist Church. He was a willing participant in the youth activities. He attended elementary and high school in Loris, South Carolina.

In his early adulthood, he met and married Ella Mae Shaw. This union produced two children. After many years of marriage, they grew apart and went their separate ways.

Willie was gainfully employed at several prestigious construction companies.

Because of his work ethic, he gained favor from his employers. He stayed employed until his health started failing.

He was an affable person. Willie liked telling jokes and hanging out with his friends. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time with his mother.

In 2002, he met Minnie B. Ingram. Shortly after, she became his fiancée and they were inseparable. In the last eight to ten years when his health turned for the worse, Minnie hung in there with him every step of the way during doctor visits and hospital stays.

During his illness, Minnie would always remember, and sometimes recite the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm to him, and hum the tune of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Willie Ed leaves to cherish fond memories, his children, Marcella Jones of Mullins, South Carolina, Willie, Jr. (Cynthia) and Jonathan; stepdaughter, Eugenia Pajardo (Enrique); eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren, brothers, Ronald (Rebecca) and Archie of Bronx, New York, Johnny of Baltimore, Maryland, and Wilson (Jannie) of Abingdon, Maryland; eleven nephews, six nieces, a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lue Esther McKnight; brothers, James, Jr., Samuel, Donald, and Albert; and his only sister, Pearl.

## Order of Service

2:30 – 3:00 PM.....VISITATION

HYMN

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Ms. Angelica McKnight

New Testament.....Ms. Jessica McKnight

PRAYER .....Kenneth Troy

SELECTION.....Ernest and Sharon Troy

POEM.....Ms. Carol McKnight

REMARKS (2 Minutes).....Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Ms. Dawn Vaughn

SELECTION.....Ernest and Sharon Troy

## Eulogy

**PASTOR TONY BELL**

~ Mortician in Charge ~

RECESSIONAL



*Service of Committal and Interment*

**WELCHES CREEK CEMETERY**

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