

Floral Bearers and Pallbearers
Family and friends

Ushers

Love Grove FreeWill Baptist Church Ushers and Others

W...is for strong willed warrior

I ... I Will

L...Love

L...Life

I ...Inspirational

A...Achiever

M...Motivated

D...Determined

R...Reliable

A...Abundance

Y...Yes

T...Trailblazer

O...Oldest

N....Nice



Acknowledgement

Our family expresses sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy rendered during our time of bereavement.

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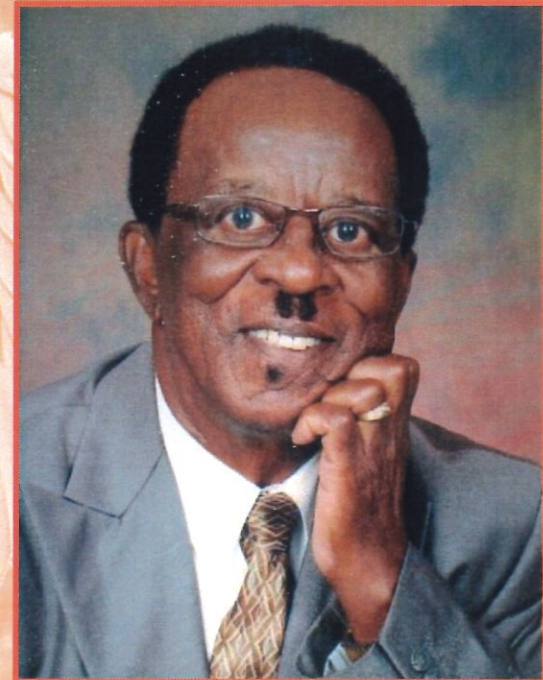
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Homegoing Service

William Allen Drayton

Sunrise: August 12, 1937 ~ Sunset: March 18, 2022



Saturday, March 26, 2022
1:00 PM

Love Grove Baptist Church

1763 Millie-Christine Road - Whiteville, North Carolina

Elder Ronald Brown, Pastor, Officiant
Reverend James Lee Smith, Eulogist

Order of Service

God does all things well.

William Allen Drayton departed this earthly life on Friday, March 18, 2022, at his home in Whiteville, NC. He was born August 12, 1937 in Columbus County to Willie Drayton and Bernice Baldwin Drayton.

William had 40 years of employment with E.E. Cruz Construction Company as an Operating Engineer for Local 14-14B, Local 825.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Gloria Joyce Jenkins. This union was blessed with six children. After her death, he met and married Margaret Chestnut.

His lifelong passion was fishing. He was a good friend to everyone he met. To know him was to love him. He was a loving person.

He leaves to cherish memories, his wife, Margaret Chestnut Drayton; sons; Willie Drayton, Vincent Drayton, Robert Drayton, Michael Drayton, and Jeffrey Drayton (Tracie); daughter; Joyce Drayton-Hatcher; two stepsons, two stepdaughters, 26 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 12 great great-grandchildren, 14 step-grandchildren, brothers; Horace (Bert), Leon (Renee), and Floyd (Betty); sisters, Macie, Gracie, Willie Mae, Veora, Shirley, and Drucilla (James); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many more family members and friends.

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 that place in the early part of the day.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much; Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah, yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Perhaps my time 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!

Obituary

The Prelude
Musician

Processional
Clergy and Family

Hymn

Old Testament
Reverend Anthony Q. Jones

New Testament
Elder Jesse Troy

Prayer of Comfort
Reverend Fredrick W. Bryant

Selection
Choir

Remarks-
(2 minutes)
The Church - Deacon Ernest Lee Troy
His Friends - Mrs. Michael Troy

Acknowledgments
Mrs. LaVerne B. George

Solo
Miss Latoya Drayton

The Eulogy
Reverend James Lee Smith
Mt. Calvary #2, Little River, SC

~ Mortician in Charge ~

Service of Committal and Interment
The Chestnut Cemetery
Lewis Burchett Road - Whiteville, NC

The family invites you to return to the church for a repast.