

## Obituary

Willie Allan Upshaw was born on November 1, 1935 to Kara Lee Scott and John Allan Upshaw in Fort Worth, Texas. Following the death of his father at the age of two, his mother moved closer to her family in San Antonio, Texas where he was baptized at Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church.

Willie graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School in 1955. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a boiler operator aboard the USS Lexington until 1959. He subsequently spent time in the naval reserve and was briefly called back to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

In early 1967, Willie met the love of his life, Dorothy Brown, at Ft. Sam Houston where they both worked. Following a brief courtship and engagement, the two were joined in matrimony on November 24, 1967. Their union was blessed with two children, Kelli and Ryan.

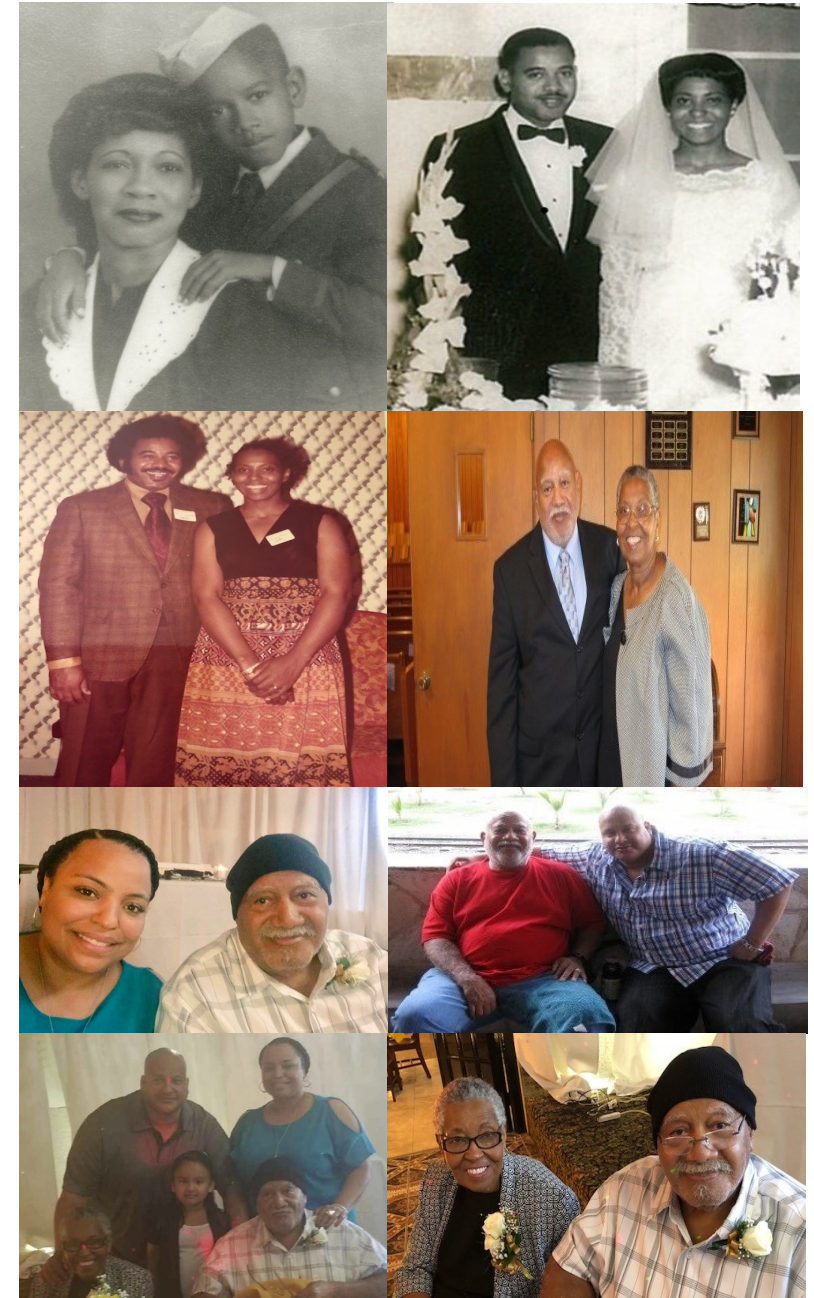
Willie was a strong provider for his family. After completing his military service, Willie worked in Texas Pharmaceutical Company's warehouse for twenty years. He spent another twenty-five years as a bottler for Pearl Brewing Company until his retirement. Willie has spent the last fifteen years enjoying his retirement by spending time with his wife and watching his favorite westerns and game shows until the wee hours of the morning. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party and rededication to each other in November 2017.

Following a brief illness, Willie departed his earthly body on June 29, 2018 with his wife, daughter and son by his side. Willie is survived by his wife, Dorothy Upshaw; his children, Kelli Marie Upshaw and Ryan Allan Upshaw; his granddaughter, Ariana Upshaw; along with a host of relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

<b>Prelude</b>	
<b>Processional</b>	Minsters and Family
<b>Scriptures</b>	Pastors Earl and Ava Fulmer The Clarion Call Christian Ctr.
<b>Prayer</b>	Pastor Dietrich Alexander East End Baptist Church
<b>Musical Selection</b>	Bro. James Bennett Bro. Harry Page
<b>Reflections</b>	Dorothy Upshaw
<b>Remarks</b> <i>(Please limit to two minutes)</i>	
<b>Musical Selection</b>	Bro. James Bennett Bro. Harry Page
<b>Eulogy</b>	Pastor C. Victor Herbin, Jr. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
<b>Recessional</b>	

## Memories



## ***Miss Me, But Let Me Go***

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.*

## ***Pallbearers***

*Kaseem Piedra  
Elijah Grady  
Raymond Kelly*

*Clint Lewis  
Lonnie Sanders  
Willie Kelly*

## ***Interment***

*Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
10:45 a.m.  
Rev. Earl Fulmer, Officiating Minister*

## ***Acknowledgments***

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card  
or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,  
If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
As any friends could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us this day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.  
The Upshaw Family*

## ***Funeral Arrangements***

*Lewis Funeral Home*

## ***A Celebration of the Life of Willie Allan Upshaw***



***Sunrise:***

*November 1, 1935*

***Sunset:***

*June 29, 2018*

***Monday, July 9, 2018***

***12:00 P.M.***

*Lewis Funeral Home Chapel  
811 South W.W. White Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78220*

***Pastor C. Victor Herbin, Jr.***  
*Officiating Minister*