

The Obituary

Willie Elijah Campbell was born on April 18, 1968, to Wanda Jean Campbell and Willie E. Sheard. Willie was brought home to his loving and doting grandparents the late David and Alberta Campbell. He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother, Ziffie Hines Covington, stepfather Andrew Jones, and uncles Elijah “Buddy” Campbell, James English, and John Shaw. He departed this life on January 19, 2023, after a seven-year battle with cancer.

Willie was well-loved by all who knew him. He loved his family. From a young age, he developed a strong work ethic by doing yard work with his grandfather. His favorite thing was attending family dinners every fourth Sunday at Aunt Birtha’s. Willie attended Southern Pines Elementary and Southern Pines Middle Schools. He graduated from Pinecrest High School and was a proud member of the class of 1986. Willie had a love for football. He played little league, middle and high school football. He was a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Willie joined First Missionary Baptist Church. No matter where life took him, this was his home. He sang in the male choir, was a member of Soldiers for Christ, church security, and was Armor Bearer to Pastor Joshua Haire. He was a faithful member even when his health was failing. Willie loved the Lord. Even in pain, he would be on his post, cane and all.

Willie was a Mason and Eastern Star. He was a member of Cornerstone Lodge #67 and Golden Star #84. He was a past Worship Master of Cornerstone Lodge #67, Worthy Patron of Golden Star #84, and Council Patron for District 26.

Willie always had a smile. He was always trying to make someone else feel better. He checked on family, friends, and church members even when his own health was failing. He loved life. Willie was employed at Totally Committed Diabetic Supply in Southern Pines.

Willie leaves to cherish his fiancé, Sandra Dunn; his mother and stepfather, Wanda and Ronald Cameron; his children Willie Campbell Jr., Michael D. Campbell, George E. Owens Jr., and Lawanda Campbell; step-children Jeremy Chavis, Joshua Chavis, and Joanna Armstrong; sisters Bertha Mae Mincer, Tara Sheard, Shaniele Sheard, and Willette Sheard; brothers Gregory Bauldrick (Sharon) and Vincent Bauldrick (Linda); aunts Birtha C. Shaw, Linda C. English, and Venus Campbell; nieces Tyhera Mincer, Salah Lucas; nephews Devon McMillan, Delmarquis McMillan, and Decorian Lucas. Cousins he considered siblings Shuris Campbell, Victoria Campbell, Michael Cameron (Tijuana), James Upchurch, and Lori Knight (David). He also leaves a host of younger cousins he called his nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

Time To Come Home
**“Time to come home,” is what God whispered to you.
He did not want you to suffer anymore.
He reached out His hand for yours,
As your spirit followed Him to the Kingdom door.
With tears in our eyes and hurt in our hearts,
We watched you slowly fade away.
As much as it pained us to let you go
We knew that you couldn’t stay.
Your beautiful heart stopped beating
You took your final breath,
Your strong but frail body
was finally put to rest.
The Family**

**The hardest thing for me to do is bury you in the ground.
You meant the world to me. There is no one who will ever
replace you because you will always be the man of my
dreams. Love, Sandra**

**I can’t believe you’re gone; I’d keep you here if I could son.
It pains me to accept the fact, but now I’ve understood.
Nothing in this world is forever, good or bad. But at least
you’re safe in Heaven, for which I am glad. Your sadness
and pain have finally ended. Love, Mom**

**We have come together to celebrate your life. You were a
loving father, son, and friend. You have touched so many
lives with your gentle soul, you were the kindest person
with a heart of gold. We’ve come to pay our final respects
for everything you’ve done. You made life worth living and
we can’t believe you are actually gone. We will carry you in
spirit until the very end. Rest in peace our precious Willie,
until we meet again.**



Order of Service

- Processional Clergy & Family
- Selection..... FMBC Praise Team
- Prayer of Comfort Deacon Halbert Kearns
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament Joshua Chavis
 - New Testament..... Deacon Norman Morris
- Solo Reverend Willie E. Sheard
- Obituary..... Read Silently
- Acknowledgments Ms. Tessie Taylor
- Solo Ms. Shuris Campbell
- Resolutions
- RemarksPlease limit to two minutes)
- SoloMr. Ryan Haire
- Eulogy..... Dr. Joshua J. Haire Jr.
- Recessional

Interment
Mt. Hope Cemetery
405 W Morganton Rd
Southern Pines, North Carolina

Floral Attendants
Sisters of Golden Star #84, Order of Eastern Stars

Casket Attendants
Brothers of Cornerstone Lodge #67, Mason

Acknowledgments
Of great comfort during our sorrow were the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.
The Family



MCLEOD FUNERAL HOME

Southern Pines Location

151 S Hardin Street | Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Willie E.
CAMPBELL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

2:00 PM

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

315 S GAINES STREET

SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA

DR. JOSHUA J. HAIRE JR., PASTOR

