

William Henry Dotson "B:11. ON"

Sunrise:// February 21, 1955 Sunset:

November 29, 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Wake: 2:00 P.M.

Service: 3:00 P.M.

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Life Reflections of William Henry Dotson

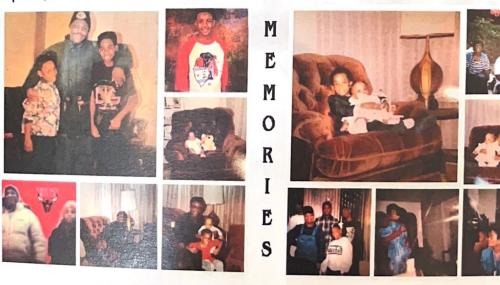
William Henry Dotson was born on February 21, 1955, to Ida Mae Dotson and William Butts. Bill received his education by the Chicago Public School System. He attended Wadsworth Elementary School and Hyde Park High School. Later, he attended the Illinois Bell Training Center and became a Repair Technician until he retired in 2003 after more than three decades of service.

In 1970, he met Arduria Willis. They later married and had two children, son William (Bug) and daughter Ashante (Shanni Boo). Bill was a proud father and adored his children. He always said his children would never want for anything and he stayed true to that promise. Bill and Durie always instilled in Bug and Shanni that their education will decide their future: "ain't nothing hard unless you make it hard". They got a good return on that.

Bill was gifted with many talents, especially electrical; that was his trade. In the community, he was known as Pops and the neighborhood handyman. Bill was always pleasant, funny, and kind to people. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. Bill's other favorite pastime was fishing. He truly loved the sport.

Bill will truly be missed by his family, friends and all the lives he touched. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Ida Mae Dotson and William Butts; a granddaughter, Imani Dotson; brothers, Ledell and Ishmael Dotson; sister, Dorothy Dotson; and nephew, Zabias Willis.

Bill leaves to moum: his wife, Arduria; son, William; daughter, Ashante (Ray); sister, Ruthie Dotson; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Willis and Lydia Metcalf; special sister, Sheila Wharton; three special daughters, Zakiya Willis, Danielle Wharton and Dianna Cotton; big son, Andre (Lerhonda); and three grandchildren, William "BJ" (Buddy Buddy), Azhane (Azh) and Akaii (Kai). He also leaves a large host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



~ Order of Service ~

Processional Presentation

Eulogy Benediction













For all of us that knew Billy D, you know he would say don't come here screaming or crying because I'm gone. I had a great life, but it's over. I want you to celebrate my life now and live yours. I made my transition and I will be reunited with my two best buddies, Donald "Lil John" Jackson

and David Castile.

Bug, always remember what I said, don't get in no trouble and Shanni, I will crack some heads for you.

BJ, make sure you keep them in line. Azhi and Akaii, stay pretty and smart like you are.

And to my big son Andre, you're the man now; don't be sad. Pops will always love you and will be watching over you.

P.S. I'm also going to see Grandma Cynthia who always told your mom, "You better not go up to the 8th floor, yeehee!! But I still got her.

Daddy, I am really gonna miss seeing you standing in the door waiting for me to pull up and you jamming to my dusties. I know that we are on borrowed time, but I truly wish I could have one more day with you just to hug you and tell you that you are my favorite person in the world and feed you Italian Fiesta pizza with extra everything. I know I will see you again so rest peacefully, Daddy, until I get there, because it's party time when I make it...Love you forever and always. Your Daughter, Your Baby Girl, Shanni-boo.

Thank you for being my Pop-Pop Love, Your Granddaughter, Akaii

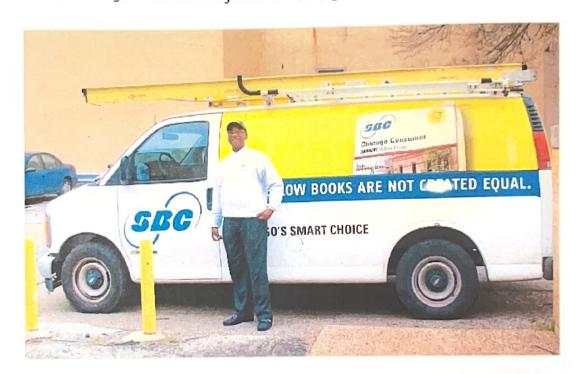


Even thought you have gained your wings and started a new journey in life, you left behind some great memories that are filled with love, smiles happiness and laughter. I remember days during the summer where we would get ice cream from the ice cream truck, sit outside on the porch and crack jokes for hours. You never failed to put a smile on my face. That's the memories I'm going to hold on to and cherish. Thank you for being an amazing grandfather and a kind man overall. I love you, Pop-Pop.

Love Your Granddaughter, Azh.

Pop-Pop, I cherish the times we spent together. I will remember them forever. I will forever utilize the things you taught me. You're gone now, but you will be with us forever. You live in my heart.

You will be with me forever. Love, You Grandson, Buddy Buddy



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~ Acknowledgment ~

The family of William Henry Dotson wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your calls of comfort and the many expressions of love shown in our time of bereavement.



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