



## Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr.

November 9, 1951 - August 9, 2021

Brother Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr fulfilled his earthly tasks and was called home to rest on Monday August 9, 2021. Junior (as he was affectionately known) was 69 years young, born on November 9, 1951 in Kingstree, South Carolina to the late Elder Willie DeCoster Sr. and Gussie Roberta Kennedy DeCoster. He received his higher education in Washington, DC, completed coursework at the University of the District of Columbia, along with earning a Realtors License; and was an Ordained Divine Minister in the Moorish Science Temple of America (MST of A), Inc. Junior was an avid entrepreneur and business owner who owned/managed several independent businesses.

In 1982, Junior proclaimed his Nationality as a Moorish-American in the MST of A receiving the Tribal name of El to signify his Moorish Heritage. The MST of A is a lawfully chartered organization founded in 1913 by Our Prophet Noble Drew Ali. The Organization teaches us to learn to love instead of to hate. Brother W. DeCoster-El, Jr. served as a Chairman for Temple No. 71 for many years and in Temple No. 77 he served in the Chairman position and as Secretary for many years. Both Temples are located in Washington, D.C. He also was a Mufti in the MST of A Organization serving as Major of the Eastern Region of the United States. He embraced and had Faith in the teachings of Prophet and Founder of the MST of A, Noble Drew Ali which emphasizes Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Every Friday (Holy Day) and Sunday (Sunday School Classes) Brother DeCoster-EL, Jr. would dedicate

himself to the Moorish Science Temple of America. Whether in person or on a Zoom call, he was in attendance.

Junior was a family man. Although, he did not celebrate outside of the Moorish-American Holidays, Thanksgiving was his favorite time of the year. Every year, he would mention how he was so happy to go over his siblings' homes, sister Peggie or brother James to fellowship with his family which was a tradition that started in November 1988! Along with the family tradition, he made a commitment to his children. He would drive across town at least 4 days a week just to spend time with his children/grandchildren. He enjoyed the outdoors so he would go to the park as much as he could or go to his oldest son, Rashid's backyard, grab his chair and just sit back enjoying the weather. Junior was a wise strategic thinker who always placed serving others first. He believed in giving back to the ones in need so he would volunteer by doing fundraisers and clothes/food drives with many institutions including Bread For The City, University of the District of Columbia, S.O.M.E, Moorish Science Temple of America and plenty more!

Willie DeCoster-El, Jr. had a heart of gold and will forever be missed. Those that remain to cherish his loving memory, wisdom and celebrate his life are his lifelong partner, Charlotte Peoples, his sons Rashid, Rashad (deceased), Rakeem Peoples, daughters Latarsha Green, Rasikhah, and Rashida Peoples. Also, he cherished his 10 grandchildren Takiya, Tyrik, Taniya, Xavier, Tyquan, Ariana, Xavion, Sydni, Sevyn, and Ahmir. He leaves his siblings, (brothers) Adam (Elaine-deceased) Kennedy of York, PA, John DeCoster of Norristown, PA, Pastor James (Dr. Tijuanna) DeCoster of Glenn Dale, MD, Frederick DeCoster of Rome, GA, Michael (Sandrel) DeCoster of Norristown, PA, and Marlon DeCoster of San Diego, CA, (sisters) Freda DeCoster of Columbia, SC, Peggie (Minister Leonard) Shuler of Suitland MD, Eunice (Elder Bernard) Giles of Florence, SC, Jean DeCoster of Portland, OR, Celestine (Thomas) Chandler of Deerfield Beach, FL and Dr. Gwendolyn

(Elder Tony) Alexander of Memphis, TN, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, close friends, and family, from the Moorish Science Temple of America nationwide.

Willie DeCoster-EL Jr, generosity and good heart will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

"In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to:

So Others Might Eat (SOME)

71 O St. NW

Washington, DC 20001

202-797-8806

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD  
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

### Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Willie Decoster EL, Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - August 18, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Evans family** - August 23, 2021 at 04:03 AM



“ *To the Decoster Family, Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal..Know that God makes no mistakes. Lean Totally on God for Strength, for it is only He that can take you through. And always remember, He Promise Never to Leave Us Nor Forsake Us..Take Him at His Words and Be Blessed..With a Sorrowful Heart, Pearlie M. Dozier*



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**Pearlie Dozier Pendergrass** - August 21, 2021 at 06:37 AM

MS

“ Prayers to the Decoster family. KSH Alumni/Martha Scott.

Martha Scott - August 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr..



August 20, 2021 at 04:26 PM

HW

“ Cousins and Family,  
We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to each of you!  
Cousins, Herb, Linda & Lauren Wyatt

Herbert Wyatt - August 20, 2021 at 08:52 AM

JD

“ Sending love and prayers to all of you . . .  
The clock of life is wound but once and no one has the power to tell  
just when the hand will stop. My Deepest Condolences!  
Cousin James E. DeCosta

James DeCosta - August 20, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JD

“ James E. DeCosta sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr.



James E. DeCosta - August 19, 2021 at 09:13 PM

HW

“ *Herbert Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr.*



Herbert Wyatt - August 19, 2021 at 09:09 PM

CD

“ *Cousin James E. DeCosta sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie DeCoster-EL, Jr.*



Cousin James E. DeCosta - August 19, 2021 at 09:05 PM

CD

*Sending love and prayers to all of you . . .  
The clock of life is wound but once an no one has the power to tell just  
when the hand will stop.  
My Deepest Condolences!!*

*Cousin James E. DeCosta*

Cousin James E. DeCosta - August 19, 2021 at 09:06 PM

MM

“ *We The McCrea 's , Barr, & McFarlin families sent our heartfelt  
sorrow and condolences doing the time of sorrow, we know very  
well that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. You guys will  
forever be in our prayers* ❤️❤️🕊️🕊️

Mary Mcfarlin - August 17, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - August 13, 2021 at 11:21 AM

PS

*I will forever keep your memories in my heart. Going to miss your smile, knowledge, and most of all your wisdom. Take your rest and know that we are missing you dearly. Love Sis!*

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**Peggie DeCoster Shuler** - August 18, 2021 at 10:41 PM

CD

*Sending love and prayers to all of you . . .  
The clock of life is wound but once an no one has the power to tell just when the hand will stop.  
My Deepest Condolences!!*

*Cousin James E. DeCosta*

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**Cousin James E. Decosta** - August 19, 2021 at 09:02 PM

HW

*Cousins and Family,  
We extend our Deepest heartfelt Sympathy to each of you!*

*Cousins Herb, Linda and Lauren Wyatt*

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**Herbert Wyatt** - August 19, 2021 at 09:04 PM

HW

*We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family.*

*Herb, Linda, Lauren Wyatt*

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**Herbert Wyatt** - August 21, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JD

*Sending love and prayers to all of you . . .  
"The clock of life is wound but once; and no one has the power to tell  
just when the hand will stop." My Deepest Condolences!  
Cousin James E. DeCosta*

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**James E. DeCosta** - August 21, 2021 at 12:35 PM

LW

*Sending love and prayers to all of you . . .  
"The clock of life is wound but once and no one has the power to tell  
just when the hand will stop."*

*My Deepest Condolences!*

*Cousins James E. DeCosta*

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**Linda Wyatt** - August 21, 2021 at 01:29 PM