



Willie J. McCrae, Sr.

October 18, 1940 - November 11, 2013

Celebrating His Life

Willie James McCrae, Sr. was born the last of ten children to the late Fred McCrae and Polly Ann Pouncy on October 18, 1940 in Tatum, South Carolina. After relocating to Bennettsville, South Carolina where he attended school through the eleventh grade, he was also a school bus driver. Willie was an active member of the Macedonia Baptist Church where he served as an usher. While attending a basketball game at Eastside High School, he met the love of his life, Jessie L. Williams. They were united in holy matrimony on August 8, 1960.

Willie always held the belief that no one had ever died, that he knew of, from of hard work. For this reason, he always held at least two jobs. On August 14, 1960, they moved to Washington, DC, and within one week, Willie was employed at Warner E. Pumphrey Funeral Home and Guilford Ice Cream Company in Silver Spring, MD. After two years, he went to work for the Capitol Cadillac dealership. Over the years he also worked at Westland Printing Company, the Kennedy Theatre as a projectionist until 1970. From 1970-1990 he worked for the US. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Support Services Division. He also drove for various chartered bus companies traveling across the United States and to Canada for twenty years on a part-time basis, which was probably the most enjoyable position he ever held. Willie worked as an offset printer in a civilian capacity at Walter Reed Army Medical Center retiring

in 2000. On March 11, 2001, he began a new occupation at the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) and once again retired in 2007.

Throughout his federal and local government careers, he received numerous performance awards, certificates, and other recognition.

Continuing a Christian commitment from his youth, Willie was an active member at the Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, New Southern Rock Baptist Church, serving as an usher, and later being united with the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Jerry A. Moore, Jr. Until he was unable to regularly attend because of failing health, he served in the Media and Homeless Ministries and was a part-time driver for the Transportation Ministry under the current leadership of Dr. Derrick Harkins.

Willie was a well-liked and respected member of the church, community, in the workplace, and in the home. He would occasionally take as many neighborhood children as he could to the beach, on picnics and other outings. At home, he was a devoted husband, a caring and loving father, and a firm disciplinarian. Willie's love extended to surrogate children who have claimed him as their father. He looked out for the elderly and widows, and often shoveled their snow and tended to their lawns, since he had such a "green thumb." In 1995, while cutting an elderly couple's grass, he suffered a massive heart attack, but was discovered by a caring neighbor who lives next door, and immediately summoned emergency medical attention, allowing us to have him many years hence.

Willie loved and adored his family, those residing near and far, and the laughter, love and special times we've shared will forever remain in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

19th St. Baptist Church
460616th St. NW
Washington, DC

Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie J. McCrae, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Jessie and the McCrae family. I pray God's blessings upon you.*

Melony McCullough - November 19, 2013 at 11:15 PM



“ *Dear McCrae family, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers going up for you all. May he rest in peace.*

Linda Pennington - November 19, 2013 at 10:25 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find comfort in God's word and fond memories.*

Shadonna Logan

Shadonna Logan - November 18, 2013 at 11:17 PM

RB

“ I am sitting here thinking of the right words to say, but nothing is coming out. Nothing I say will make it any easier. I wish I could have been with you during this time to show how much I love you. Losing my mom and father was very hard on me. There are days when I am good and then days when I have to find a corner to cry in. It gets better over time. Remember the good times and cherish those memories. It will help you get through. Love you and you are always in my prayers.



Ruby bridges - November 18, 2013 at 08:52 AM

KI

“ Our prayers and love go out to the McCrae family. May God keep you during this time.
The Belcher Family

Kamille Isom - November 18, 2013 at 02:29 AM

GL

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you in this time. May you have a peace that passeth all understanding and rest on the assurances of God's promises.

Gloria - November 17, 2013 at 02:36 PM

PR

“ To: Mrs. McCrae, Terra and Family, My deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband, dad and grandfather. Mr. McCrae always had a pleasant smile when greeting someone. I remember the first time I met him, I said how much Terra favored him and he smiled with such joy. God be with you all in days to come and may God strengthen you...you are in my thoughts and prayers family!

Paulette and Family!

Paulette Robinson - November 17, 2013 at 02:11 PM

PR

“ Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Willie J. McCrae, Sr.



Paulette Robinson - November 17, 2013 at 01:56 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.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - November 13, 2013 at 11:19 AM