

## *Pallbearers*

H.A. Hunt High School  
Class of 1966

## *Flower Attendants*

Edwards Small Funeral Home Staff

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of **Willie Louis Marshall** wishes to express its deepest gratitude for the prayers, kind words, expressions of love, and thoughtful gestures during this time of bereavement. You have been a blessing, and we are thankful. Our prayer is that our Heavenly Father bestows blessings upon each of you for your acts of kindness.

**THE FAMILY**

### **LIFE IS BUT A STOPPING PLACE**

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.

For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,

And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.

~ Author unknown



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



February 16, 1948 – August 23, 2025

## **WILLIE LOUIS MARSHALL**

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL**  
1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

**EULOGIST**  
Pastor Timothy Chapman



# Remembering Willie

**Willie L. “Will” Marshall**, 77, peacefully transitioned this earthly life to rest in the arms of the Savior on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

Will was born in Peach County, Ga. on February 16,1948 to the late Washington Marshall Sr. and Flora Bell Johnson Marshall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 12 brothers and 1 sister.

He graduated from H.A. Hunt High School in 1966. He was a proud veteran, who honorably served his country in the United States Army. In his life he faced and overcame some challenges. His story is one of redemption, strength, and faith. He wasn’t what one would call a religious man, but he believed in God and knew how to call on him. In his later years, he became a man of peace and deep conviction – an example of the power of transformation and God’s grace. He was a man who didn’t remain a stranger. Will was outgoing and knew how to fit in and make friends. He was fun, loving and enjoyed many hours of pleasure riding his bike with bike clubs and at the time of transition was a member of the Low Riders Bike Club.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a strongly committed wife Dorothy Williams of Greenville, NC. Five children: Brian (Jolynn) of Kingston, NY, Melanie of Bonaire, GA., Jeffrey of Greenville, NC., Nickie (Renaldo) of Byron, GA., and Nina (Trenton) of Bonaire, GA; long-time special friend, Gayle Wilson; seventeen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; siblings: Washington Marshall Jr. and Mary Green both of Fort Valley, GA; four sisters-in-law: Annie Marshall of Byron, GA., Doris Marshall and Shirley Marshall-Ragin both of Fort Valley, GA., Carolyn Marshall of Fort Valley, GA and Melvina Marshall; a special niece, Lenie McGowan of Foley, Alabama; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who will forever remember his love, his laughter, and his legacy.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Musical Selection.... “Choose Ye This Day” by Shirley Caesar

Scripture Reading

New Testament.....Deonna Buckley (grandson)

Old Testament.....Pastor Calvin Ezell

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Calvin Ezell

Poem.....Melanie (Daughter)

## *Reflections / Tributes of Remembrance*

Family and Friends are invited to share (Please limit remarks to 1-2 mins per person so that all may have an opportunity to share)

Musical Selection.....Enrique Colon(grandson)

Eulogy.....Pastor Tim Chapman

Acknowledgments.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Military Honors

Recessional

## *Interment*

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
1854 Willow Lake Road  
Fort Valley, GA

## *Repast*

Nickie Richardson’s Home/daughter  
112 Simmons St.  
Byron, Georgia