



In endless nights, beneath the moon's cold glare,  
 Across vast plains, a trucker's solemn fare.  
 With cargo heavy, and the road unkind,  
 Each mile a battle, waged in heart and mind.

Through storms that rage, and winds that fiercely blow,  
 They steer their rigs where lesser souls won't go.  
 With every hill, and every treacherous bend,  
 Their spirits tire, but will not break or bend.

For those who think this path is just a choice,  
 Have never heard the longing in their voice.  
 The call of home, a whisper in their ear,  
 With every journey, what they lose is clear.

Yet, steadfast still, they push through every plight,  
 Their headlights piercing through the darkest night.  
 A testament to will, strength, and industry,  
 The trucker's road, a path of hardship, free.

In silence, they bear burdens unseen, vast,  
 Each journey might as well be their last.  
 But on they go, for duty calls them forth,  
 Unsung heroes of the road, heading north.

Love Your Son,  
 Willie Jr.

# Pallbearers

Demarcus Banks      Ed Kornegay  
 John Clyde            Louis Rogers  
 Jason Compton      Parrish Strickland

# Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

# Acknowledgments

We would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your prayers that have helped to strengthen and keep us during this most difficult time. Continue to pray that God will keep us encouraged and strengthened. May God continue to bless each of You. We love you.

## The Family



## REPAST

Rogers Residence  
 Fort Valley, GA

## Arrangements Entrusted To:



**Edwards Small Mortuary**  
*"Committed to Excellence"*  
 1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
 (478) 825-8700

<https://www.edwardssmallmortuary.com/>

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



## Willie James Rogers, Sr.

APRIL 7, 1950 - OCTOBER 29, 2025

## EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY

Greater Cathedral of Praise Ministries  
 1440 Camp John Hope Rd, Fort Valley, GA 31030

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 AT 3.30PM**



# REMEMBERING WILLIE

*“A Life of Hard Work, Strength, and Enduring Love”*

**Willie James West Rogers** was born in Macon County on April 7, 1950, to the late Annie Maude West Larry and Junior Rogers. From a young age, Willie carried a strong work ethic, a determined spirit, and a deep love for his family that would define his life.

Willie was educated in the Macon County School System. After leaving high school, he pursued a career that he grew to love—over-the-road trucking for over 50 years. With dedication and resilience, he eventually became a partner with his son and daughter as they established Sparky’s Trucking LLC, which was in memory of his late son Desmond (Sparky) Rogers, a testament to his hard work and commitment to achieving his goals.

Willie was a man of deep faith. He served faithfully as a **Deacon at the Church of God by Faith in Byron, Georgia**, where he dedicated his time, support, and service to the ministry and his church family. He also attended St. Paul Baptist Church in Marshallville, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, brothers, Johnny Clark and Eddie Wade; grandmother, Lillian Grant; uncle, Marvin Grant; and aunt, Georgia Mae Barnes.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Gloria Jean Rogers; daughters: Tawanna, Cassandra (Bernard), Sammi (Kim), Christi, Shanika, and Shondria; sons, Willie Jr., Stephon, and Spencer (Tasha). He also embraced and deeply loved his bonus children: Janesa, Jabari, Terrance, Natasha, Orenthal, and Natoya.

He is remembered with love by his sisters-in-law: Barbara, Lizzie, Catherine, Josie (Keith), Yvonne, Dorothy (James), Charlene (Milton), Myrtice (Willie), Dorothy, and Eva; and brother-in-law, Eddie James Burke.

His legacy continues through his grandchildren: Keylander, Ashley, Kiana, Sky, Cashlin, Lauryn, London, Chris, Jacques, Lajian, Da’Angelo, Michandra, Ashanti, Kewana, Kim Jr., D’Nautica, Kyia, ReRe, Jaleah, and Kennedy; and his great-grandchildren: Ava, Keshawn, Carter, Ryleigh, Ryan, Lathan, and Liam; God-daughter, Zoeria.

Willie also shared a lifelong and devoted friendship with his best friend, Jason Compton, and is remembered fondly by a host of relatives and friends.

Willie James West Rogers lived a life defined by strength, perseverance, and love. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.



*Family*

*like branches on a tree,  
we all grow in different directions  
yet our roots remain as one.*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
Greater Cathedral of Praise Choir

**PRAYER**  
Pastor Lorenzo Harris

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Old & New Testament...Pastor William Fambro

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
Greater Cathedral of Praise Choir

**WORDS OF REFLECTION**  
(2 minutes)

**SOLO**  
Sis. Helen Williams

**EULOGY**  
Bishop Timothy Deas

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

**RECESSIONAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Interment**

**Willow Lake Memorial Gardens**  
1854 Willow Lake Road  
Fort Valley, GA 31030