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ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

EARTHLY BED OF SLUMBER WITH MILITARY HONORS

Oakridge No. 1 Cemetery
394 NW Meeting Avenue
Madison, Florida 32340

REPAST

Immediately following the Interment, the Family invites you to join them for a Repast in the Damascus Missionary Baptist Church Annex.

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The Family of *Brother Willie Howard Williams* would like to express our deepest appreciation and heart-felt gratitude to all who have offered their prayers, support, and comforting condolences during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love, along with the strength of God, for they have both helped to sustain us through our sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9 ...

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

~The Williams Family



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detailed. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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A FAITH WELL KEPT,
A LOVE EVERLASTING

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

U.S. VETERAN

Willie
HOWARD
Williams



CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

Saturday, October 11, 2025
3:00 Post Meridiam

DAMASCUS MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

185 SW Smith Street
Madison, Florida 32340

Rev. Gregory Williams, Pastor | Gracious Host
Rev. Dr. Charlie Barfield, Eulogist
J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

DAY OF JOY

July 11, 1961

DAY OF PEACE

October 4, 2025

Willie Howard Williams JULY 11, 1961 – OCTOBER 4, 2025

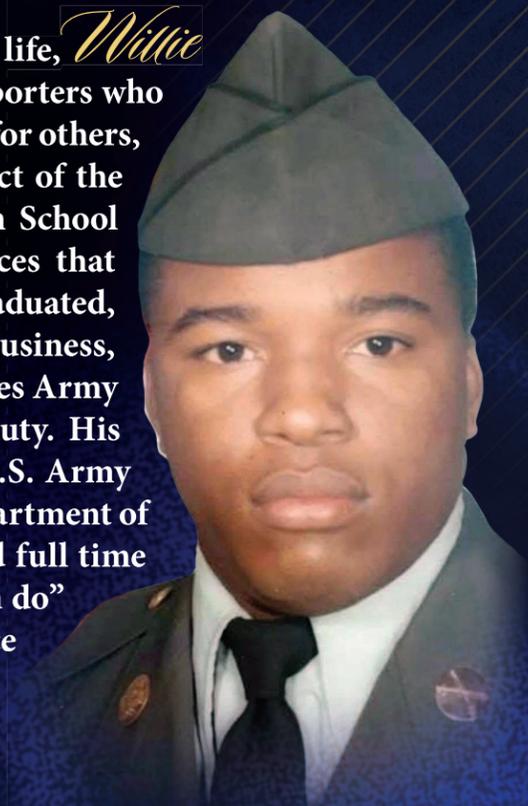
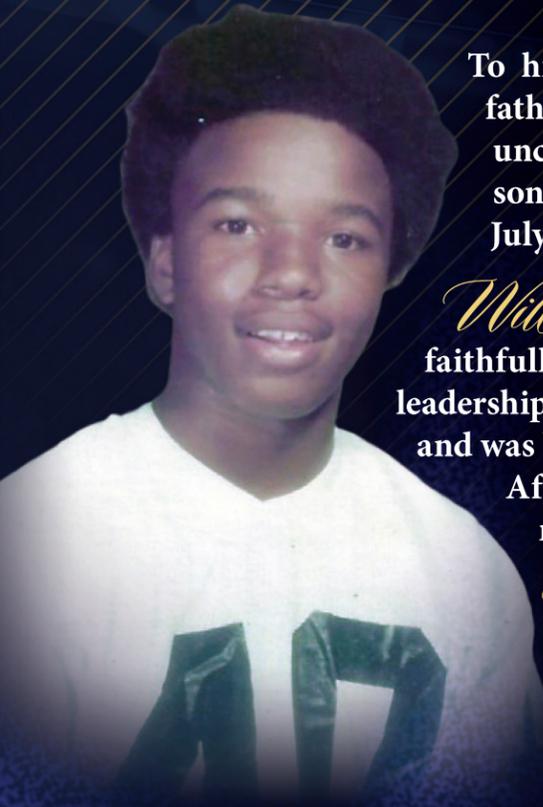
HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

To his family, *Willie Howard Williams* was a supportive father, an affectionate grandfather, a kind-hearted brother, a caring uncle, a loving cousin, and a wise counselor for them all. This beloved son of Sonney Williams, Sr. and Annie Epkins Moore was born on July 11, 1961. He was a resident of Madison, Florida.

Willie was raised in a family who “walked by faith, not by sight.” He faithfully attended Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the Reverend James C. Miller. He sought the Lord for himself and was baptized by belief. Years later, he became a member of St. Thomas African Methodist Episcopal Church. However, he reestablished his membership at Shiloh.

Willie was family-oriented; he was affectionately devoted to his daughters who were his queens. He expressed his unconditional love for them and was supportive of their endeavors. Likewise, he had a close relationship with his grandchildren. They were all the joy of his life.

During the early years of his life, *Willie* learned from the caring members of his community of supporters who constantly reminded him to do his best, to be an inspiration for others, and to have a close relationship with God. He was a product of the Madison County School System and a 1979 Madison High School graduate. He had a variety of unforgettable job experiences that taught him valuable life lessons. Immediately after he graduated, he worked with his brother Sonney, Jr. in their family business, Williams Funeral Home. He later enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged at the end of his tour of duty. His subsequent employments included Dixie Packers and the U.S. Army Reserves, followed by the position of sergeant at Florida Department of Corrections (Madison Correctional Institute). As he worked full time on the last two jobs, he was also a fulltime student. His “can do” spirit of determination earned him an Associate of Science degree from North Florida Community College (currently North Florida College), his Bachelor of Science degree in



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**A TRIBUTE FROM
YOUR GRANDCHILDREN**

God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth
And saw your precious face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful;
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering;
He knew you were in pain.
He knew you would never, ever
Get well on Earth again.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine."
Then He took you up to Heaven
With hands so gentle and kind.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
Part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.

Melissa Shreve

Education and his Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

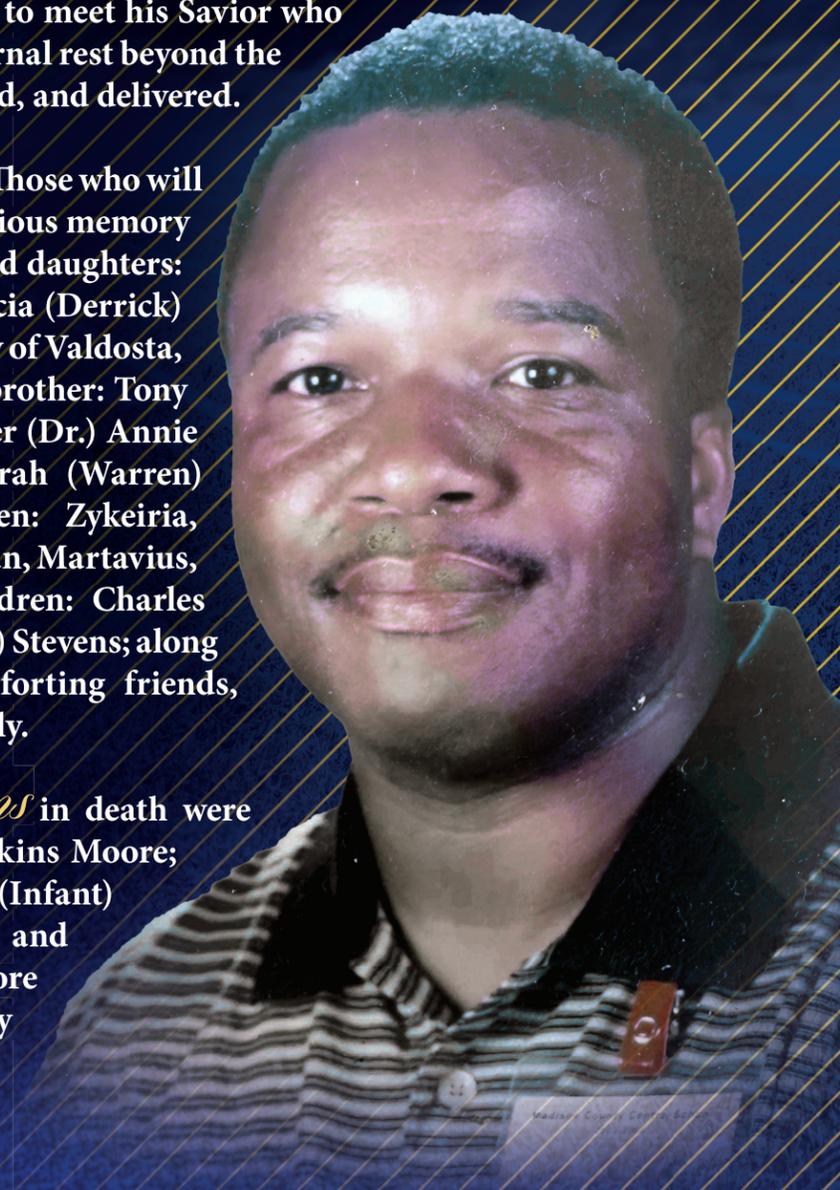
Because of his persistence in achieving his educational employment goals, *Willie* became a classroom teacher who did not have to be loud to be effective. The connections he created with the students and staff inspired him to seek positions as the Dean of Students, Assistant Principal at Madison County Central School, Madison County High School and District level employee in the Madison County School System.

Willie loved football and was always supportive of the Madison County Central School Broncos and the Madison County High School Cowboys. However, on the next level, he was a passionate fan of The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

God knew that *Willie Howard Williams* had become tired at the end of his earthly journey. Therefore, on Saturday evening, October 4, 2025, he traded pain for promise. He obediently departed this life to meet his Savior who promised him sweet relief, but most of all, eternal rest beyond the River because he is now changed, healed, freed, and delivered.

Memories are timeless treasures of the heart. Those who will hold *Willie Howard Williams* precious memory and forever love in their hearts are his beloved daughters: Laysha (Avon) Laing of Valdosta, GA, Kamecia (Derrick) Walker of Madison, FL, Amber (Deon) Cherry of Valdosta, GA, and Natasha Williams of Madison, FL; brother: Tony Williams, Sr. of Madison, FL; sisters: Minister (Dr.) Annie Moore Barfield of Madison, FL and Deborah (Warren) Thompson of Valdosta, GA; grandchildren: Zykeiria, Zechariah, Jamie (Jr.), Landon, Sa'Nyia, Daylan, Martavius, Messiah, and Ma'Khi; two great-grandchildren: Charles (III), and Chi'La; great aunt: Eva Lee (Augusta) Stevens; along with many other sorrowing relatives, comforting friends, caring caregivers, and consoling church family.

Preceding *Willie Howard Williams* in death were his parents: Sonney Williams, Sr., Annie Ekins Moore; brothers: Ernest Moore, Moses Moore, (Infant) David Williams, John Adam Moore, Sr., and Sonney Williams, Jr.; and sisters: Marie Moore Richardson, Dorothy Moore Butler, and Betty Elizabeth Moore Evans.



The Divine Order of Service

Prelude..... *J.P. Moore* Gospel Band & Psalmist

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation Reverend Albert L. Barfield

The Holy Scriptures

Old & New Testament..... Dr. Carl L. Joseph

Selection..... The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Family & Friends (3)

Two Minutes Each, please

Acknowledgements & Resolutions The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Sermonic Selection The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Charlie Barfield

Mortician's Brief Mr. Jamarien "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

**"WEEP IF YOU MUST; JESUS WEPT. BUT WEEP NOT AS THOSE WHO
HAVE NO HOPE, FOR IN CHRIST JESUS, THERE IS HOPE AND ETERNAL LIFE."**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14

A TRIBUTE FROM YOUR DAUGHTERS

Daddy,

*It's hard to find the words to express what our hearts feel right now.
You were so much more than our father — you were our first protector,
our greatest teacher, our safe place, and our biggest fan.
You taught us how to walk with confidence, speak with grace, and love with intention.
You made sure we knew that no dream was too big
and no mountain too high when God was on our side.
You didn't just tell us you loved us — you showed it, in every call, every visit,
every proud smile when you spoke our names.
You carried us in prayer long before we knew how to pray for ourselves.
You worked tirelessly so we would never go without,
and even when life was hard, you still found a way to make us laugh.
Your joy was quiet but powerful — the kind that filled a room without saying a word.
We will forever remember your gentle strength,
your wisdom, and your unwavering faith.
You loved us the way only a father could — wholly, deeply, and without condition.
And though our hearts are shattered,
we find peace in knowing that you're finally at rest...
no longer bound by pain, but wrapped in the glory you always told us about.
We can almost hear your voice saying,
"Baby, hold your head up. Keep going. Trust God."
And we promise, Daddy — we will.
We'll keep walking in faith, just like you taught us.
We'll love one another fiercely, cherish family deeply,
and make you proud every single day.
Though our eyes are full of tears, our hearts are full of gratitude —
for the love you gave, the lessons you taught,
and the legacy you left. We'll forever be your girls... your queens.*

Rest well, Daddy.

Until we meet again, we'll hold tight to your love and to God's unchanging hand.

With all our love,

Laysha, Kamecia, Amber, and Natasha

