Celebrating the Life of

Willie J. Lipford



Sunrise
OCTOBER 29, 1928

Sunset
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Funeral Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Viewing 1:00 pm - Service 2:00 pm

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2315-19 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132



Life Story

WILLIE J. LIPFORD

Willie James Lipford was born on October 29th, 1928 to Samuel Lipford and Gracie Coles Lipford in Halifax, VA. He was educated in Halifax county public schools until the age of 12 when he left to work in the tobacco fields to help the family.

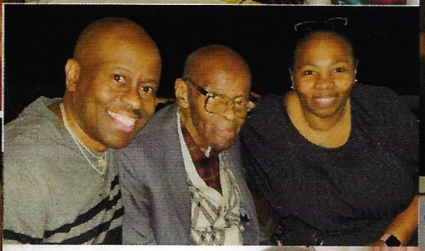
On December 23rd, 1961 Willie married the late Eunice Marie Petty and spent over 30 years of marriage together. Following their nuptials, Willie and Eunice moved to Philadelphia to make a better life for their family and raise their four children in the then lively and upcoming neighborhood of West Oak Lane.

Willie found consistent work as a construction worker and did so for over 20 years where he helped build some of Philadelphia's most iconic structures such as the Liberty Place, Sesame Place, Blue Cross building and more. He was revered as a hard worker in the industry, so much so that employers often tried to steal him from one site to another until he retired in 1991.

Willie had a great love for people. He was well liked in his community and would often be seen cutting a neighbor's grass or taking someone to an appointment. On the weekends, he would always make time to visit friends. In fact, he earned the nickname "Creeper" because of his tendency to drive slowly upon arrival and departure of his many destinations. Willie was truly a friend to all who knew him.

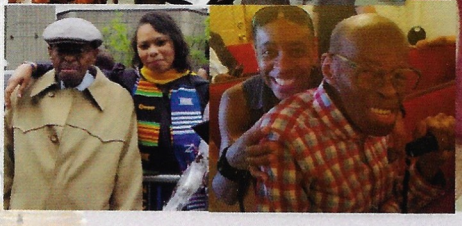
On November 10, 2021 Willie was called home to rest. Willie was preceded in death by his wife Eunice and his son Darren. He leaves to cherish his memory his siblings Raleigh Lipford (Yvonne), Virginia Dixon (Henry), and Ernest Lipford (Phyllis); his daughter Sharon Barnhill (Marvin); two sons Greg Petty (Carmella) and Daryl Lipford; Six grandchildren Alan Petty Jr, Danielle Petty, Markita Barnhill, Turquoise Barnhill, Candace Barnhill, and Marvin Barnhill, ; two great-grandchildren Mekhi Hudson and Layla Barnhill Cherry; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many more family & friends.








Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Bruce W. Petty, Sr, officiating

Family Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn - *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"* ..... Kimberly Richards

Scripture Readings ..... Marvin Barnhill, Jr
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Clarence Barnhill

Selection - *"Goin' Up Yonder"* ..... Daryl Lipford

Remarks ..... (2 minutes, please)

Acknowledgements ..... Danielle Petty

Reading of the Obituary ..... Alan Petty Jr.

Selection - *"I'll Fly Away"* ..... Congregation

Eulogy ..... Pastor Bruce W. Petty, Sr

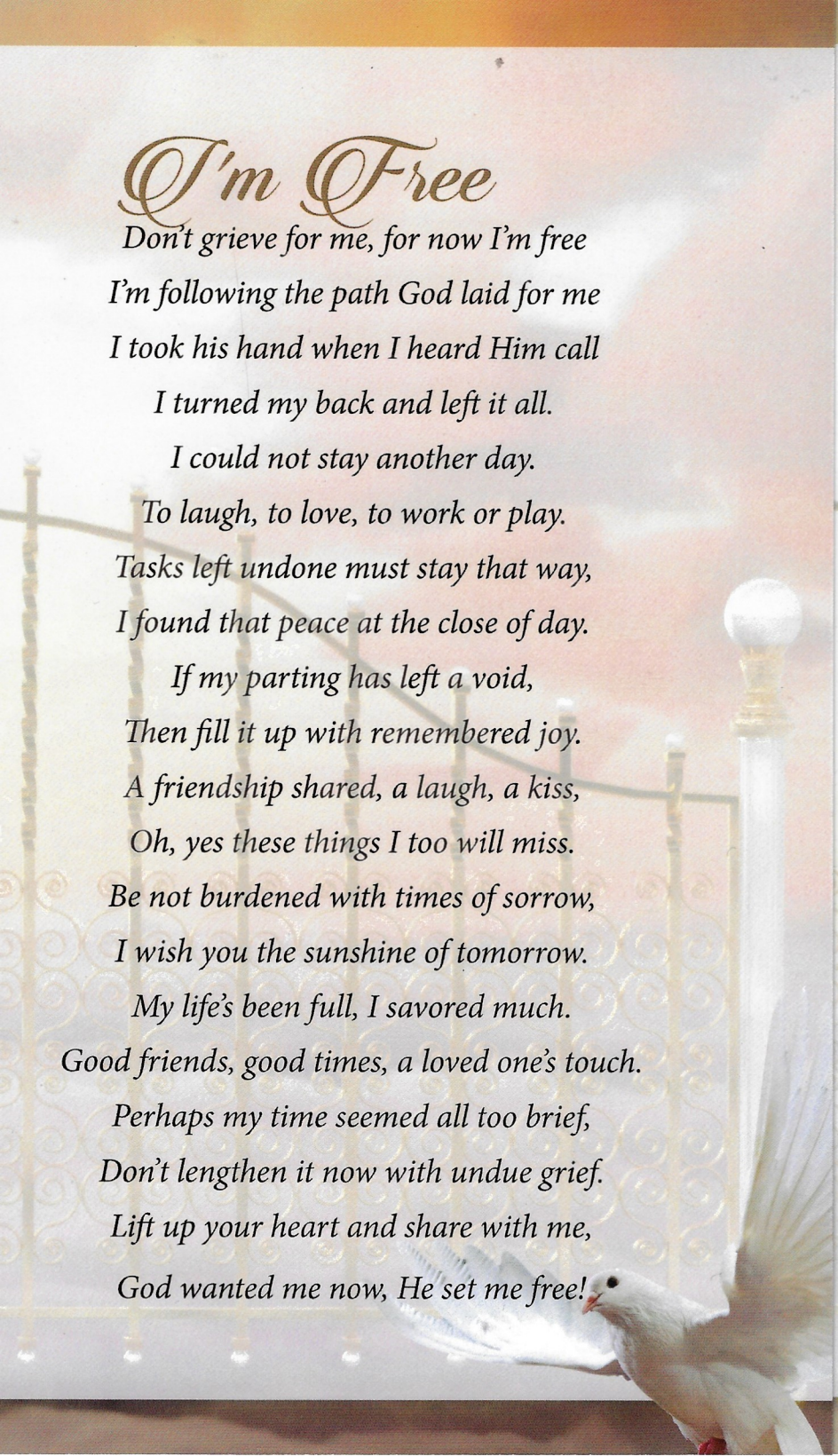
Recessional



Interment
Private

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven
hallowed be they name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us
lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
for ever and ever
Amen.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, and prayers during our time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each of you in His tender loving care.

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