

Celebrating

THE LIFE &
LEGACY of



Willie Sr.
KENNEDY

NOVEMBER 17, 1955 — APRIL 6, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.
Beck Funeral Home Chapel
Philadelphia, MS



CELEBRATION OF *Life & Legacy*

Mr. Willie Jr. Kennedy was born on November 17, 1955, to the late Willie and Rosie Kennedy in Louisville, MS. He attended and graduated from Louisville High School.

On September 2, 1978, he married Margaret Grady. They resided in Louisville (New Zion) for a few years. In 1980, they moved to Philadelphia, MS, where he remained the rest of his life. Willie Jr. began logging at the age of 12. He was very successful at running the chainsaw. He spent over 20 years working at Bryan Logging Company in Philadelphia, MS.

Willie Jr. enjoyed hunting different types of wild animals. He also enjoyed preparing and cooking them for his family. Willie was a master at barbecuing. He had his own special recipe. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. The outdoors was his place to be. Willie was very compassionate and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory his faithful and dedicated wife, Margaret, one son, Kendrick Gross of Louisville, MS, three daughters - Barbara Johnson (Deonte) of Brandon, MS, Pamela Johnson (Jason) of Louisville, MS, and Shalanda Young (Shamond) of Forrest, MS, a host of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He also leaves one sister, Mary Lee Kennedy of Louisville, MS, one brother, Roy Kennedy of Louisville, MS. Other siblings: Brenda, Susan, Patricia, Sonny, David, Bobby, and Miranda. Two children preceded him in death - Ali Grady (son) and Willie Ann Kennedy (daughter). He was also preceded in death by both parents, Willie and Rosie Kennedy, one stepmother, Bell Kennedy), two brothers, Robert Earl Kennedy and Derrick Kennedy, two sisters, Peggy Kennedy and Earnestine Kennedy, all of Louisville, MS. Willie never met a stranger. He was faithful to his family and friends.

ORDER *Of* SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL

Reverend Deonte Johnson

OPENING PRAYER

Sister Barbara Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Sister Barbara Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Minister Boris Griffin

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Boris Griffin

REMARKS

Friends and Family

READING OF OBITUARY

Soft Music

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Boris Griffin

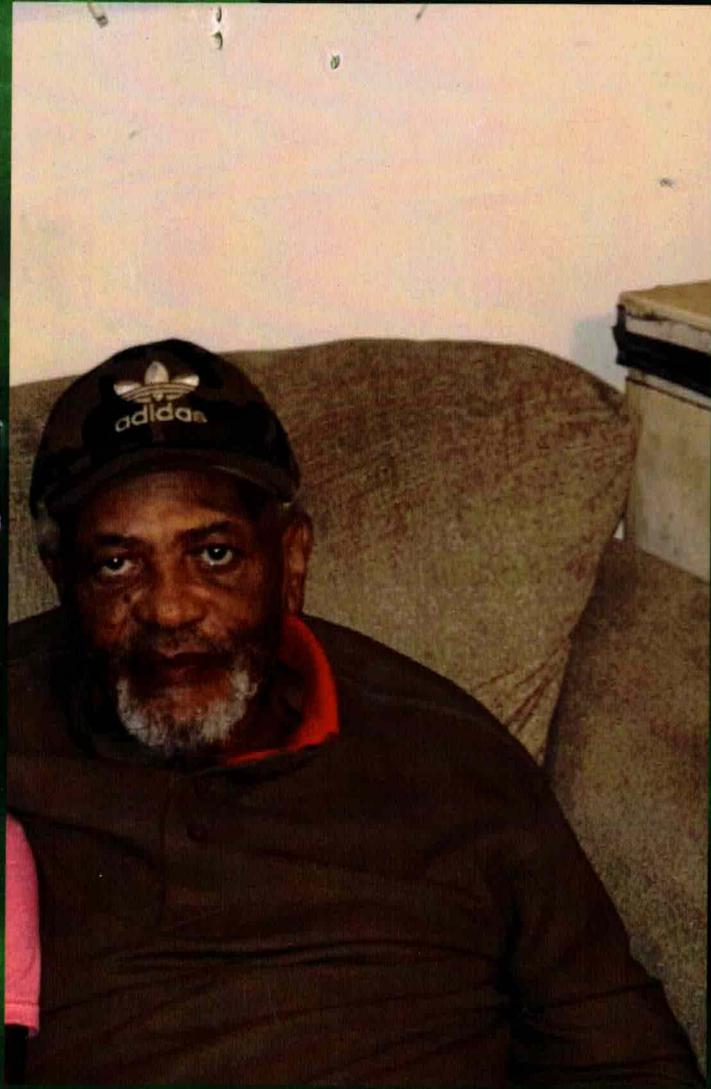
TRIBUTE & EULOGY

Reverend Deonte Johnson

RECESSIONAL

Beck Funeral Home







FAMILY & FRIENDS

Tributes

Dad, you were our rock, our protector, and our greatest example of love and strength. Your wisdom guided us, your laughter lifted us, and your sacrifices shaped us. Though you are no longer here, your legacy lives on in our hearts and in the lives you touched. You taught us the value of hard work, the power of kindness, and the importance of faith. No matter how busy life became, you always made time for us, ensuring we knew how much we were loved. Your laughter filled our home, your prayers covered our lives, and your sacrifices never went unnoticed. We will miss you every day, but we find comfort knowing you are at peace. Thank you for your love, your lessons, and your unwavering faith. We will carry your light forward always.

With love,
Your Children

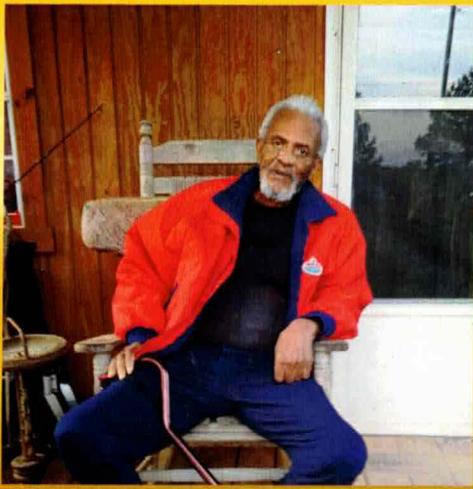
Dear Husband, I am forever grateful for the life we shared. Though you are no longer here, your love remains. Your love was steadfast, your strength unwavering, and your presence a source of comfort and joy. Your laughter echoes in our hearts, your lessons guide our steps, and your legacy will never fade. I will cherish our memories, hold onto our love, and look forward to the day we are reunited in eternity. Rest in peace, my love. You will always be in my heart.

With all my love,
Your Wife, Margaret



Precious Memories

THE ONES WE LOVE LIVE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER



FOREVER

In My Heart



*Right now I'm in a different place
And though we seem apart
I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart.*

*I'm with you when you greet each day
And while the sun shines bright
I'm there to share the sunsets, too
I'm with you every night.*

*I'm with you when the times are good
To share a laugh or two,
And if a tear should start to fall
I'll still be there for you.*

*And when that day arrives
That we no longer are apart,
I'll smile and hold you close to me,
Forever in my heart.*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Willie Jr. Kennedy, wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and sympathy during this difficult time. Your comforting words, kind gestures, and presence have been a great source of strength for us.

We are deeply thankful to Jones Family, Accent Hospice, Beck Funeral Home for their unwavering support and assistance with his care and the funeral arrangements. Your help has been invaluable.

To all who sent flowers, cards, and messages of condolence or who attended the service, we are profoundly grateful. Your thoughtfulness and compassion have brought us comfort and solace. Thank you for being there for us and for honoring the memory of Willie Jr. Kennedy. Your support means more to us than words can express.

With sincere appreciation,
The Family

INTERMENT

Donald Rest Cemetery in Philadelphia, Mississippi

PALLBEARERS

Xavier Keys, Mark Jones, Ladaryl Moore, and
Jamarion Moore.

REPAST

Northside Park
Senior Citizen Building
525 Main Street
Philadelphia, MS 39350