

# PALLBEARERS

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# IN MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER

You walked ahead of us,  
steady and sure,  
turning back just enough  
to make sure we were still there.  
You filled rooms with laughter  
that lingered long after you left them,  
a sound we thought would never fade  
easy, warm, unmistakably yours,  
like game days and shared stories.  
You loved us in ways both loud and quiet  
and often in what wasn't said at all.  
Straightforward, honest, true to yourself,  
you didn't dress things up or hide behind  
words; instead,  
you showed your love in presence.  
Your loyalty ran deep—  
to your family, to your team,  
to every memory you built with us.  
On fall days, you backed your team with  
everything in you,  
blue running strong through your veins,  
celebrating every victory  
as if we'd won it together.  
We carry you now  
in the stories we tell,  
in the laughter that finds us again,  
in the bond that does not break.  
Our brother,  
our friend,  
we will miss you beyond words,  
and love you beyond time.

# EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The family of Willie Small would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you with his mercy.

- The Family



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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# WILLIE JAMES SMALL

AUGUST 4, 1949 - APRIL 28, 2026

Monday, May 11, 2026  
2:00 PM

JP Holley Funeral Home Bishopville Chapel  
114 East Church Street, Bishopville, South Carolina 29010  
Reverend Alexander Baker, Officiating

# REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Willie James Small, affectionately known as “Sonny Boy” and “Jessie Dukes,” was born on August 4, 1949, in Lee County, South Carolina, to the late Willie Robert Small and Lillie Mae McDuffie Small. He peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. As a young adult, Willie James relocated to New Jersey, where he spent several years before later moving to Charlotte, North Carolina. There, he dedicated many years of hard work as a construction worker. After retiring, he returned to South Carolina and made his home in Bishopville. Willie James was known for his candid nature and straightforward spirit. He enjoyed life in his own way, especially his love for football. A devoted and loyal fan, he took great pride in cheering on the New York Giants.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Robert Small and Lillie Mae McDuffie Small, and his two brothers, James Small and Ricky Small.

Willie James leaves to cherish his memory his loving siblings: Deloris Small of Rahway, New Jersey; Gloria Small, David Small, and Sandra Small, all of Bishopville, South Carolina; along with a host of devoted nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

He will be remembered for his candor, his love of family, and the lives he touched throughout his journey.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend R. Immanuel Foxe, II, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Old Testament  
Mrs. Elousie Johnson

New Testament  
Deacon Deloris Small

Prayer of Comfort

Selection  
Ms. Pamela Boyd

Acknowledgements  
Mrs. Lilkenya Jenkins

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