

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Willie would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, expressions of love, prayers, calls, texts, and cards given to our family during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to family and friends who assisted in ensuring that she was cared for while at home.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kenyon Jones Sr. | Hubert Ballard, Jr.,
Kerioon Grant, Sr. | Joe Reynolds
Kenneth Murphy | Carl Murphy

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Darrious Jones | Patrick Jones
Kerioon Grant, Jr. | Kamari Grant
Kewanee Grant | Anthony Ballard
Damon Ballard | Jashawn Jones
Kenyon Jones, Jr.

FLOWER BEARERS

Great-Grandchildren/Family

INTERMENT

New Paradise M.B. Church
Yazoo County, MS

REPAST

New Zion Annex Hall
Yazoo City, MS

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Willie Lee Murphy-Rossell

Sunrise: September 16, 1932 – Sunset: November 12, 2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

630 12th Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Rev. Willie E. Smith, Pastor

Rev. Tommy Brown, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS



Willie Lee Murphy-Rossell "Dukes" was born September 16, 1932, in Yazoo County, Mississippi to the late William and Annie Murphy. On Sunday, November 12, 2023, God gave Willie the rest and peace that she had longed for quite some time.

Willie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at New Paradise M.B. Church under the leadership of Reverend Reed. New Paradise is the only church that she had ever been a member of and served until her health declined. Willie served in many capacities, but her most passionate service was singing in the choir. She often led songs, but her most loved song was "I've Been Redeemed" and "Been Washed in His blood". She also sang in a quartet where she played guitar and later learned to play piano for the choir.

She had many other talents. She was a seamstress. She enjoyed quilting. She had even made her daughter, grandchildren, and most of all of her great grandchildren a quilt as well as and many others. Willie had a green thumb for gardening and kept an immaculate yard with the assistance of a special cousin Joe Reynolds. Joe was the only one who could come close to how she wanted it.

Willie spent most of her life doing domestic work while caring faithfully for her father until his death. She often said that God blessed her because she honored her parents and by honoring your parents, your days would be long.

Willie is preceded in death by her parents: William and Annie Murphy; twin brother: William Murphy; husband James Rossell; daughter: Ella M. Jones; great granddaughter: Nkevia Jones; and great grandson: Kameron Grant.

Willie leaves behind to cherish her memories, three granddaughters and two grandsons: Anita (Don) Ballard of Yazoo City, MS, Vanessa (Kerioon) Grant of Arlington, TX, Theoshia (Brian) Morgan of Orlando, FL, Kenyon (Shelia) Jones of Chester, VA, and Patrick Jones of Atlanta, GA; and one brother: Johnny (Bertha) Murphy of Gary, IN. She was blessed with a host great grands, great-great grands, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

PROGRAM GUIDE

Sis. Eddie Jones

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

SCRIPTURE READING

Old & New Testament
Appointee

PRAYER

Appointee

WORDS OF COMFORT

Rev. Willie E. Smith

MUSICAL SELECTION

EXPRESSIONS

Three Minutes
As a Church Member
As a Friend/Neighbor
As a Family Member

MUSICAL SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ RESOLUTIONS

OBITUARY

Read Silently | Soft Music

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Amazing Grace"

EULOGY

Rev. Tommy Brown

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RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family and Friends

REMEMBER ME



Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.
Now I am contented
That my life was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.

~ Love Dukes ~