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We acknowledge with grateful appreciation, all acts of kindness rendered to us during the passing of our beloved. The many telephone calls, prayers, floral offerings, cards of condolence, and other sympathetic gestures are deeply appreciated. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Willie Dave Lawson, III Family

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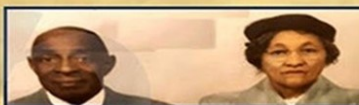
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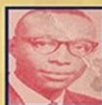
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The Home Going Celebration for Willie Dave Lawson, III



Saturday | August 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Isaac H. Owens | Officiant
Pastor | Mount Calvary Baptist Church | Cordele, Georgia

The Journey of **Mr. Willie Dave Lawson, III**

Willie Dave Lawson, III was born on Tuesday, July 15, 1947 in Cordele, Georgia, to the late Helen Doris Lawson and Willie Dave Lawson, II. He was affectionately called Dave by his friends and family and Papa by his grandsons.

Dave gave his life to Christ at an early age and was a member of Journey Church in Albany, Georgia.

Dave matriculated through the Crisp County school system. He was a proud member of the A. S. Clark High School Class of 1966 and remained an active part of his annual class reunion until he fell ill.

Upon graduation from high school, Dave faithfully served his country in the United States Army, including service during the Vietnam War. He served until he was honorably discharged.

After discharge from the military, he started working for the Pontiac Motor Division Assembly Plant in Pontiac, Michigan. He worked there until he relocated to Delco Remy in Albany, Georgia where he served as a supervising health and safety inspector until he retired in 1998.

On June 28, 1986, he married the love of his life, Mattie Lawson. For forty years they built a life centered on faith, family, and unwavering devotion to one another.

Dave was a member of the American Legion Post 512, where he managed and coached baseball and later served as the organization's State Chair.

Retirement did not keep him still for long. He later joined Triad Isotopes, delivering medical supplies to area hospitals, continuing his lifelong commitment to helping others.

Dave was happiest when he was outdoors with a fishing reel in his hand, spending time at the bowling alley, enjoying a baseball game, or building something with his skilled hands.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Doris Lawson and Willie Dave Lawson, II, and his beloved siblings, Mary Erainie High, Helen Lawson, and Loraine McClendon.

Dave leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memory his devoted wife, Mattie Lawson; his children, LaFonda Middleton (Marshun), Michelle Lawson (Jewmark), Willie Dave Lawson, IV (Anita), and Latrice Lawson; his beloved grandchildren, Jemari Sanders, Cameron Middleton, Jordan Middleton, Ayden Lawson, and Jamari Lawson; his siblings, JoAnne (James) Purty, Laura Ann (Troy) Kirk, Betty Lawson, Benita Renay (Mack) Hardwick, Valerie Outlaw-Black, and Michael Lane; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, classmates, fellow veterans, treasured friends, and all whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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 Order of Service **Reverend Isaac H. Owens | Officiant**

Musical Prelude
Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional
Led by Clergy

The Final Viewing
The Final Sealing of the Batesville M39 Revere Silver Casket

Solo
Earl Clark, Jr.

Prayer of Comfort

Old & New Testament Scriptures

Poetic Tribute
LaFonda Middleton

The Two Minute Reflections
"My Cousin" | Gail Ingram
Our Classmate | Class of 1966 Representative
"My Brother" | Laura Ann Kirk
"My Brother-in-law" | Anthony Gipson

Solo
Earl Clark, Jr.

Words of Comfort
Reverend Isaac H. Owens

**Echoes of Sympathy, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

(With Military Honors)
Westview Cemetery
West 24th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

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