

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of I.W. "Doug" Willis, Jr. would like to thank every family and friend for their prayers, donations, cards, and food.

We thank the UMMC in Jackson, MS for their loving care and the third floor ICU staff.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Thomas Willis Sr. | Larry Willis

Robert Willis | Leon Willis

Cubie Robinson | Robert Lee Green

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Leon Wade | Fred Stuckey

Antione Gaston | Johnny Willis

Thomas Willis, Jr. | William Willis

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

INTERMENT

Cypress Garden Cemetery

Yazoo City, MS

REPAST

Antioch Fellowship Hall

Yazoo City, MS

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Celebration Of Life



"Doug"
J.W. Willis, Jr.

Sunrise: December 27, 1963 ♦ Sunset: March 3, 2024

Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 12:00 p.m.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

248 West 6th Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Pastor Walter Williams, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

I.W. "Doug" Willis, Jr. was born to the late Allene Hurd Willis and the late I.W. Willis, Sr. on December 27, 1963, in Yazoo County, MS. At an early age, Doug was baptized and joined Sonora M.B. Church in Yazoo County under the leadership of Rev. Larry Thomas.


Doug received his education from the Yazoo City Public Schools. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. He kept a smile on his face and touched many lives and stomachs with his huge heart and love of cooking. He was employed at Simmons Catfish for over 20 plus years.

Later in his life, Doug joined Antioch M.B. Church, under the leadership of Pastor Walter Williams. God called Doug home on March 3, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father (Allene and IW), oldest sister (Annie Willis Mason), 2 sons (Patrick Willis and Keith Gaston), and a niece and nephew (Gloria Willis and James Diew).

His memories...

He was married to Vertrice Willis, but later in life he found his significant other Paulette Martin. His children: Natasha Gaston, Aaliyah Willis of Nashville, TN, Aerial Cowans of Yazoo City, MS, and Ieshia Willis of Vicksburg, MS. Siblings: Thomas (Gladys) Willis, Robert Willis, and Larry (Ida Mae) Willis, all of Yazoo City, MS, Leon (Stephanie) Willis of Gulfport, MS, Edna Willis, Dianne (Cubie) Willis, and Jo Ann (Robert) Willis, all of Yazoo City, MS, and Velma and Zelma Woodard of Chicago, IL. Doug also leaves behind a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.



My Dear Doug


I wish I could see you one more time, come walking through the door. But I know that is impossible. I will hear your voice no more. I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry. Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die. I pray that God will give me strength and some hope to get me through as I struggle with this heart ache that came when I lost you.

Love Always ~ Paulette

ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide: Susie Greer

Prelude	Soft Music	
Processional.....	Clergy & Family	
Musical Selection	Crystal Sampson	
Scripture	Old & New Testament	Appointee
Prayer.....	Pastor Walter Williams	
Acknowledgements/Resolutions	Dave Collins	
Musical Selection	Crystal Sampson	
Eulogy.....	Pastor Walter Williams	
Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge		
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends	



I just wanted to say I'm sorry for the things I left unsaid. I want you to know I will always cherish the few memories we had. Our last conversation meant everything to me. We both learned a lot about each other in those five hours. Now I'm haunted by the realization that this is all I have left to hold onto, but I will always remember when my days are long to look in the mirror to see my beautiful smile and reflection because I was truly your twin.

Love Always ~ Aerial (Byrd)



It broke my heart to lose you, but this right here was a hard pill to swallow. I'm going to miss all the memories and things we did together. I'm happy that you are in a better place now.

Thank you for giving me life and making me a better person today.

Get your rest Dad until we meet again.

Love Always ~ Your Baby Girl Ieshia