

Obituary

Mr. Willie James Baker Jr. affectionately known by many nicknames; but, always stood out in his own lane of being the greatest of all. As a man of devoted faith, family and all his works, peacefully departed this life on December 6, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on May 15, 1942 in Los Angeles, CA. He was the greatly cherished son of the late James Curry and Mary Miller.

Willie lived a life rooted in acts of service, unrelenting strength and powerful force. He was a proud and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, cousin and many more additional roles played in friends, loved ones life and anyone he encountered, never was a stranger.

Willie enjoyed the fruits of his labor with fishing, spending time with loved ones, teaching life experiences and lessons with grace and ease. Always open and willing to help others, principles he lived by and passed down to his family. And he was generous in spending time making the best of the best and never expecting the worse.

Willie has worked all his life from early childhood in tobacco fields, driving buses, fixing cars, working for the Leon County School Board in the culinary field and with the State of Florida for 30 years. He worked some jobs at the same time; yet, did it all with an infectious smile, will power, strength and full tenacity. Enjoying his retirement fully after decades of multi-level jobs, skills, knowledge and every ability to see all things through was the goal. Overall, hardworking, talented, devoted and a man of God and leadership. Willie always bought a smile to your face and laughter in your spirit.

In 2015, Willie married the love of life Ms. Kathy Pride (Baker). Their loving union spanned nearly two and a half decades until his peaceful passing in 2025. Their bond was one of commitment, laughter, shared purpose and love for one another.

As an only son he is preceded in death by parents and grandparents. He leaves behind an enriched and loving legacy.

Willie is survived by his wife, Kathy Baker (Pride) of Jacksonville, Florida; 4 daughters, Catherine E. Baker of Ft. Irwin, CA; Lakiasha Deloach (s. Alvin Deloach) of Jacksonville, Florida; Lydia Florence (s. Reginald Florence) of Lynnwood, WA and Latishe Britt of Jacksonville, FL. 12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and a host of relatives, friends and family from Tallahassee, FL and Jacksonville, FL.

Order of Service

Seating of the Family

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection - "God Is Keeping Me"

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Selection - "You Fight On"

Words of Comfort

Mortician's Brief

Recessional

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
(Matthew 5:4 NIV)



I Thought Of You Today

*I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part
God has you in his keeping; I have you in my heart.*

Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and kindness shown to our family during this difficult time. Your comforting words, calls, cards, and every act of compassion have meant so much to us.

May God bless you for your support and sympathy.

*With heartfelt thanks,
Baker Family*

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THE LIFE OF

Mr. Willie
JAMES BAKER, JR.

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5/15/1942

SUNSET

12/6/2025

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