



Willie Watkins

March 21, 1927 - November 1, 2016

Willie Watkins was born March 21, 1927 in Aberdeen, Mississippi to the union of Lazarus Watkins (deceased) and Lugina Cunningham Watkins Bennett (deceased).

Willie was the second sibling of six : Edna, (deceased March, 2016), Lena, Alruth, Bessie and Carolyn.

Willie met and married Gwendolyn Witherspoon in East St. Louis, Illinois; to this union three children were born: Gregory DeWynne, Ronnie Gene (deceased) and Jacquetta Ann (deceased).

As a career man in the military, Willie advanced to the rank of Technical Sergeant and he was always very proud when he obtained another stripe. The military afforded him an education, travel, and his means of existence throughout his life. Willie took advantage of every opportunity to travel in the United States and abroad. He was awarded numerous citations and awards. After retiring, Willie settled in Denver, Colorado where he went to work for the Federal Government as a civilian employee at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center.

Willie loved the Lord and attended church every Sunday and finally became a member of Potter's House in Denver.

Willie's second marriage to Velma Roundtree Watkins (deceased) allowed him a second life-time of love and caring. They traveled in luxury in their motor home, camping and just enjoying life.

As his health began to fail, he relocated to Texas to be with his son, Gregory and his wife Maria who took a special interest in her father-in-law.

He succumbed to the will of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Willie loved his family dearly and he was devoted to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory are: devoted friend, Julia Brown, Compton, CA; son, Gregory DeWynne (Maria) Watkins; San Antonio, Tx. Sisters: Lena Owens, East St. Louis, IL; Alruth Toney, Denver, CO; Bessie Peabody, East St Louis, IL; and Carolyn (Leonard) Johnson, Shiloh, IL.; Aunt, Diane Cunningham, Denver, CO; grandchildren: Aundrea, Lindsey, James, Jamaica, Shane Brian and Karen; 12 great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, a host of other relatives and many friends.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

NOV 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak
23755 US-281
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 576-3377
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 1:15 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ *Love, Jamaica, Miguel, Diego, Mateo & Shawn Sawyer purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Willie Watkins.*



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