



Joe Willie Williams Sr.

February 28, 1948 - February 15, 2011

Joe Willie Williams Sr. was born February 28, 1948, in Ahoski, North Carolina, to the union of the late Luther C. Williams and Annie Mae Sessomes Williams.

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, he was called home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Joe grew up with his brothers and sisters in Ahoskie and received his formal education at Bertie Middle School. Joe relocated to Harrisburg where he met Shirley. Joe and Shirley were united in holy matrimony and were blessed to celebrate twenty-five years of marriage. They were blessed to birth their son, Joe Willie Williams Jr., along with raising Shawn and Kenneth Duncan. Joe was involved in the lives of all his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and step grandchildren.

Joe worked at the Telegraph Press for many years from where he retired. He was a former member of At The Cross Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor Christian Robertson. Joe enjoyed being at family gatherings and working on cars in his leisure. He also cherished the memories of his brother Phillip Williams who preceded him in death.

Joe leaves to celebrate his life and cherish precious memories of shared life journeys, his loving and caring wife, Shirley Ann Williams; mother, Mattie Mae Williams; four daughters, Mattie Williams and Towanda Stephenson, both of Ahoskie, Andrea Bland of Texas, and Keonna Foy of Savannah, Georgia; two sons, Joe Willie Williams Jr. of Harrisburg, and Dana

Drake of Ahsokie; two stepsons, Shawn and Kenneth Duncan, both of Harrisburg; two sisters, Bessie Williams of Ahsokie and Sandra Lake of Virginia; seven brothers, Rudolph, Nathan, George and Robert Williams, all of Ahsokie, Augusta, Larry and Ernest Williams, all of Harrisburg; daughter-in-law, Kimberly Drake of Ahsokie; step daughter-in-law, Brenda Duncan of Harrisburg; father-in-law, Willie L. Swan of Harrisburg; five sisters-in-law, Dorothy Williams of Ahsokie, Lillian Williams, Arma Taylor, Regene Cornelius and Jacquelyn Swan, all of Harrisburg; five brothers-in-law, Rick Lake of Virginia, James Cornelius, Willie D., Michael and Ricky Swan, all of Harrisburg; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; a very dear friend, Ethel McDonald of Harrisburg; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Paxtang Cemetery

401 Kelso St.
Harrisburg, PA 17111