



Willie "Maine" Eiland

May 31, 1943 - April 4, 2022

Willie "Maine" Eiland was born Monday, May 31, 1943, in Indianola, Mississippi to the late Archie and Emma Eiland. He was the fifth of nine children born to this union. Willie received his formal education in the Leland, Mississippi Public School System and additional training at the Ford Motor Company in Houston, Texas. In 1966, Willie was united in marriage to the love-of-his-life, the former Bobbye Jean Washington, and they later made Harrisburg, Pennsylvania their home. Their union was blessed with four children, Paula, Sopheria, Willie Jr. and Michael.

During his working career, Willie was a Master Mechanic for the Hoffman Ford Company. After years with Hoffman, Willie became self-employed where he founded and owned Willie's Garage in uptown Harrisburg. He retired after forty years of service in the automotive (repair) industry.

Willie accepted JESUS CHRIST as his LORD and SAVIOR at an early age and later joined the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church in fellowship. He had a passionate love for helping and supporting his family, community and friends. He also possessed the gift of humor and making those in his presence laugh! In his leisure time, Willie enjoyed playing pool, racing cars, dancing, singing and travelling. He was also an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan.

Willie transitioned to his eternal home on Monday, April 4, 2022. He was

preceded in death by his son, Michael Eiland; parents, Archie and Emma Eiland; two sisters, Rosie Eiland and Bernice Sykes; and three brothers, Archie Eiland Jr., Lake Eiland and Brother Eiland.

Willie leaves to cherish precious memories of him and their lives together, his loving and devoted wife for over fifty-five years, Bobbye J. Eiland; four daughters, Paula Eiland (Frank) Murphy, Sopheria Eiland, Erica Johnson (Harrisburg, PA), Joyce Jackson (San Bernardino, CA); one son, Willie Eiland Jr. (Harrisburg, PA); ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Eiland (Milwaukee, WI); four brothers, Otis Eiland, Eugene Eiland (Leland, MS), Ellis (Pat) Eiland, Percy Eiland (Harrisburg, PA); a special sister-cousin, Rita Eiland Bowden; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

“Our hearts are heavy from your departure, but we thank GOD for sharing you with us and his universe for over seventy-eight years! You’ve made a positive impact on your family, community and so many others. We will reflect on and cherish the knowledge, wisdom, unity, laughter and life lessons you shared with us. Sleep on our Dearly Beloved and take your rest. We loved you dearly, but GOD loved you best!”

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IF ATTENDING SERVICE.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

East Harrisburg Cemetery

2260 Herr Street
Harrisburg, PA

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

APR 18. 8:30 AM (ET)

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church
2447 Green Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Viewing

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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2447 Green Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wallace Funeral Directors - April 18, 2022 at 08:51 AM

DT

SENDING SINCERE LOVE PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MR. WILLIE "MAINE EILAND MAY THE GOD BLESS YOU ALL DURING YOUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT AND MAY HE GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO CARRY ON THIS JOURNEY THRU HIS DARLING SON JESUS CHRIST HOLY NAME IS MY PRAYER FOR YOUR ENTIRE PRECIOUS FAMILY AND FRIENDS BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL 🙏🙏❤️

DEBORRAH TUCKER - April 18, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Willie "Maine" Eiland*



Wallace Funeral Directors - April 17, 2022 at 12:24 PM

RP

“ *To the family: Our prayers are with you. We knew Willie and Bobbie who were neighbors of my mother on Summit Street and my husband also was from Mississippi, We sent our Love from Jackson, Mississippi. Jesse and Roberta (Bobby) Pennington*

Roberta Pennington - April 20, 2022 at 11:23 AM

AT

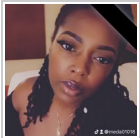
“ My condolences to Ms.Bobbie, Paula and the rest of the family. May The LORD God comfort your hearts and may The Almighty give you all peace in your grief.
In the mighty Name of Jesus.

Ada Taveras - April 19, 2022 at 09:09 AM

DB

“ Erica,
Prayers and comfort to you during this time, I hope and pray Allah bring you strength and healing!!

Desiree Brooks - April 18, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ Rest In Love uncle..I love you and will miss you! Too Auntie, thank you for loving and supporting this great man. To my cousins Paula, Feri and June I love you and continue to make your dad proud. He loved you all so very much, this is not the end. I am sorry I was not able to be there for you in the physical but you have been in my prayers every day. I love you ~Meda

Me'da Jo - April 18, 2022 at 12:34 PM

LG

“ I am sending Love from Ray and the girlz we are so sorry we could not attend. And we are sending love and flowers to our family if you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. We love you and are there in spirit now and always.



Louquise Griffin - April 18, 2022 at 11:57 AM

DD

“ From Willie's brother Otis Eiland and family in Mississippi. We will miss Willie soo much. The family gathering that was so important to the family especially grandad Archie and grandma Emma will not be the same anymore after losing so many. Our family stayed close even though we lived soo far away. My father Lake Eiland was so proud of his family always bragged on them in our town. His love for his family was bigger then any love I know. My true condolences and prayers go out to Willie's family. We love and miss all of you.



Dianne Lake's daughter - April 17, 2022 at 11:21 PM

JA

“ My uncle Willie man couldn't nobody tell me nobody about him .. my uncle was the stuff I used to think he was a cowboy always walking around with his gun on his hip



Janee - April 17, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CC

“ To the Eiland family. Mr. Willie you will truly be missed! You were an amazing son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Your smile, laughter and presence brought everyone joy. He was such a down to earth humble man, who was protective of his family. His caring and loving spirit will be missed.



Crystal Chapman - April 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM

AG

“ Bobbye, Paula, Sopheria, and Willie Jr, Our deepest sympathy to you and family at this painful time. May you be comforted in the light of love, today and during the tough road ahead.



Art and Judy Green

Art and Judy Green - April 16, 2022 at 10:56 PM

VY

“ Valerie Y. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Willie "Maine" Eiland.



Valerie Y. - April 16, 2022 at 04:27 PM

SA

“ Summit Terrace Neighborhood Association lit a candle in memory of Willie "Maine" Eiland



Summit Terrace Neighborhood Association - April 16, 2022 at 01:28 PM

QE

“ My name Quenton Eiland The 1st time I came to Willie's garage I had a 72 rally nover He asked me what did I have under the hood I open the hood He said you need to put a 4 barrel carburetor on this. He gave me A750 Harley carborator and a high rise Intake I never lost another race in that car RIP ONE LOVE UNK. PS.ONE LOVE FAM Byway of Puerto Rico 🇵🇷 ❤️

Quenton Eiland - April 16, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LP

“ Dear Mom Bobbye, Paula, and Family! We would like to send our sincere condolences for the loss of your husband/father! We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. May he Rest In Power. Love, Lisa, Kiana, William, and Harper! 🙏

Lisa Peoples-Crafton - April 15, 2022 at 03:08 PM

JJ

“ Dad it's been yrs since I seen you cause I was absent most of yrs I felt you were still around now you're sleeping I'm going to miss you more I love you Dad Sleep in peace till we meet again

Joyce Jackson - April 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM

ST

“ To Paula & Family! Mark and I would like to send our deepest condolences and prayers and May God continue to watch over you all during this time. God Bless!

Mark & Sil

Silvia & Mark Thompson - April 15, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie "Maine" Eiland.*



April 15, 2022 at 08:59 AM

CB

“ *To mrs. Bobbie and family, so sorry for your loss of mr. Willie, you have our prayers.*

Libby and Jerry jones

Badget T family.

Long time friends.

Cindy badgett - April 14, 2022 at 07:37 AM

MJ

“ My heart is so sad to look threw the paper to read that my good friend Willie had pasted. Condolences to his family and his beautiful wife. I am praying for the family. Willie was loved by all that knew him. I am going to truly miss him. The best mechanic in Harrisburg. Everytime I saw one of his brothers I would always tell them to tell Willie I asked about him. I had so much love for Willie. I'm going to miss you my friend until we meet again rest in the arms of the Almighty. Always in my heart.
Maggie



Maggie Johnson - April 13, 2022 at 07:01 PM

AD

“ Mr. Willie was my mom's favorite mechanic he would always get her car to get some work done on it he inspired me to become a auto mechanic he also taught me a lot about the business I will sure miss him.

Anthony Dodd - April 13, 2022 at 05:40 PM

OE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ogechi Elechi - April 13, 2022 at 02:25 PM

CP

“ My favorite memory of Mr. Willie was at a family birthday party. After everyone finished eating and talking it was time to burn off some calories and have fun dancing—adults and children. Mr. Willie sat back and enjoyed watching initially. He reminisced a little about being a great dancer and then he surprised everyone by jumping out of his seat and doing “The Hammer” dance. Mr. Willie was a great dancer! Mr. Willie loved his family and he enjoyed being surrounded by them, listening to what was going on with each of them, and offering advice. Mr. Willie you will be missed and your legacy will live on—we will treasure all of the great memories and fun times with you. Love and blessings to the family and friends.



Cheryl Peoples 🙏🕊️❤️

Cheryl Peoples - April 13, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie "Maine" Eiland.



April 13, 2022 at 05:53 AM

RC

“ Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Willie "Maine" Eiland



Robert Collier - April 13, 2022 at 04:59 AM

DW

“ *Willie was a great friend and always had a smile to go with it he will always be remember for the person that he was. May god comfort the family thru these times from David wright and family*

David Wright - April 13, 2022 at 01:29 AM

AM

“ *Thank you Mr. Willie for always being a kind person. When I was a kid you were my parents mechanic. My parents always spoke well of you. You fixed my car a couple of times. Then later I became friends with your daughter Paula and you were always kind to me when I came around. May God continue to comfort your family during this very difficult time. Your family and friends will always love and miss you. I consider myself family. May you always rest In peace.*

Amanda Manigault - April 12, 2022 at 07:55 PM

RE

“ *He was a wonderful man who loved his family very deeply. That is reflected in the love and respect that his wife and children always had in him. I knew him as Pop- Pop. He is missed.*

Regina - April 12, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie "Maine" Eiland.*



April 12, 2022 at 06:41 PM