



Mr. Clarence Edward Willis

September 21, 1953 - June 12, 2014

Clarence Edward Willis, Sr. was born on September 21, 1953 to the union of Anderson D. and Pearlie M. Willis in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He confessed a hope in Christ at an early age at Parson Hill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend J.Y. Williams, Sr. Clarence attended elementary and high school in Pine Bluff and graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1971. He received several track scholarships from various colleges, but opted to his home state college, University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff.

He later married his high school sweetheart, Debra Mance- Willis on October 27, 1972. Soon afterwards, Clarence dropped out of college and joined the United States Armed Forces, where he served three and a half years. He moved to Milwaukee in 1978. He became gainfully employed by Briggs & Stratton, where he worked as a machine repairman for 30 years.

Clarence was a workaholic. He was a man who believed in taking care of his family. His children and grandchildren were always in his heart. He was satisfied as long as they were taken care of. In his leisure, Clarence enjoyed watching Westerns and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his dad and mom, two

sisters, Gertrude Taylor and Deloise
Mays and his (left arm) brother, Eugene Willis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Willis and five children: three sons, Robert Briggs II, Clarence Willis, Jr. and Shannan Willis, and two daughters, Penny Lashawn Willis and Donna Lynette Willis all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; sixteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren who he loved; three brothers, Anderson Willis, Jr. (Debbie), Felix Willis (Sharon) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Joenathan Willis (Sarah) of Bartlett, Tennessee; five sisters, Dorothy Harris, Bessie Bennett and Joyce Suggs (David) all of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Helen Paige of Gardena, California and Carolyn (Dallas) Crudup of Youngsville, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Baptist Church
2535 W. Hadley St.
Milwaukee, WI

Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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