



Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis

September 29, 1939 - April 11, 2012

Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis, age 72, of Utica, was called home to be with the Lord on April 11, 2012. Her passing occurred at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loved ones by her side.

Born in Logan, West Virginia on September 29, 1939, Willie Jean was the daughter of the late Willie "Buster" and Ruth (Cobbs) McBride. After completing her education, she held a position as a Social Worker and in 1970 moved to Utica with her companion. She became employed with Beaunit Fibers Corporation and concurrently completed her degree in Social Work at M.V.C.C. and SUNY Institute. She began a career at Project Calvary Headstart as a very influential Social Worker, then at Catholic Charities as a Supervisor. Willie Jean became ill in 1992 which caused her early retirement. She became a resident at the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Facility in 2000.

Willie Jean had a very unique personality and sense of humor. She organized the family's first Family Reunion in 1977, an event which brought loved ones together then and is still in existence today. She was also a very compassionate and fun-loving person. She loved people and was a teacher of life; she taught the life of love, and her love will always live on. God Bless, and a special thank you to all the people that kept her in prayer and assisted in her care, including Payne's Temple Church, the God sent staff at Sitrin Healthcare, Dr. Thomas Ryan, Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center and

Dialysis Unit, Dr Ahmad Mian, Dr. Ira Tisch, Dr. Charles Eldredge, Dr. Ashish Regulagadda, Dr. Jorge Ferreiro, and the staff at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Special friends: Ms. Mattie Brown, Left, Jean Jones, Gloria Williams, Ztte, Mr. Sam Gray, Bill Dischiavo and the old Lansing Street crew. Also, many more healthcare providers and friends not mentioned but never forgotten. Willie Jean is predeceased by her Aunt Bea, Oralee, and Uncle Obbie Lee (Jabo) Cobbs. She also leaves behind her sister, Betty Jean (McBride) Toles; her daughter, Ruth; her sons, Thomas, Greg, Vincent, Michael, and Norman (Jennifer) Wilson, and Jonas Curtis (Chiquitha); special nieces, Terri McBride, Sabrina McBride (Otis) Bryant and Nicole Toles; special grandchildren, Shawntae, Karmon, Samuel, Evita, Greg, Jr., Amber, Michael Jr., Mykala, Milana, Philip, Marcus, Chiquitha, and Jonas Jr.; great-nieces and nephews, Durrell Vines (Royce), De'shanna Pierce (Joshuaun and Sa'Breya), Bryan Patterson and Aaliyah Weathers, and a host of cousins from New Jersey.

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 21st from 11:00-12:00 noon at Believers Miracle Deliverance Ministries Church. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Faxton Campus Dialysis Center, or the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center; envelopes will be available at the service. Willie Jean's Home Going Celebration will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at the church, immediately upon conclusion of visitation, with Apostle Willie J. Steele officiating. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Believers Miracle Deliverance Ministries Church
207 Eagle Street
Utica, NY 13501

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Aunt Willie you just don't know how much you are missed already. I know you know how much I loved you, and I sure know how much you loved me. Thank you so much for being a big part of my life. I know you are in a better place, a place where we all want to be one day. Your memories will always be in my heart. The love that you have shown me and my children will always remain in us. Thank you for being a part of making me the person that I am. With your guidance, your support, the things that you have taught me, and the way we were raised, made me raise my children the exact same way. Again, I say thank you. Have a pepsi on me. I know that put a smile on your face. I will always love you.

Love Sabrina

aka

Dank

sabrina bryant - April 19, 2012 at 02:33 AM

TM

“ *Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade because a loved ones gone.*

*Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is a memory they'll live on in our heart.*



*Aunt Willie is in a better place right now than she's ever been before
All pain is gone she's now at rest nothing troubles her anymore
It's we who feel the burden of our sadness and our grief
we have to cry to mourn our loss before we get relief.
We know we'll reconnect with her at the end of each life road
we'll see her cherished face again when we release our earthly
load,*

*Aunt Willie the love that i have for you is unmeasurable, only God
knows how much. I will miss you every day of my life until we meet
again.*

Love Always Your Niece Terri (Lou Lou).

*If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane
I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.*

Love You Aunt Willie, Your Nephew Curtis.

terri mcbride - April 16, 2012 at 06:54 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Schrader lit a candle in memory of
Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis*



Nancy Schrader - April 16, 2012 at 06:45 AM

CI

“ *Cindymay lit a candle in memory of Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis*



cindymay - April 15, 2012 at 06:26 PM

AB

“ *Ruth and family...I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I grew up on second St and spent many days on Lansing at your home with your mother always making me feel special and like one of the family...She was a beautiful soul and will truly be missed. I will pray for you during sad time...Alicia Glinton Boyd....*

Alicia Glinton Boyd - April 14, 2012 at 08:01 PM

NW

“ Mother:

So Go and Run Free.....

*So go and run free with the angels
Dance around the golden clouds
For the Lord has chosen you to be with him
And we should feel nothing but proud
Although he has taken you from us
And our pain a lifetime will last
Your memory will never escape us
But make us glad for the time we did have
Your face will always be hidden
Deep inside our hearts
Each precious moment you gave us
Shall never, ever depart
So go and run free with the angels
As they sing so tenderly
And please be sure to tell them
To take good care of you for me.....*

Mom, I miss and love you so much....

Your Knee Baby, Norm (Nonnie)



Norman Wilson - April 14, 2012 at 07:33 PM

JW

“ *Mother-in-law.....*

It was a blessing knowing you and becoming a part of your beautiful family. I have nothing but deep respect for you and for all the wonderful memories that I have enjoyed listening to shared between your love ones. If there is nothing else that I am sure of in this world I am sure of how deeply you are loved by so many people and you will be missed every day of their lives. God bless you and rest in peace Mrs. Curtis.....

*Jennifer Wilson
(Daughter-in-law)*



Jennifer Wilson - April 13, 2012 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ *SAMUEL D. SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Willie Jean (McBride) Curtis*



SAMUEL D. SANDERS - April 13, 2012 at 01:14 PM

SS

Motherdear, What children need most are the essentials that a grandparent can provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life and with that said i am glad to have you as my grandmother and friend... I WILL MISS AND LOVE YOU ALWAYS AS YOU ARE IN MY HEART.REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS.

YOUR GRANDSON, SAMUEL (OLDMAN)

SAMUEL D. SANDERS - April 13, 2012 at 01:24 PM