



Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.

April 1, 1965 - January 17, 2020

LOUISVILLE, KY/UTICA, NY - Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr., age 54, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville.

Born in Utica on April 1, 1965, Willie was the son of Emma L. (Wilkerson) and the late Bishop Dr. Willie Reed Felton, Sr. Raised and educated in Utica, Willie attended John F. Hughes Elementary School and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1983. He furthered his studies by attending St. John Fisher College. At one time, he was wed to Regina Jackson Felton and from that union came the blessing of three children. On July 7, 2012 he entered into a second loving union when he married Cheryl Ann Garrant. The couple recently relocated to Kentucky in 2019, where his untimely passing occurred. Previously, Willie held employment positions at local banks and financial institutions. His career allowed him to relocate downstate where he excelled in working for various mortgage companies, lastly holding a position at the Holiday Retirement Company as a General Manager up until his passing. Lovingly known as the “Protector” of his family, Willie’s life revolved around the love he held for his family and the great efforts he made to meet their needs. On the lighter side, he had the personality of a big kid, and he loved to joke around to jump-start his hilarious sense of humor. He knew how to make his company feel important, loved, and special. Willie embraced every endeavor with confidence and competence. He participated in charitable activities and community service efforts through his membership as a Prince Hall Mason.

He was an avid fan of New York Giants Football and Syracuse University sports teams. He practically bled orange. He was also fond of golfing because he felt like it was a sport where you could always get better. He enjoyed traveling and he loved the beach, especially Myrtle Beach. And he savored a good cigar, especially with his friend Chris, in real time or FaceTime! Willie was a good man who lived a good life.

Willie is survived by his wife, Cheryl Ann; his mother, Emma Wilkerson; his children, Jannitta Felton, Brianna and John McRae, Kayla Holmes, and Brittany Felton and her fiancé Daniel Iascone; his step-children, Latisha Garrant, Brandon Geter and fiancée Nicole Cardarelli, and Bryan Geter; grandchildren, Ella, Rose; and Kimora; step-grandchildren, Tyshawn, Kimberly, Faith, and Unique; and his step-great grandchild, Julian. He also leaves his sisters and their loved ones, Denora and Dennis Davis, Emmila “Carlette” Felton and Jawaad Rasheed, Beverly Lucas, Laura Felton Yager and Robert Yager, Kimberly Felton, Jessica Felton and Emilio Ball; brother and sister-in-law, Bishop Wayne R. Sr. and Deondra Felton; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles; mother-in-law, Vera Garrant; father-in-law, James E. Garrant and his wife Harlean; special friend and cousin, Donnell Wallace; and his friends, Chris Harvey, William Minor, Desmond Conner, and Terry Williams. He also leaves behind many lasting friendships he developed during his years in Poughkeepsie. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 26th from 12:30pm- 2:00pm at the House of God Church, 1304 Genesee Street. Willie’s Home Going Celebration will commence on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm at the House of God Church, officiated by Bishop Wayne R. Felton.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Celebration of Life

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

MP

“*“Big Willie” as I called him,....had a spirit & love of family & life that was absolutely precious, deep & simply beautiful. My deepest condolences to his wife Cheryl that he loved beyond measure, and the Felton Family.*

God be with the extended Felton family. He will be missed.

Monica Perry - February 10, 2020 at 10:44 PM

DC

“*The last time I saw Willie was in 1982 at UFA. Willie was always & good & cool Brotha. My condolences to his family. May God keep you all. R.I.P. Brotha. Much love.*

Donald Curry - February 03, 2020 at 04:35 PM

AM

“*Our deepest condolences and sincere prayers go out to my 315 Felton family. Willie was definitely a great man.*



Anita Boykin Maryland - February 02, 2020 at 12:57 AM

RC

“ I attended Willie's home going service yesterday and just want to comment that it was one of the most moving and beautiful services I have ever attended. My friend and I came to support our dear friend Cheryl, Willie's beloved wife, but left feeling blessed that we were able to experience Willie in a way that we hadn't had the opportunity to do before. I left with a sense of a man that was truly loved by all who knew him. My favorite memories of Willie are of him and my husband rousing the FDR football coaches where our sons played. They were relentless in their support of the boys - NEVER missed a play and NEVER missed an opportunity to let the coaches know that they were watching! Willie's impact will be long lasting and he will be missed.

Robin Cassell

Robin Cassell - January 27, 2020 at 08:02 AM

BM

“ Sending sincere condolences to the Felton family from the Griggs family.

Brenda Muhammad - January 26, 2020 at 01:50 PM

VG

“ Vivian Tucker- Atlanta Ga lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.



Vivian Tucker- Atlanta Ga - January 25, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 25, 2020 at 01:32 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 24, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 24, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 24, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LS

“ *Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Linda Spratt - January 24, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 24, 2020 at 04:04 PM

FF

“ *From Your UDC-CC Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



From Your UDC-CC Family - January 24, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MC

“ *It's hard when you hear of the passing of someone who reminds you of the good times growing up in Utica. Willie wee as he will always be to me was the loving little brother to me as we all played together on Dudley Ave. You will be missed my brother*

*Michael Collins
New London CT.*

Michael collins - January 24, 2020 at 09:51 AM

KS

“ Ken, Cynthia and Jeff Schneider purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..



Ken, Cynthia and Jeff Schneider - January 24, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KW

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. Knowing Willie Wee has enriched my life. Every time I think of Willie, The thought of His character and laugh will always put a smile on my face. We worked together at Norstar bank and shared many laughs. Willie is the brother that introduced me to the Prince Hall Masons. Willie will be missed.

*Keith & Angela Webb
Memphis Tn*

keith webb - January 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

GR

“ Gerry Russo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.



Gerry Russo - January 23, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 23, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *I fondly remember Willie from my high school days. We were only acquaintances, but he had this infectious smile and personality, that you felt like he was your best friend. My sincerest condolences to his family; it seems he left quite a legacy.*

Karen - January 23, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *My condolences to the Felton family.
Edna (Liggins) Martin*



Edna (Liggins) Martin - January 23, 2020 at 06:06 AM



“ *Chris Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Chris Lockwood - January 23, 2020 at 12:43 AM

CL

Sending prayers for peace and comfort. My condolences to the family. Slumber in peace Willie. You surely will be missed.

Chris Lockwood - January 23, 2020 at 12:48 AM

JF

“ *Praying for the family and his children our hearts are hurting, sleep on brother RIP*



Jackson, Prince and Workman Families - January 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 22, 2020 at 09:05 PM

TL

“ *T. Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



T. Lewis - January 22, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..



January 22, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..



January 22, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..



January 21, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Marcia Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Marcia Perkins - January 21, 2020 at 07:54 PM

MP

My deepest condolences to the Felton family, God bless you all

Marcia Perkins - January 21, 2020 at 08:00 PM

ME

Willie, so sorry to hear of you going home. I remember the good times at UFA. You always had smiles and jokes, whether it be 8:45 in the morning or 3:30 in the afternoon. The Heaven's have surely opened up, and you will be duly missed. Your home-girl, Mudge.....

melanie - January 24, 2020 at 10:33 AM

SS

“ *Sheila Siringo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



sheila siringo - January 21, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JD

“ *Deepest condolences to the Felton Family.
May the happy memories for a Husband , Father Brother, Friend
and coworker ease the pain in this somber time .
I have fond memories of Willie , his joyful nature and his respect of
others, will always be remembered .
Peace and Blessings again to all who encountered Mr. Willie Felton
. Rest peacefully my Friend
Mr. Jody Dorsey and Family*

Jody Dorsey - January 21, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Lisa Jenkins - January 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 21, 2020 at 03:55 PM

RT

“ *My condolences to the bereaved family of Willie Felton you will be missed my friend from Roxann (Jackson) Testamark*

Roxann Testamark - January 21, 2020 at 03:44 PM

FC

“ *Fe Clardy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Fe Clardy - January 21, 2020 at 03:09 PM

FC

Revelation 7:16-17

"They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

Fe Clardy - January 21, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Patterson-Bivens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr.*



Cynthia Patterson-Bivens - January 21, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Reed Felton, Jr..*



January 21, 2020 at 12:51 PM