



Mr. Willie Joe Green

September 21, 1930 - November 24, 2016

Mr. Willie Joe Green, age 86, went home to the Lord and his wife on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2016. His passing occurred after a lengthy illness, with his daughter and family by his side.

Born in Griffin, Georgia on September 21, 1930, Willie was the son of the late Willie R. and Luna (Holland) Green. He relocated to Utica in the late 1940's. In 1963 he married the former Geraldine Hunt with whom he shared 53 years. They were an unbelievable couple who joined forces not only as parents to their daughter, but they also opened their home and hearts to many. Geraldine passed away on January 31, 2015.

Willie worked as a brick mason for the City of Utica Department of Public Works for 45 years, retiring in 1996. He was beloved by many and the friendships he made were honored for years after. Whether at home, at work, or with friends, Willie was a fun-loving, outgoing gentleman guided by rules and good values. In 2004 he accepted Christ, and in 2016 he was baptized. He was renewed and blessed with a sense of wonder and wisdom of God's grace that was always in his heart and mind but became more evident after his baptism. He was a member of the Gospel Light Baptist Church and shared a reverent relationship with Pastor Jody Martin. Willie was a daddy among daddies, and in his daughter's eyes it was "Just me and my dad". He was the world to her. Willie tended his Brinckerhoff home garden with a great touch. He had it all and he had it hooked up with a cold beer for everyone after a hot day's gardening. He also dressed to impress, always with a coordinated hat.

Everybody loved Sundays with the Grill Master as he 'put his toe in it' and made his favorite fare, ribs and collard greens, delicious enough to make you "smack your mamma". He enjoyed fishing with family and friends and cast a line in many lakes and oceans. He also hunted deer, squirrel, and rabbit. He enjoyed many years of bowling in various leagues, including the ABC league. Willie was a man for all seasons of life, 24/7.

Willie is survived by his daughter, Diane J. Judware; his grandchildren, Terry and Monica Green, Janie Green, Michael Green, and Ijeoma "EJ" Isu; his great-grandchildren, Shaheed, Destiny, Kyara, Jasmine, Jahfyia, Justyce, and Marcellus; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Betty Sue and Moses Sparks, and Andre Green; and his sister-in-law Gloria Lee Green. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his best friends, Mr. Pop and Mrs. Caroline. He was predeceased by his brother, Jessie H.; and his sisters, Evelyn, and Rose.

The family extends sincere thanks to Pastor Jody and his wife Jan for their generosity, support, and kindness.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Willie's Home Going celebration will commence on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Pastor Jody Martin officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in New Forest Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

KY

“ Kyara sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Joe Green



Kyara - November 28, 2019 at 01:07 AM

Jl

“ Man Grandpa, 😭 it's been awhile but I like to stop in and talk to you sometime. And I know I'm not actually talking to you but this is my way of grieving. Grandpa I miss you and I know you wouldn't want me to worry about you after all these years but honestly pop... I think about you and nana all the time, and I just can't help it. When I go to sleep, when I'm reading my bible, when I'm relaxing....., uhgggg I don't know why but there's this part of me that won't let go. And Ik it's for the best but I feel like it's still so much I have yet to learn... the little things that you've taught me over the years have helped me tremendously and I just want to say thank you 🙏❤️😭 you guys will be truly missed. I will fulfill my promises to you. I will graduate from college, I will be successful in life, and I won't do it for anyone but myself because that's what you taught me. I WILL MAKE YOU PROUD IF ITS THE LAST THING I DO. I'm going to be a STRONG, INDEPENDENT, BLACK, women and I will fulfill my dreams my your memory live on. ❤️🙏💗



Jahfiya Isu - January 29, 2019 at 05:10 AM

Jl

“ *Jahfiya Isu sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Joe Green*



jahfiya isu - May 30, 2018 at 05:48 PM

JA

“ *Janie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Joe Green*



Janie - December 15, 2016 at 10:40 AM

BC

“ *May your many memories and the love he shared provide comfort to you, his family. Memories of Mr. Willie Joe and Ms. Geraldine will always remain precious to me. Blessings, Love, and Peace, Bessie Clayton and Nicole Herring*



Bessie Clayton - November 30, 2016 at 11:50 AM

CM

“ *Rest peacefully Willie Joe you will truly be missed.*

Carolyn Moore-Bivens - November 29, 2016 at 03:59 PM

BS

“ *Beatrice Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Joe Green*



Beatrice Smith - November 29, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Gail Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Joe Green*



Gail Banks - November 29, 2016 at 03:07 PM

GB

“ *Prayers of comfort going up for Lady Diann and family.....Willie Joe that's for years of fun with the fireworks you always brought us.....RIP*

Gail Banks - November 29, 2016 at 03:06 PM

GC

“ *Willie Joe was my brother in law for 53 years. What fun/enjoyable years. As a kid, Willie Joe made sure all us kids had a great Christmas. Willie Joe also never let anyone go hungry. I will miss you. I will alway remember you. Thanks for everything Willie Joe. R.I.P.*

Gene Conway - November 28, 2016 at 08:10 PM

BS

Willie Joe left a legacy of a great man he was respected by people from all walks of life once they met him they always remember him something he said or did for them to children he was uncle Willie Joe he gave out caps and gloves to them on christmas he was the brother I never had such a humble man always had a good answer for you when you were having a problem thank you Joe for great memories RIP my brother you are with God and your wife both whom you loved with all your heart

Beatrice Smith - November 28, 2016 at 10:29 PM



Condolences to the family, I bowled many years with Willie Joe and we enjoyed many outings together. We was always a friend to me and he touched the lives of many people. God bless his family from James Griffin in California.

James Griffin - November 29, 2016 at 07:20 PM

Jl

grandpa i love you so much... i still cry sometime just thinking about you but i'll see you soon right..... R.I.P sleep well papa until we meet again love your great grand kids Jah'fiya and Justyce.....

jahfiya isu - May 30, 2018 at 05:45 PM