

FOREVER WITH US

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Willie Arthur Simmons Goodwin

A FATHER, A GRANDFATHER, A BROTHER, A SERVANT, A FRIEND



Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017

1:00 P.M.

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church
312 Alabama Highway 239
Union Springs, AL 36089
Rev. Hawthorne Reed, Pastor

OFFICIATING:
Rev. Andrew Walker, Pastor
Walton Chapel Methodist Church



Sunrise: February 25, 1917 - Sunset: September 7, 2017

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Obituary



Willie Arthur Simmons "Bill" Goodwin was born February 25, 1917 to the late Earnest Simmons and Mary Goodwin. Bill had two siblings: Juanita and Catherine who preceded him in death.

Bill departed this earthly life September 7, 2017. Bill accepted Christ and shared his spirit of love at Walton Chapel Methodist Church where he served faithfully until his health failed.

Willie Arthur Goodwin, who was called by many names, "Will Arthur", "Bill", "Bill Arthur", "Daddy", "Granddaddy", "Uncle Bill", "Cousin Bubble" was loved and had many friends. He was known to lay under the trees in his yard. People would stop by and sit and talk for hours. Bill's passion was hunting and fishing.

In 1941, he was united in Holy Matrimony with Mattie Lou Cowan, who preceded him in death on June 5, 2015. This union was blessed with eleven children. Four preceded him in death: two babies, Willie Piez (Billie) in 1988 and Samuel (Sam, Pete) in 1995.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his children: Earnest (Peggy), Lonnie (Beverly), Mary (Hugh), Elizabeth, Maxine, Bobbie, and Doretha; sisters-in-law: Annie Jean and Mildred; daughter-in-law, Statie; god-son, John Lewis; twenty-two (22) grandchildren; forty-two (42) great-grandchildren; thirteen (13) great-great grandchildren along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, church family, and friends.



FROM THE FAMILY:

We didn't want to give you up; we'll miss that smile on your face. But comforted are we by this thought: in Heaven you will take your place. We didn't want to give you up; yet we know you're gone to rest. So comforted are we by this thought, to be in Heaven is the best.

Order of Service

PRELUDE..... SOFT MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL FAMILY & CLERGY

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT REV. SYLVIA PRITCHETT

NEW TESTAMENT..... BISHOP WILLIAM GIVENS

PRAYER.....

MUSICAL SELECTION

Reflections

As I Knew Him - Bishop Eva Givens

Family and Friends

[limit 2 minutes, please]

SOLO..... SIS. MAY RAYBON

EULOGY REV. ANDREW WALKER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE.....



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; He set me free!



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

We Will Miss You!

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge the many acts of kindness, your comforting phone calls, cards, floral tributes and other expressions of love and concern, especially, your prayers. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to the absence of our loved one.

Special thanks to his caregivers: his son, Lonnie; granddaughters: Wanda and Betty; grandson, Lonnie Jr.; great-granddaughter, Te'Wandria; Susie and Mattie. Special thanks to all of you who made Bill's life a pleasure.

CASKET BEARERS

Family & Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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INTERMENT

Walton Chapel Church Cemetery

FELLOWSHIP

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church

Final Arrangements Entrusted to: Carter Funeral Home

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