

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone,
In there, a light we can not see,
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond that gate our loved one,
Will find happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought,
That a loving God knows best.
May God grant him eternal rest.*

The Family

THE HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Charles Simms, Sr.	John Simms	James Simms
Tracy Baylor, Sr.	Raymond Thomas	Terrance Bailey
Bernard Sampson		Aubrey Woolfolk

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Frank Sampson	Travis Sampson	Melquan Freeman
Sylvester Freeman	Quavion Harris	Tracy Baylor, Jr.

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces, Great Nieces and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Your cards, letters, verbal expressions and acts of kindness will always be remembered.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

WILLIE JAMES THOMAS



Sunrise
April 15, 1939

Sunset
August 15, 2019

"Boo"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019
1:00pm

Jericho Baptist Church
8435 Jericho Rd.
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

The Obituary

WILLIE JAMES THOMAS departed this life on August 15, 2019 at home. He was born April 15, 1939 in Caroline County, to the late Bertie Thomas Smith and stepfather Wesley Smith.

He joined the Jericho Baptist Church at an early age. He attended Caroline County School. He was employed at Quantico Marine Corp. as a chef for over 25 years. After retirement from there he was employed by Henrico County Schools as a custodian for many years. After full retirement he was employed by Baily's janitorial service for fourteen years. He was well liked by his co-workers.

Willie was a happy person and was well liked by everyone. He loved life and spending time with family and friends as "Boo". He was a loving brother, uncle and friend. He experienced great joy in life when cooking and mowing his lawn.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted sister and caregiver, Laverne Smith-Courtney (Eugene Courtney), Mary Sampson, caregiver, Earlene Mines and Helen Thomas(All of Caroline County, Va.). Two aunts, Bertha Redd of Washington, D.C. and Essie Belle Thomas of Caroline County. A host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. One devoted great nephew, Quavion Harris, one special great, great niece, Chanelle Sampson and one special great, great nephew, Carter Sampson. A Host of cousins, other relatives and friends. Devoted friends, Terrance Bailey, John Simms, James Simms and Charles Simms.

Willie, we love you and we're so thankful for the years we had together with you. We'll miss you dearly.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL
Minister and Family

OPENING HYMN
The Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament—Psalms 23
New Testament—St. John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO
Vanessa Whiting

REFLECTIONS
Shawn Thomas Wilson
Jeryl Childs

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

OBITUARY
Read Silently

EULOGY
The Reverend Raleigh Harris, Jr.

SOLO
David Scott

CLOSING HYMN

RECESSIONAL