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



Charles Simms, Sr. Tracy Baylor, Sr. Bernard Sampson

John Simms Raymond Thomas James Simms Terrance Bailey **Aubrey Woolfolk**

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Frank Sampson Sylvester Freeman

Travis Sampson **Quavion Harris**

Melquan Freeman Tracy Baylor, Jr.

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces, Great Nieces and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

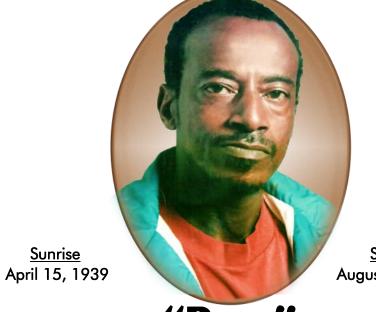
The family wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Your cards, letters, verbal expressions and acts of kindness will always be remembered.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

104 Green Chimney Ct. | Ashland, VA 23005 | 804.752.8460 1808 Princess Anne Street | Fredericksburg, VA 22401 | 540-899-6090

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

WILLIE JAMES THOMAS



Sunset August 15, 2019

Sunrise

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

PROCESSIONALMinister 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

EULOGYThe Reverend Raleigh Harris, Jr.

SOLO David Scott

CLOSING HYMN

RECESSIONAL