

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the
day. If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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 heart and share with me, God
wanted me now, He set me free.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The entire family wish to thank you for your kindness and love expressed toward the family. Your calls, visits, monetary donations and cards have truly been a source of comfort during our time of bereavement. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you!



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FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my
Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes
from my life. For each scene, I noticed two
sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before
me, I looked back at the footprints in the
sand. I noticed that at many times along
the path of my life, especially at the very
lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord
about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to
follow you, You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and
most troublesome times of my life, there
was only one set of footprints. I don't
understand why, when I needed You the
most, You would leave me." He whispered,
"My precious child, I love you and will
never leave you Never, ever, during your
trials and testings. When you saw only one
set of footprints, It was then
that I carried you."*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

WILLIAM "MIKE" VANLANDINGHAM, JR.



Saturday, September 14, 2019
1:00 PM

GOOLSBY MORTUARY
Virgie's Chapel
1375 Jonesboro Rd SE.
Atlanta, GA

Bro, Edwin Lyons, *Officiating and Eulogist*

OBITUARY

William "Mike" Vanlandingham, Jr. was born in Chicago, IL on March 2, 1977 to Patricia Hayes and the late William Vanlandingham, Sr. He was known to many as "Poodle". He departed this Earth on September 2, 2019.

Mike attended Tri-City High School and graduated in 1996. He was a member of the Marching Band and played the trumpet. He attended Atlanta Area Technical School pursuing training in Heating and Air.

Mike obtained gainful employment with Burriss Logistics for 10 years. He later took his skills to Dart Container Company. He was last employed with WinCup. No matter where he was employed, his co-workers knew him for always smiling and making them laugh.

Mike loved to sing and dance, being the life of the party. One of his favorite songs that he loved to sing was "A Change Is Gonna Come". Everyone knew him to be loving, caring and fun to be around.

Mike loved his family and often told his children "to remember that you are your own individual".

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Shawanda "Keshia" Vanlandingham; his six children, Develle Respress, Destyni Vanlandingham, Makayla Vanlandingham, Za'Niyah Vanlandingham, Carlos Brown, Jr. and E'Montay Williams; hree precious grandchildren, Paisley Respress, Cassie Respress and P'Airre Brown;his mother, Patricia Hayes; his brother, Donald "Black" Williams; his sisters, Cheryl Vanlandingham (Baltimore, MD), Terri Vanlandingham (Baltimore, MD), Trina Trotman (Baltimore,MD) and Wynetta "Nita" Franklin (Mississippi); two aunts, Gloria Reed and Denise Jones, a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Solo.....Bro. Edwin Lyons, Jr.

Scripture Reading
Old and New Testatment

Prayer

Solo.....Altovise George

Remarks (2 minutes)

Family Tribute.....Evelyn Lyons, *Mother-in-law*

DVD VIDEO TRIBUTE
The Life and Legacy of
William "Mike" Vanlandingham

Eulogy.....Bro. Edwin Lyons, Jr.

Committal

Acknowledgement.....Goolsby Mortuary Staff

Balloon Release on the Lawn

Benediction

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