

- Order of Service -

Processional Ministers & Family

Old Testament Deacon Williams New Testament Deacon Williams

Prayer of Comfort.......Evangelist Myra Artis

- Reflections (2 minutes Please) -

Solo......Walter Richardson

Acknowledgements/Obituary......Cassandra Williams

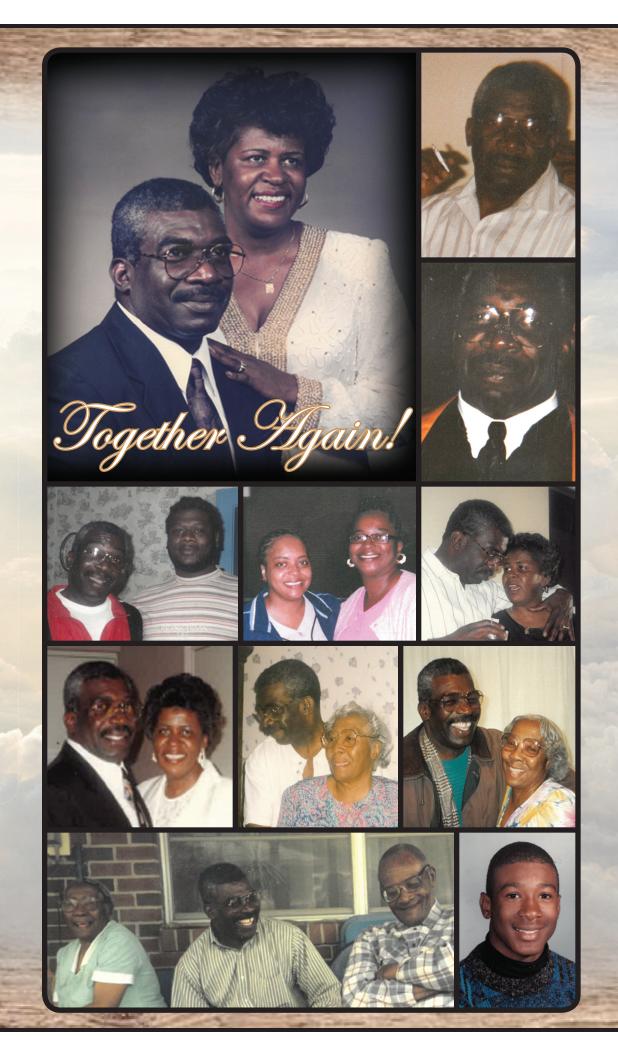
Solo.....Appointee

Eulogy......Bishop Willie Thomas

Funeral Director's Brief

Final Viewing/Recessional

- INTERMENT -Rest Haven Cemetery 1800 Lane St. Extension Wilson, NC



- Obituary -

JAMES EARL ARTIS

was born December 8, 1944, to the late George Gray and Louise Artis, in Wilson NC. James Earl Artis was known as "Inky". James Earl was married to the late Henrietta Driver Artis and later in life he married the love of his life Minnie Mae Barnes Artis. James Earl was also preceded in death by three sisters and one brother Alice Lee Diane, Sandra Adell, Freddie Augusta, and Myra Artis.

IAMES EARL attended Sam Vick Elementary School and graduated from Darden High School with the class of 1963. Shorty after graduation he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served for four years. After leaving the Air Force he joined the U.S. Army where he served with the 82nd Airborne Division. James received numerous awards and decorations while serving in the military. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Sergeant First Class (SFC). After retiring from the military, he worked as a Detention Officer for a short time in Charlotte, NC, then he moved to Atlanta, GA where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement and relocated back to Wilson, NC. James was a member of Wilson Chapter C.H. Darden Alumni and the National Alumni Association.

IAMES EARL was the first member in the family to graduate with a college degree from Savannah Technical College in Savannah, Georgia with a degree in Computer Science. He was a member of the American Legion, Lodge No. 17 in Wilson, NC, he was also as a Third-Degree Free Mason. His lodge is Mt. Hebron Lodge 42, in Wilson, NC.

IAMES EARL was a man of dignity and honor. He was a father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved life and showed it in his everyday endeavors. He was also a people person, who never met a stranger.

IAMES EARL leaves to cherish fond memories: Two sons Braxton Hillard (Wilson) and Ashley Bridgers (Charlotte), three brothers George H. Artis (Annie) Colorado Springs, CO, Preston Artis (Willie) Wilson, NC, Vincent Dublin (Val) Wilson, NC, one sister Mary Lewis (Lionel) Wilson, NC, two special brothers James Mitchell (Elma) and John Carter (Sally), two grandsons Kinson Grav and Grevson Miles, and a host of nieces and nephews, friends up under the tree Thomas Purdie, Ricky Dancey, Carl Bullock just to name a few; his partner, Gwendolyn Murrain.