

A HOMEGOING SERVICE

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

DEACON
WILLIE ARTHUR
NOLAN, SR.

*The steps of a good man are ordered
by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.
Psalms 37:23*

Earthly Arrival
April 15, 1933

Heavenly Departure
April 19, 2024



Celebration Service
Saturday ~ May 4, 2024
11:00 A. M.

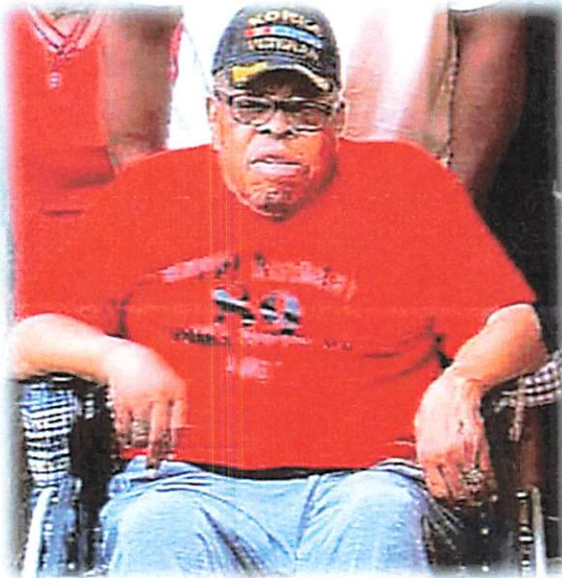
Winn's Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

605 Madison Street
Elgin, Texas 78621

Reverend D. W. Townsend,
Pastor

"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 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've found that peace at the close of 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.



MY DARLING HUSBAND...

What can I say that I haven't already said?
What can I do that I haven't already done?
Well,

Sixty - one years just wasn't long enough
I always said I will tell you tomorrow,
Now, I know what it means when they say:
'tomorrow may be too late...'

You knew I loved you, just as I know you loved me.
God came and stood beside you and whispered
"Come Home and Rest."

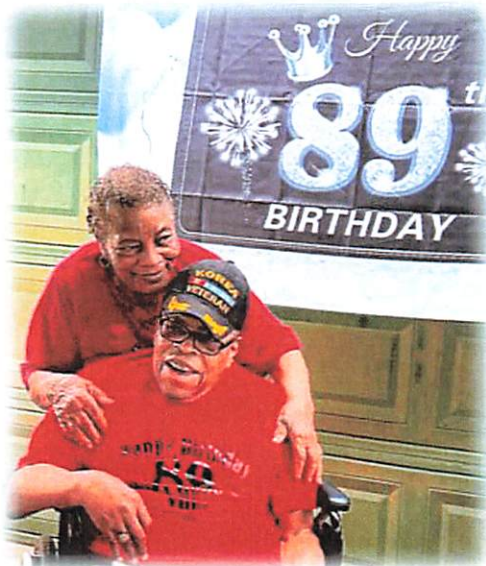
You fought a good fight, and you finished the course, most all
You kept the faith...

Until we meet again...

I will love you forever!



Rosie



OBITUARY

Willie Arthur Nolan, Sr., 91, of Elgin, Texas, passed away peacefully at home with his family on Friday, April 19, 2024. He was the son of Willis and Martha Nolan, born on April 15, 1933, in Milam County, Texas. He attended the public schools of Texas, only to name Booker T. Washington High School. Upon completing the grade requirements, Willie enlisted in the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War.

Willie's life was guided by a strong Christian foundation. He embraced his faith at an early age and became a member of the Winn's Memorial Baptist Church in Elgin, Texas. His faith was not confined to one place, as he continued to spread the word of God during his travels and even joined the Evangelist Missionary Baptist Church in Port Hueneme, California.

Willie's life was enriched when he was united in Holy Matrimony to Rosie Lee Gibson on March 27, 1963. Their marriage was a testament to the power of love, joy, and countless cherished memories. Willie was a devoted husband and a proud father to Anthony, Donald, Wilma, Mary, Marilyn, Linda, Sandra, Willie Jr., and Angela.

Willie dedicated twenty years of his life to serving his country. His military career was marked by numerous citations and certifications, a testament to his bravery and commitment. After his service, he continued contributing to his country as a civil service worker in Point Mugu, California, as a truck driver.

Willie and his family moved back to Elgin, Texas and reunited with Winn's Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. In 2003, Willie was ordained as a Deacon under the care of Reverend D. W. Townsend. He served faithfully until his health began to fail. Willie continued to support the church and the pastor in many aspects until his death.

Willie was a God-fearing man but loved Him dearly. He was a caring family man who enjoyed family gatherings and holidays. He embraced getting to know new people and could always put a smile on your face with his great sense of humor. Willie enjoyed taking care of his goats, naming them one by one.

Willie fell asleep in Christ on April 19, 2024. He was preceded by his parents, Willis and Martha Nolan; brothers Leroy, Preston, and Clarence; two sisters, Eula and Queen Esther; two sons, Anthony and Donald; and two daughters, Angela and Wilma. Willie was the last of his siblings.

Willie leaves behind a priceless legacy that will be cherished by all who knew him: his loving and devoted wife of sixty - one years, Rosie Nolan; his daughters Mary and her husband, Willie Gunn of Las Vegas, Nevada; Marilyn and her husband, Luther Wilson of Elgin, Texas; Linda Johnson of Ventura, CA; Sandra and her husband, Willie Cottens of Oxnard, CA; and one son, Willie Nolan, Jr. of Elgin, Texas; twenty grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, a special niece, Debra Mays, his buddy, William 'Shorty' Russell, and numerous nieces and nephews covering four generations and a host of other relatives and friends.

Now his work is ended, and
he is laid to rest...



CELEBRATION SERVICE

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me, Remember . . .

"I tried to live in this old world and I did the best I could, but when God reached out his hand, I grabbed on and was led home. I know God will open wide your understanding as to why these things must be. Dying is only a part of living, therefore celebrate my life."

Memorial Gathering

Prelude

Soft Music by Brother Devin DeFreeze

Processional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family
Escorted by Deacon Johnny Jones and Deacon Henry Bills

Sealing of the Casket

Mrs. Rosie and the Children

Deacon Tribute

Winn's Memorial Deacon Board
and Guest Deacon

Song of Inspiration

Deacons Johnny Jones

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Reverend Felix Trejo
Reverend Terrance Green

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Dwight Carrington

Inspirational Solo

Reverend L. H. McShan

Church Tribute (Resolution)

Winn's Memorial Baptist Church

Special Remarks (3 Minutes, Please)

Deacon Johnny Jones
Brother William 'Shorty' Russell
Brother Kerry Knox

Celebration Song

Brother Kerry Knox,
Great Nephew

Celebration Message

Pastor D. W. Townsend

Recessional

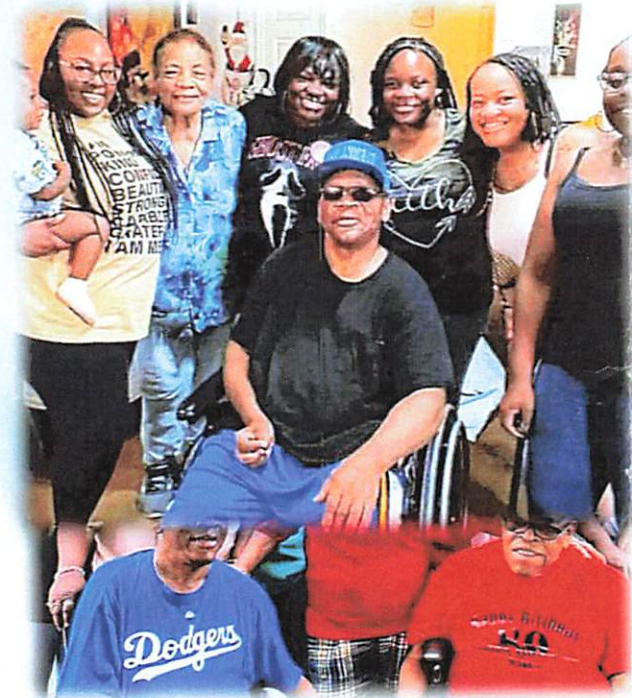
Deacons and Deaconess
Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen*

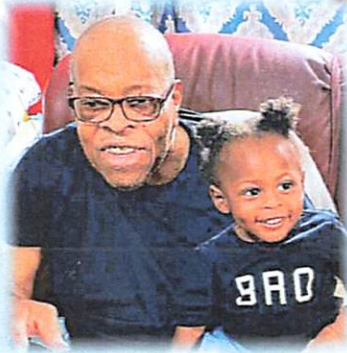
A FATHER'S GARDEN

Our Father kept a garden.
A garden of the heart;
He planted all the good things,
That gave our lives their start.
He turned us to the sunshine,
And encouraged us to dream:
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came,
He protected us enough;
But not too much because he knew
We would stand up strong and tough.
His constant good example,
Always taught us right from wrong;
Markers for our pathway that will last
a lifetime long.
We are our Father's Garden,
We are his Legacy.
Thank you Dad

We Love You!



AT A GLANCE...



CASKET BEARERS

Deacons of Winn's Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

Deacon Johnny Jones
Deacon Henry Bills
Deacon Randy Mays

Deacon Erwin Hayden
Deacon Lester Rivers
Deacon Alex Dean

Deacon Vernon Mitchell

MEN OF HONOR

Brandon Wilson
Kevin Gibson
Jackie Brown, Jr.
Donald Gibson, Jr.
Donnie Gibson

Anthony Nolan, Jr.
Lashaun Cottens
Maurice Brown
Donovan Gibson
Jesse Williams

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

What a Mighty God we serve, and to Him be the Glory!

There is such great comfort in knowing that we are not alone. God is with us, and the assurance of His blessings are manifested in the warm expressions of sympathy shown to us by our extended family and friends. Together, we have appreciated the personal visits, telephone calls, cards, prayers, floral and food offerings. Also, a very special thank you to the Hospice of Austin staff and Nikki Hudnall for their unwavering support.

~ Deaconess Rosie Nolan and Family

REPAST

Winn's Memorial Baptist Church
Deacon James Hendricks
Fellowship Hall
Elgin, Texas



INTERMENT

Elgin Latin Cemetery
205 Ochoa Street
Elgin, Texas 78621



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We are deeply mindful of the confidence
you have placed in us and we sincerely hope
that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

Josh and Jamie Hausladen and Staff

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