



IN LOVING MEMORY

**WILLIE**

1948

2022

*James* ★ *Magee*

*Celebrating The Life Love & Legacy Of*

# Willie James "Dooly" Magee

February 20, 1948 - November 12, 2022

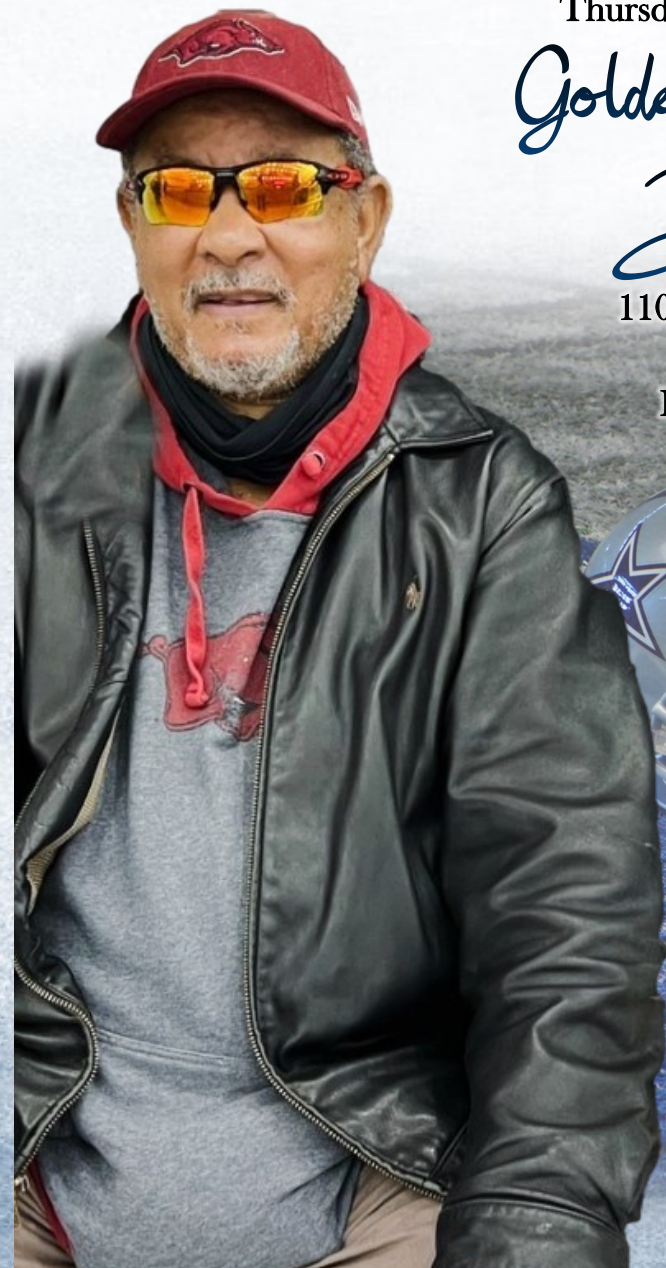
Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 11AM

*Golden Gate Missionary  
Baptist Church*

1101 Reverend CBT Smith St.

Dallas, Texas 75203

Pastor Vincent T. Parker





# A Life Well Lived

On February 20, 1948, Willie "Dooly" James Magee was born to the late Doss and Laura Magee in Tutwiler, Mississippi. He was the fifth child born into a family of eight siblings.

Willie accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age and was baptized at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Shelby, Mississippi.

Willie received his early education at Shelby Elementary School where he excelled as an honor student. Transitioning to Clarksdale, he attended and graduated from Higgins High School. After receiving a scholarship to a business school, he relocated to Dallas, Texas where he received his certificate of certification in Business.

Desiring to serve his country, he enlisted into the Air Force in 1968 and was stationed at the Air Force Base in Florida where he was promoted to Sergeant E-4 status before returning to Dallas, Texas with an honorable discharge in 1972.

As fate would have it, along his journey, Willie was joined in holy matrimony to Vera Brackens. To this union, two wonderful children were born; Dona Faye Magee and Bryant Magee.

Upon returning to Dallas, Texas, after leaving the Air force, Willie began working at Texas Instruments as a Lab Technician. Willie valued education immensely, aiding in his decision to enroll in a Bachelor's program in Chemistry at North Texas State University. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. Once Willie received his degree from NTSU he was promoted to chemist at Texas Instruments. Willie's career transitioned into another direction once he was laid off from Texas Instruments due to company downsizing. Willie began working for DART as a bus operator and substituted in the DISD district for many years. With Willie's love for chemistry, he decided to get back into the field that brought him joy. Willie accepted a job with the City of Dallas as an Air Pollution Control Inspector, where he later retired from. Lastly, before full retirement, Willie was employed at the VA Medical Center.

Willie was a world traveler; he would just pick up and go visit his family and friends in different cities several times throughout the year. He never missed his family or class reunions, and he made every attempt to attend the funerals of his friends and family. In fact, he was on his way to a classmate's funeral at the time of his car accident. Willie lived and loved life to the fullest with no regrets and would have had it no other way.

Willie loved to serve his community and went on to organize the Southeast YMCA Cougars Baseball team. Willie became a father figure to many of these young men and Willie's bond with these men remains strong. Willie was a faithful member of Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where Vincent T. Parker was his overseer.

He was preceded in death by his father (Doss), mother (Laura), brother (L.D.), and sister (Bernice).

He leaves to cherish his memory his former wife, Vera, two children Bryant (Candice) and Dona Faye Magee; (5) grandchildren, Bryson, Morgan, Jasmine, Charles, and Cidney; one great-grandchild Taylor; (5) sisters, Violet (Jannie), Inez, Maggie, Laura, and Josephine; one brother-in-law Joseph; a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

# Order of Service

Processional & Final View | Clergy & Family

*I Shall Wear a Crown, ERFH Staff*

Selection | Soon and Very Soon

*Scripture:*

Old Testament | Minister

New Testament | Minister

Prayer of Comfort | Minister

Resolutions | GGMCB & Others

Words of Expressions | Family and Friends

*(2 min please)*

*Special Tribute*

Morgan Burkes-Magee

Cidney Magee

Selection | Speak To My Heart

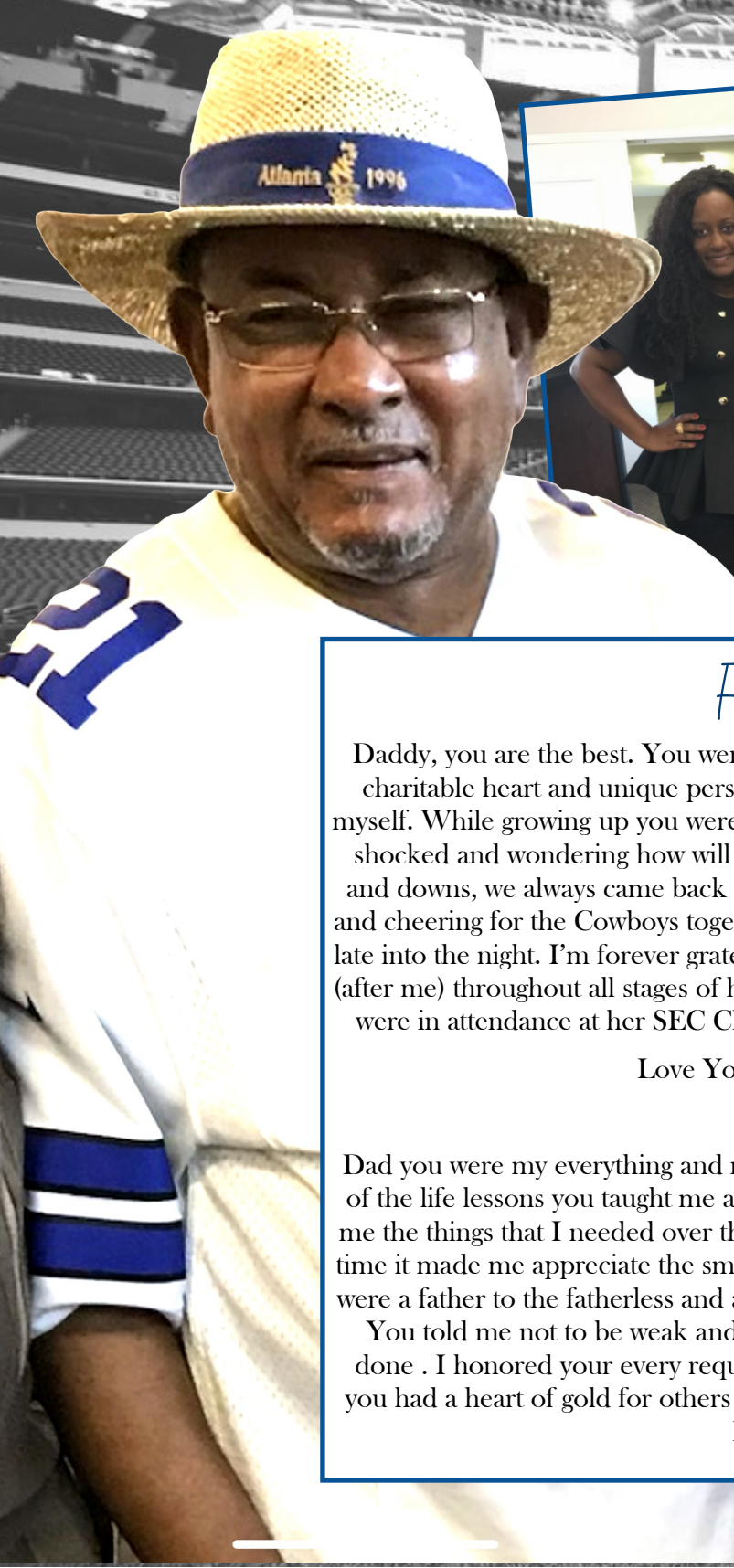
Eulogy | Pastor Vincent T. Parker

Recessional | Clergy & Family

*Soon & Very Soon*



# Gone From Our Sight But Never Our Hearts



## *From The Heart*

Daddy, you are the best. You were so courageous and strong. I have always admired your charitable heart and unique persona. When I was a little girl you taught me to believe in myself. While growing up you were my rock...I could always depend on you. Wow, I am still shocked and wondering how will I face tomorrow without you. Although we had our up's and downs, we always came back around. From picking on each other, to cooking for you, and cheering for the Cowboys together, we had some great times...even when you barbecued late into the night. I'm forever grateful that you were more than proud to be Morgan's #1 fan (after me) throughout all stages of her track career. The last thing you did was made sure you were in attendance at her SEC Championship track meet. I will love you forever, Daddy.

Love Your Daughter, Dona Faye (Face)

Dad you were my everything and raised me to be the man I am today. I will never forget all of the life lessons you taught me and to work hard for everything I wanted in life. You gave me the things that I needed over the things that I wanted when I did not understand why. In time it made me appreciate the smaller things because some people did not have those. You were a father to the fatherless and a mentor to many of my friends whom I still talk to today.

You told me not to be weak and stand strong on what I believed and that is what I have done . I honored your every request until your last breath. It is well with my soul because you had a heart of gold for others and through their memories you will continue to live on!

Love Your Son, Bryant



# Family Acknowledgements

## *Our Sincerest Thanks*

The family of Mr. Willie James Magee aka "Dooly" wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers, and any expression of kindness and concern. Evidenced at this time in thought and deed.

May God add a blessing to each of you.

## *Pallbearers*

Arto Green—Kevin McLin—Corey Williams  
Byron Magee—Bryson Magee—Charles Williams

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Vincent Anderson— Mitch Daniels—Kent Furdge  
Sixto Mirelds—Hugh Roberts—Robert Wilkins.

Repass will follow immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

12:30 pm -1:45 pm

## *Interment*

DFW National Cemetery



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