



John
WILLIE LEE

JANUARY 3, 1947 - OCTOBER 7, 2022

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022
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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

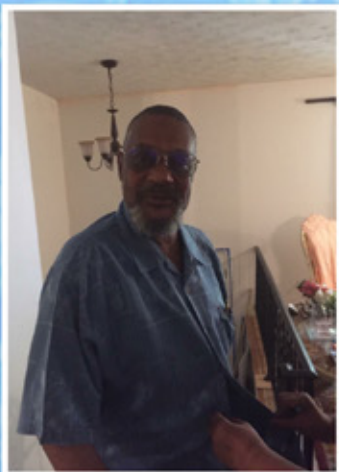
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John “Willie” Lee, also affectionately known as “JW” by family, gained his Heavenly wings on October 7, 2022. John was born on January 3, 1947, in Bartow, Georgia to the union of John Edward Lee and Mattie Maye Moye-Lee. “J.W.” obtained his early education at Davisboro Academy in Bartow, GA. He attended T.J. Elder High School in Sandersville, GA. Willie also attended Volusia Jr. College in Daytona Beach Fla.

“J.W.” decided to leave the south and start his new chapter of life in Long Beach, California. Willie’s first job in California was at Ford Motor Company in Los Angeles. He worked for several years on the assembly line at Ford before being hired by Long Beach Transit where he was an operator. “J.W.” worked his way through different departments for the City of Long Beach Sanitation Dept., Parks and Recreation Dept. and last but surely not least, he transferred to the Port of Long Beach where he retired as Maintenance Supervisor after 29 years of dedication and service. In 1994 Willie was named Employee of the Year and honored for having less than eight hours of sick time.

“J.W.” enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in organized sports, cooking a mean rack on ribs on the grill, taking road trips where he crossed many state lines to reconnect with family members in the South. Let’s not forget Willie’s love for driving buses from California to Nevada. He was the owner of 3W’s tours for over a decade. J.W. was also a big horse racing fan. He would get so excited about the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and the Belmont stakes. J.W. prided himself on knowing how to pick the winning horse.

John “Willie” Lee leaves to cherish his lifelong legacy of two daughters Aaronya D. Lee of Henderson, NV; Mattie L. Lee of Hemet, CA; one son Tyrone Field of Long Beach, CA; nine grandchildren Chantill Jones of Long Beach, CA, John E. Butler who preceded him in death, Brae D. Butler of Henderson, NV, Thomas Mahoney II of Las Vegas, NV, Israel Mahoney of Henderson, NV, Christian Mahoney of Lakewood, CA, Monesha T. Hunter of Long Beach, CA, Amos Lewis who preceded him in death and Jeremiah Atkinson of Long Beach, CA; seven stepchildren, Angela (Laris) McClelland, Andrea McClelland who preceded him in death, Antione (Dawn) McClelland, Claudia (Calvin) McClelland, Roderick (Jasmine) McClelland, Michael McClelland, Amanda McClelland; thirteen step-grandchildren, Tony Edinbyrd, Alysia Edinbyrd, Ashley Edinbyrd, Amber Edinbyrd, Desarae Jones, Jalen Owens, Rory Quinn-McClelland, Jasmine Brown, Joshua Brown, Gariah McClelland, Maylah McClelland, Maleah McClelland, Aniyah McClelland; eighteen great-grandchildren Elijah Copeland, Kelis Copeland, Aaronya Edmonds, Ronya Edmonds, Cailyn Edmonds, Israel Mahoney II, Micah Mahoney, Calvary Mahoney, Azikiwe Mahoney, Zyon Mahoney, Aniyah Mahoney, Amarie Mahoney, Azari Mahoney, Isaiah Hunter, Isaac Hunter, Harmony Lewis, Eava Jameson, Everett Jameson; one great, great granddaughter Kaylani Marie Jackson; two brothers Frank Lee of Clearwater, FL and Donald Lee of Boston, MA; two sisters Emily Lee of Jersey City, NJ and Lula Jones of Chicago, IL; and a huge host of cousins and lifelong friends.



THE CELEBRATION SERVICE OF

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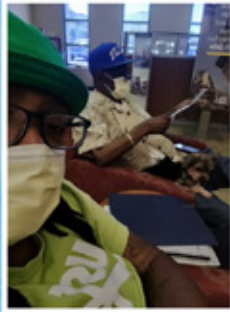
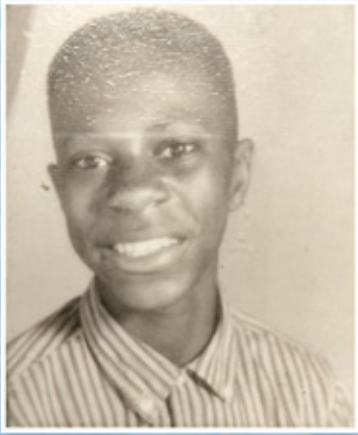
Processional - "What Is This" by Walter Hawkins.....Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort.....Vaughn Pitts
Old Testament Scripture Reading - Isaiah 57:1-2.....Jeremiah Atkinson
New Testament Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-4.....Dawn Quinn
Selection - "Safe in His Arms".....Justin J. Ash
Obituary.....Monesha Hunter
Video Tribute.....Giddens Memorial Chapel
Expressions (Two Minutes Please).....Family & Friends
Acknowledgement.....Marilyn Lee
Selection - "Change Me".....Justin J. Ash
Eulogy.....Evangelist Sandra Council
Crowning & Parting View.....Giddens Memorial Chapel
Recessional.....Clergy & Family

INTERMENT

Palm Eastern Cemetery
7600 S. Eastern Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89123

REPAST

Giddens Memorial Chapel
2980 Meade Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89102
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



THE LOVING TRIBUTES TO

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Daddy, for as long as I can remember you have been my H.E.R.O. Your small stature is a complete understatement of the Gigantic person that lived inside of you. Daddy, you took on the world when it came to your family. I remember when you were a single father with two daughters, and you used to paint Mattie and I's nails. Daddy you were also very handy with pressing comb and burettes. I was so proud when I would ride the bus with you for your entire shift when you worked for the Long Beach Transit. In my mind there wasn't anything you couldn't do or anyone you couldn't whoop! You were larger than life in my books, you demonstrated that by all the lives you touched and all the children you raised. Your strong work ethics are what I live by today, your ability to make the impossible possible drives me daily to be more like you. Thank you for being a father and grandfather to my children and many others. Daddy, you will be missed greatly. No more late-night talks. No more pay per view fights. No more Catfish and Collars being cooked at the last minute on Friday nights.

But one thing that will never change is the fond memories and your Lee blood running through these veins. Daddy no more suffering, rest well in Paradise. Long Live King John!!! -Aaronya D. Lee

Our Dad is the greatest man I've ever known. His heart and caring for others knew no limits. For several decades he sacrificed for his family and loved ones by working extremely long shifts day after day, and week after week. His teachings and life lessons have helped me navigate this world. I'm tremendously grateful to have had him guide me my entire life. Our Dad was dependable, capable, strong, honest, giving, funny, and such a beautiful human being. The light within him shined so bright, so radiant, it was easy for him to immediately make friends with complete strangers and put them at ease. Our father was not only a gift to his legacy, but to the world. And although the world is slightly dimmer with his passing, our Dad's spirit is still within all of us. Still helping guide us. I love our Dad so much, he is loved by all of us, and will live on in our hearts for eternity. I love you Dad. -Michael

A Prayer for My Dad Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my dad. You must really love me, cause you gave the best you had. Watch over him and bless him Lord, and keep him in your care And may he feel my love for him, is my humble, heartfelt prayer. -Brae



Time flies when you're having fun. I'm grateful for the time we've spent. I'm proud to be your grandson. I know you're going to dance and BBQ like no other. Just save me a plate and a spot to kick it so I can have a drink and reminisce about the good old days. Till next time grandad
-Anthony

I was your "Big head", and you were my "Fat head". Our memories will live on for a lifetime. Thank you for all of the times you held me when I couldn't sleep (which were many nights). Thank you for all the times you wiped my tears and took away all of my troubles. Thank you for your protection and unconditional love. Thank you for taking me all over the U.S! Brooklyn was my favorite!!

Thank you for driving SIX hours to come get me because I got stung by a bee! Thank you for having a desk full of paperwork with my picture right on top aha! Thank you for making promises to me that you always kept! Thank you for telling me that I was the "Sweetest thing in the house" Thank you for making me feel so special. Thank you for our bike rides. Thank you for holding my hand on homecoming (I was so nervous). Thank you for being proud of me! But most of all, thank you for being the Man in my life that taught me everything. You didn't have to do it but you did and for that I am FOREVER grateful. You told me you were leaving me in good hands for this last birthday and I believe that! I love you forever and one more day! -Amber



Hi Grandpa, I know you're in a better place now and thank you for all of the birthday money. We love you. -Izzy, Azi Micah & Cali

PALLBEARERS

Israel Mahoney
Christian Mahoney
Jeremiah Atkinson
Calvin Owens
Daché Noldon
Don James

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