

Obituary

Willie Elkin Heard, Jr. was born on January 12, 1934 to the parents of Elkin and Lue Ella Heard in Camp Hill, Alabama. He departed this life on April 27, 2022 at his residence in El Paso, Texas. After graduating from Tallapoosa County Training School in Camp Hill, he was drafted into the United States Army. He received an honorable discharge from the Army after two years of service. He later decided to enlist into the United States Navy. While in the Navy, he had tours in Spain, Italy, Greece, France, and South Africa. He was honorably discharged from the Navy after serving four years. Mr. Heard reenlisted into the United States Army with tours in Vietnam and Germany. While stationed in Munich, Germany he met and married the love of his life, Helga Maria Schreiber Heard, on July 13, 1966. During his military career, he received several awards and commendations. In 1978 he honorably retired from the military at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 47 years; siblings Marie Woody, Miriam Clay, Houston Heard, McDonald Heard, Richard Heard, and Virginia Burton; and nephews Michael Heard, Donald Woody, and John V. Burton. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy (Clinton) Crawford of Hepzibah, Georgia; a devoted nephew and caregiver, Reginald (Michelle) Heard of Hampton, Georgia; nieces - Sharon Heard, Vicky Renae Thomas, Dr. Chinita Hinton, Bonita Adams, Gloria Dowdell, Debra Fitten, and Tracy Clay; nephews - Carlton Woody, Winfred Woody, McDonald Heard, Jr., Melvin Heard, and Darrington Heard; a special friend - Mr. Thomas; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.

Services In Care Of

Sunset Funeral Home Northeast
El Paso, Texas

When I Must Leave

When I must leave you for a little while Please do not grieve and shed wild tears And hug your sorrow to you through the years. But start out bravely with a gallant smile; And for my sake and in my name, Live on and do all things the same, Feed not your loneliness on empty days, But fill each waking hour in useful ways, Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer And I in turn will comfort you And hold you near; And never, never be afraid to die, For I am waiting for you in the sky!



Order of Service

- Processional
- Scripture
- Old and New Testament.....
- Prayer.....
- Obituary..... Read Silently
- Words of Comfort.....
- Recessional

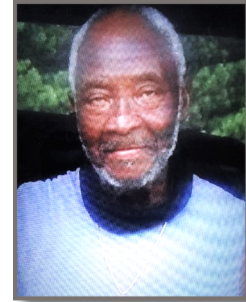
Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Willie E. Heard wishes to thank their many friends for all the acts of kindness. As God continues to embrace us and keep us strong as a family, we pray that He will do the same for you.

In Loving Memory

Willie Elkin Heard

January 12, 1934 ~ April 27, 2022



Visitation

4:00 PM, Wednesday, May 04, 2022
Sunset Funeral Homes-Northeast
El Paso, Texas

Committal Service

9:30 AM, Thursday, May 05, 2022
Fort Bliss National Cemetery
El Paso, Texas