

## I AM FREE

I am free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me

I took his hand I heard him call

Then turned, and bid farewell to all

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to sing, to play

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found my peace... at close of play

And if my parting 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... deep with sorrow

I wish you sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full I've savored much

Good friends, good times

A loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with grief

Lift up your hearts and share with me,

God wants me now...

He set me free.



## PALLBEARERS

Eric Howard

Joe Stephens

Dee Anthony Morgan

Marques Stephens

Jamal Stephens

Maurice Stephens

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Nieces and Grandchildren

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, support and acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We thank each of you for coming to help bear our grief. May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you.

We would also like to give a Special Thanks to Willie's Caregiver, Victoria Patterson.

The Family

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# IN LOVING MEMORY



JULY 5, 1947 - NOVEMBER 15, 2024

*Willie Frank Stephens*



Saturday, November 23, 2024

2:00 PM

Horton Chapel Baptist Church

2225 Sleepy Hollow Rd.

Marshallville, GA 31057

EULOGIST, BISHOP BRUCE LEE

## REMEMBERING WILLIE

**Willie Frank Stephens** was born in Crawford County, Georgia on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1947, to the parentage of Paul and Annie Willie Stephens. Mr. Paul preceded him in death, and he was blessed with a Bonus Dad, Mr. Fate Williams.

He received his education from Crawford County Comprehensive High School. Upon graduation he enlisted into the United States Air Force, where he received an honorable discharge after 14 years of service.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Irene Williams and to this union two children were born. A son Christopher Anthony Stephens and a daughter Angela Stephens.

Upon returning to Georgia, he went on to work in the food service industry at Robins Air Force Base.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1987, Willie joined Alice Smith in Holy Matrimony.

Willie enjoyed cooking, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He entered into eternal rest on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Pine Pointe Hospice.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife of 37 years, Alice Stephens; two sons: Christopher Stephens (Tammy) and Gary Stephens; three daughters: Angela Pirtle (Booker), Lisa Baker (Tracy), and Maxine Williams; a devoted sister, Daisy Howard; 14 grandchildren, 13 great grands and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant, Bishop Bruce Lee

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Bishop Bruce Lee

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sis. Victoria Patterson

TRIBUTES OF REMEMBRANCE

(3 Guests/three minutes please)

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Sis. Victoria Patterson

EULOGY

Bishop Bruce Lee

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