



Willie Jasper Harper

March 11, 1934 - May 15, 2004

Willie J. Harper was born on March 11, 1934 in Hartsville, SC to the late Redmond and Martha Harper. After finishing high school, Willie joined the United States Navy in 1951 during the Korean War. It was during this time that he learned his life-long craft as a cook. After his honorable discharge, Willie put the skills he learned in the military to use. In 1955, he worked as a short order cook at a now defunct restaurant in downtown Baltimore. By 1962, Willie had set his sights on a career path at Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) Hospital. It was during that time, he met, fell in love with, and married Hazel Goff. Before her death in 1975, (due to a long-term illness). Willie and Hazel raised five (5) children together. Their youngest child, Alfred, made history by being the first black child born at GBMC. Willie went on to dedicate thirty-five of his life to GBMC, not only as a cook, but also as a shop steward for Local 1199E. He was also a long-time member of Shining Star Baptist Church. Willie J. Harper was preceded in death by his wife, Hazeltine Harper, his son, Frederick Goff and his four (4) brothers, Barnell Harper, Woodrow Harper, Redmond Harper, and Gus Wingate. He leaves to cherish his memory two (2) daughters, Valerie Batts and Wilhemina Harper-McKay, two (2) sons, Eddie Goff and Alfred Harper, two (2) sons-in-law, Victor Batts and Charles McKay, four (4) grandchildren, Curtis Jones, Jr., Simone Batts, Courtney Batts and Devin McKay, one (1) sister; Maggie Gatison, one (1) brother; Walter Harper, one (1) sister-in-law, Louise Wingate and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Jasper Harper*

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“ *Willie Jasper Harper*

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“ *To the Family: Please accept my condolences. It can be very hard to cope with the death of a love one. However, may you find comfort from "...the Father of tencer mercies... who comforts us all in all our tribulations. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. I truly hope that you find solace from the scriptures.##imported-begin##Vanessa Adams##imported-end##*

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“ *Daddy, you will be truly missed. But no this, all that you have taught us will not be forgotten. You are/were a beacon of light that shines on us always. You will truly, truly be missed. Love, Val##imported-begin##valerie batts##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Family, I am very sorry to hear about your loss but please be assured that Almighty God looks down and sees your plight. He promises you that in the very near future he is going to swallow up death forever and raise the dead to life again and we will all live in a paradise earth free from all the problems of this old dying system. Please read Isaiah 25:8,9; John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4 to find these promises of or God and Father.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future and our loved ones who have lost their life to our enemy death.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Willie Harper, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God has promised to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these scriptures bring you strength and encouragement during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##McNeil##imported-end##

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