



Willie Ray Suggs

March 21, 1928 - March 22, 2016

WILLIE RAY SUGGS was born March 21, 1928 in Ayden, North Carolina, and was raised by his grandparents, James and Annabel Suggs. Willie transitioned March 22, 2016, one day after his 88th birthday.

Willie attended public school in North Carolina and enjoyed hunting and playing baseball.

Willie served in the Armed Forces until 1953 and received an honorable discharge from the United States Army.

After moving to Baltimore, Willie met and married the love of his life, Lola Watkins of Baltimore and enjoyed marital bliss for over sixty years.

Willie worked at Bethlehem Steel and The Mass Transit Authority. He retired after forty-three years of work. After retiring he enjoyed a leisure life with his wife, interacting with his grandchildren and great grand children.

He is a past member of Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church and later joined Friendship Baptist Church. He was a dedicated christian who loved the Lord and was currently serving under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Alvin J. Gwynn Sr., Pastor.

Willie was Honorable man who vigorously supported, with God's guidance, his wife, Lola, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Willie Ray Suggs, was preceded in death by his mother, Lenora Suggs Boyd and his stepfather, William Oscar Boyd.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Lola, four children, Dwight Goodman, Regina Cogdell, Willie Suggs Jr. and Bernadette Cruz; three grandchildren, Elijah, Jessica and Erica; six great-grandchildren, son-in-law, Thurman E. Cogdell, Jr; daughter-in-law, Muriel Suggs; cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

Although Willie is no longer with us, his love and memory are secured deep in our hearts. To have known him is truly to have loved him, therefore he lives on!

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 29. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
6000 Loch Raven Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21239

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Ray Suggs*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My prayers go to the loved ones of Mr.Suggs,I will truly miss him, he was an example of a God fearing man,wonderful husband, and I enjoyed taking care of him. Love, Dorothy 🙏*

Dorothy Williams - March 31, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ *Reginald F. Rowlett & Family wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to your family, and let you know that we share your grief in the lost of your loved one. We trust you may get some comfort in knowing: "weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning".*

We truly believe that GOD will provide you the strength you will need to get through these dark hours, and we further believe that HE will always be there with you to make your burdens lighter.

May the Light from Heaven shine brightly upon each of you as you commit your loved one to eternal rest.

Reginald F. Rowlett - March 28, 2016 at 12:14 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 25, 2016 at 03:33 PM