

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Willie Burden expresses their thanks and appreciation to all of you who have extended comfort during their period of bereavement. May God bless each of you. Again, thank you.

The Family

Interment

Oak Lawn Cemetery
427 Cummins Hwy., Boston, MA 02131

Pallbearers

Henry Burden * Randy Burnett * Rufus Burnett
Robert A. Somerville, II * George Kelly * Michael Crawford

Repast

Best Western Adams Inn - Constitution Pavilion Hall
29 Hancock ST., Quincy, MA 02171
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

Riley-Antoine Funeral Home

171 Humboldt Ave., Boston, MA 02121
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Homegoing Celebration of Our Beloved Willie "Bob" Burden

-Sunrise-
JAN. 15, 1947

-Sunset-
JUL. 18, 2021



MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021

Viewing: 10 - 11 AM ~ Service: 11 AM - 1 PM

Faithful Church of Christ

235 Woodrow Avenue
Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124

Pastor Audi L. Lynch, Officiating/Eulogist

Willie “Bob” Burden



Willie “Bob” Burden was born January 15, 1947 in Tenille, Georgia to the late Christine Burnett and the late Willie Bob Gregory also of Georgia. Willie resided in Tenille Georgia and Florida state until he moved to Boston, Massachusetts where he completed his education. Willie began his Furrier career at Hudson Services, where he worked for 50 years and became the top Furrier Technician. If anyone wanted to know about Furs, Willie was the man!

In 1977, Willie met the love of his life and wife Catherine (Shirley) Crawford of Boston, MA. Although Catherine was visually impaired, it didn't matter to him. Willie vowed to be her eyes and he was until the end. Willie Bob was a great grill master and the life of every party. He could out dance anybody on the dance floor. Willie was also a sharp dresser from head to toe and his magnetic energy captured everyone's attention wherever he was. His kind and generous nature captivated anyone he came into contact with; but don't cross him. He poured his love into his children and great grandchildren whom he helped raise. His keen spiritual insight guided him throughout his life.

Willie fought a valiant fight from the beginning of his illness until the end of his life. He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife Catherine Crawford Burden of Attleboro MA; 2 sons: William Crenshaw of Boston, MA & James Crawford of Brockton, MA; 2 daughters: Yvette Burden of Alabama & Tuleetha Mills of Lunenburg, MA; 5 brothers: Henry Burden (Sharyn) of Hingham, MA, Rufus Burnett (Sarah) of Gulf Port, MS, Randy Burnett of Tallahassee, FL, Randall Hope of Vero Beach, FL & Michael Roberts of Macon, GA; 4 sisters: Sarah Burnett of Locust Grove, GA, Eula Burnett MacMillan of Orlando, FL, Sandy Burnett of Vero Beach, FL & Mozelle Shepard of Pompano, FL; Loyal Best Friend: Smith Armstrong Jordan; 9 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.



Order of Celebration

Invocation ... Pastor Audi L. Lynch

Scripture Reading ... Pastor Audi L. Lynch

Prayer ... Pastor Audi L. Lynch

Solo ... Evangelist Christine Viera

Remarks ... Robert A. Somerville
Sarah Burnett
& Smith Armstrong Jordan

Obituary Reading ... Duchess Somerville

Solo ... León Beal

EULOGY
PASTOR AUDI L. LYNCH