

A Letter from Heaven

Submitted by Willie-Daughter Cynthia King

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
the sun should rise and find your eyes
Filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.*

By Alena Hakala Meadows

The Family of the late Willie Sim Pratt wishes to express their profound appreciation to you for your many kind expressions and support during their time of bereavement. Our deepest thanks to all for your prayers, calls, visits, messages, cards of condolences, flowers, and all other acts of kindness. You will always be remembered and cherished in our hearts.

BLESSING TO YOU ALWAYS

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Willie
Sim Pratt
(Dapper Rapper)

SUNRISE
June 3, 1933



SUNSET
December 1, 2021

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Viewing 11:00^{AM} | Service 12:00^{PM}

WORD OF LIFE TABERNACLE
120 Amory St. | Roxbury, MA 02119

LIFE'S JOURNEY

Willie Sim Pratt/Dapper Rapper

A Loving Father, Brother, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

Willie Sim Pratt, was born on June 3, 1933 in Cuthbert, Georgia to Columbus and Essie Pratt. He was best known to Family and Friends as *Dap* (Dapper Rapper).

On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, our beloved Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Cousin and friend, Willie Sim Pratt accepted the Angels invitation to join our Lord and Savior and his late wife Minnie Pratt in Paradise. Before his death, he gave his life to the Lord as he was led in prayer by his son, Kenneth Pratt.

Willie was born and raised in Cuthbert, GA. He met the love of his life, Minnie Holloway. In 1953, Willie married Minnie. They relocated to Brooklyn, NY and a few years later to Boston, MA. He was a hardworking man and most of the times held several jobs. Willie's last job was at BASCO Manufacturing Company where he held the position of foreman, and full-time handyman.

Willie loved to dance, watch good movies, westerns and wrestling. Willie liked going fishing and going to the casino. *Oh yes*, he played his numbers and bought scratch tickets! Most of all, *Dap* (as he was affectionately called) loved to have a good time hanging out in Roxbury, and talking to his boys. To most people's surprise, he was quite a few years older than the boys. But, *Dap* could hang with the best of them. *Dap* was loving and kind, an outgoing person with a smile that would light up a room. *Dap* was *unforgettable*.

Willie was preceded in death by his mother and father, wife Minnie, sons Willie S Pratt Jr. George Pratt, Nathaniel Pratt, sister Cleo Slaughter, brothers John (Ned) Mitchner, Ulysses (Nittie) Mitchner, Willie Bob Mitchner and Eddie Mitchner.

Willie leaves to cherish fond memories; two daughters *Cynthia(John) King(Columbia SC, Willie Pratt-Israel, Boston, MA, Five sons Victor(Channel) Watson Springfield Gardens, NY, Elder Kenneth(Rhonda).Pratt, SC, Johnnie(Teresa) Pratt Grovetown, GA, John Pratt Jamaica Plain, MA and Christopher(Patricia) Pratt Woburn, MA, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, two brothers, Dr John Mitchner Riverhead, NY, Albert Mitchner, Crescent City, FL. Five sisters Mary Ann (Donald) Moses, Iola(John) Evans, Venite (Dewey) Smith Mae Carol Pratt and Rose Marie Pratt all of Brooklyn, NY., sister and brother in law Rushie (Nessie) and James Davis, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, hanging buddies and a host of friends. *Dap* wanted all his children to stay close. *Dap's* most significant highlights of his life were family and friends. *His presence and love will be greatly missed by all!**

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Gavin Rushing
Processional	Clergy
Congregational Hymn	Blessed Assurance
Scripture Readings	
~ Old Testament - Psalm 34:18	
~ New Testament - I Thessalonians 4:13-14	
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Joseph Davis Sr. Pastor, New Life Restoration Temple Dorchester, MA
Congregational Song.....	"When We All Get to Heaven"
Reflections of Love	Dr Johnnie Mitchner (brother) Family & Friends (2 minutes)
Acknowledgements/Obituary.....	Lady Sandra Brown-Hamby
Sermonic Solo	Pastor Clarence Powell III Pastor, Abundant Life Deliverance Temple
Eulogy	Elder Kenneth Pratt, (son)
Mortician Brief	Riley-Antoine Funeral Home
Recessional	
Interment	Oak Lawn Cemetery Mattapan, MA 02126



Repast

Family and friends immediately following the Homegoing Service, at SMS Community Room, 3 Maple Court-Rear, Dorchester MA
Parking on Maple or Schuyler Street.