



Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr.

June 20, 1947 - June 28, 2020

Executive Order in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic...we will only allow 20 individuals in at a time to enter the funeral home/cemetery. We must adhere to these guidelines so that we all can remain safe and secure during this crisis. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

To view the service for Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr.'s' live stream use the link below:

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Dr. Willie L. Benjamin, Jr. was born on June 20, 1947 in Belle Glade Florida, to the parents of Willie L. Benjamin, Senior and Elnora Benjamin. He attended and graduated with distinction from Lake Shore High School in Belle Glade, Florida in 1965. He attended Bethune Cookman College. There he was a force on the football team and served with valor. He founded the Mummies of Zenith Social Club at Bethune Cookman College and served as the President. Towards that end, he supported the fundraising efforts of the university by baking fruit cakes. Dr. Benjamin also served as a driver for President Moore. Dr. Willie L. Benjamin, credits Bethune Cookman University with changing the trajectory of his life.

After graduating from Bethune Cookman College in 1970, Dr. Benjamin moved to Orlando, Florida to serve as a Health and Physical Education

Teacher at Oakridge High School. It was during this time that Dr. Benjamin met the love of his life, Beatrice Miller Benjamin on Orange Center Boulevard in Orlando, Florida. They married in March of 1971 and loved each other with profound devotion. Together they produced three children. Dr. Benjamin was a devoted family man. The sparkle of his eyes were his grandchildren whom he loved and supported with great devotion.

Dr. Benjamin and his wife worked in sync to establish an empire under his loving guidance and leadership. One of Dr. Benjamin's favorite phrases was, "Get your paper!" In the spirit of this phrase Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin, worked on their graduate degrees together at Florida A&M University. Together, they earned Masters' Degrees in Guidance and Counseling. Both served Orange County Public County Schools as Guidance Counselors. Next, they embarked upon continuing their education and earned certifications in School Psychology and Educational Leadership.

Upon completion of his Leadership Certification, Dr. Benjamin began service at Jones Senior High School. He served as the consistent member of the Administration Team for more than 20 years. It was while in service at Jones High School, He earned his doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University. Upon his exit, he served at Edgewater High School for a host of years. Dr. Benjamin retired and quickly returned to work and provided more service to the district in a host of capacities. In the end, Dr. Benjamin served as the Principal and Director of Life Stream-Behavioral Academy.

In 1980, Dr. Benjamin was duly initiated into the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity. He developed great friendships and served consistently. He was known for ensuring that the organization had delicious and savory meals.

Not only did Dr. Benjamin serve as a dynamic educator, he also was an

entrepreneur. Some of his business ventures included and were not limited to: Beauty Supply Distributor; Professional Cleaning Service, Catering Business, and a Thrift Store that supports Veterans.

Dr. Willie L. Benjamin, Jr. was preceded in death by his Father, Willie L. Benjamin, Sr.; Mother, Elnora Benjamin; Grandmother, Leila Boyd; and Grandson, Benjamin Todd Henry.

Left to cherish his memory and continue his legacy are his Wife, Beatrice Miller Benjamin of Eustis, Florida Children: Tangela Benjamin (Alonzo Walker) of Stockbridge, Georgia, Tara B. Henry, Pharm D. (Todd Henry) of Tallahassee, Florida, William Elliott Benjamin (Tracy Ann Kerr) of Grand Island, Florida, and Tiara Beatrice Anderson of Stockbridge, Georgia; Grandchildren: Taryn Henry, Megan Henry, Benjamin Todd Henry II, William E. Benjamin II, Willow Benjamin, and Zoey Benjamin; Siblings: Lelia Menefee of Covington, Georgia, Deborah Coffie (Clover Coffie) of Belle Glade, Florida, and Roosevelt Benjamin of Belle Glade, Florida; aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

In lieu of floral tributes please donate to:

1.) Make donations payable to:
Kappa Alpha Psi - Orlando Alumni Chapter
P.O. Box 555088
Orlando, FL 32855

2.) [paypal.me/OrlandoAlumni](https://www.paypal.com/OrlandoAlumni)

3.) Cash app - \$OAC1947

Please Note/ Memo for all donations :
Orlando Kappa League

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

JUL 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Dr. Benjamin was an extraordinary gentleman. I love working at Edgewater High School when he was there. He was always fair while dealing with student, teacher and parental issues. There will never be another man like him. You will be so missed, Dr. B.*
Linda Smith

linda smith - July 08, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Jean and Jimmy Bryant: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Our prayer is that God will give you strength and peace during this very difficult time.*

Jean - July 04, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and colleague, Dr. Benjamin. This upstanding man gave unselfishly of his time, talents, and treasures. He has left an indelible impression on the lives of many, including my family and me. I thank God for the opportunity to be a recipient of his wisdom. Rest In Peace Doc. Mrs. Bea, you and the family are in our prayers always.*
Edward Jones, my wife Shaen & the kids

Edward Jones - July 04, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Dr. Benjamin's family. It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Benjamin at Jones High School. He was always "real."* ”

Erika Witt - July 03, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr..* ”



July 02, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ *Willie, I will remember the meetings that we attended together when we were Orange County Public School Administrators! We also enjoyed our Brotherhood in Orlando Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity!* ”

*Rest in Peace, My Brother!
Ernest Bradley, Jr.*

Ernest Bradley - July 02, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ *Willie, I will always remember the GREAT TASTING FOOD that you cooked for us for Silhouette Meeting whenever Bea was out Hostess for our Meeting!
You will be missed at all of our Kappa and Silhouette Gatherings!
God Bless You and May You Rest in His Arms!* ”

Silhouette Shirley R. Bradley

Shirley R. Bradley - July 02, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr..*



July 02, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *To the Family of the late DR. Willie Benjamin. We share your sorry and grief, we will keep your family in Prayers. As a friend of the Family and as the Chairperson of the Wings of Faith, Pine Hills Community Church. We at PHCC will miss your Love One Bill, and we acknowledge that Bill and his family was a long time member of PHCC and the WOF. If we can do anything for the Family, please reach out to us. Absent from the Body, Present with the LORD. Brother George McZeal JR.*

George McZeal JR. - July 01, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr..*



June 30, 2020 at 11:46 PM

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“ I knew Dr.Benjamin for years. Dr.Benjamin always had a smile even when things didn't look Well. I meet Dr. Benjamin at Edgewater High School . I think we both left about the same time. And I were working at Sam's in Apopka an Dr Benjamin came and we talked about old time . I know that his family will miss him and I want them to know that we all will miss his smile



Vert king - June 30, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Willie Lester Benjamin, Jr..



June 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM