



Deacon Willie L. Martin, Sr.

August 23, 1923 - January 6, 2017

Deacon Willie Lee Martin, Sr. was born on August 23, 1923 in Wadley, Georgia to the proud parents of L.B. Martin and Minnie Mae Caldwell. He married Floria Lee Graham and relocated to Barberville, Florida in 1940. Willie and Floria were two hearts sharing one beat for 60 years.

Willie was better known to many as “Buddy” and to others as “Deac.” Willie had a passion for serving and protecting others. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy. Along with his wife, Floria, they helped pioneer several churches in Florida, Texas, and Mississippi. He will be missed for his kindness wisdom and knowledge of life. He was known for working hard and had a great love for his family.

The Lord in His infinite wisdom, the one who does all things perfectly, deemed it timely on January 6, 2017, to call our beloved Willie Lee Martin, Sr. from his earthly tabernacle of clay to his eternal resting place. His departure is truly a deep and personal loss to our family and friends and will be deeply missed by us all.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Floria L. Martin; parents, L. B. Martin and Minnie Mae Caldwell-Bodison; children, Willie Martin, Jr., Patricia A. Thompson, and George E. Martin, son -in-law, Garrett Millender; sister, Florine Bodison; brothers, Tommy Bodison and Levon Bodison.

Willie leaves to cherish precious memories to: his children, Pearlie Millender of Moss Point, Mississippi; Margaret Campbell (Roy) of Apopka, Florida, Earl Martin (Cathy) of Port Orange, Florida and Charlene Johnson (Vercell) of Deland, Florida; brothers, Arthur Bodison (Julia) of Havana, Florida, Lester Bodison (Daisy) of Havana, Florida; twenty- three grandchildren; sixty-five great grandchildren; seventeen great, great grandchildren; four great, great, great, grandchildren a devoted loving grandson who cared for him daily, Anthony Baker; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who will cherish his memories.

Cemetery Details

Deleon Springs Community Cemetery

Deleon Springs, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thompson Street Tabernacle of Praise
330 S. Thompson Street
DeLand, FL 32720

Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Refuge Church of Our Lord
316 S. Adelle Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Willie L. Martin, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Willie L. Martin, Sr..*



January 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon Willie L. Martin, Sr..*



January 12, 2017 at 10:30 PM