

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Willie Washington Young would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, visits, calls/text and all forms of love everyone has shown our family. These kind gestures are a source of comfort in the days and weeks ahead. God Bless you all.*

## Pallbearers

Keith Winston Jr. – Perry Ellis IV – Paris  
Marcus Justi – Don Billingsley – D’Mitri Young

## Honorary Pallbearers

Kali Young – Wil Taylor

## Brother

*You gave no one a last farewell,  
Nor ever said good-bye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
and only God knows why,  
A million times we well miss you .  
A million times we well cry ,  
If love alone could have saved you  
You never would have died.  
In life de loved you dearly ,  
In death we love you still .  
In our hearts you hold a place ,  
No one else can fill ,  
It broke our hearts to lose you ,  
But you didn't go alone ,  
For part of us went with you ,  
The day God took you home .  
We will meet again someday  
I know in better place,  
I thank God He made you our brother  
While you were here on earth.*

To offer condolences to The Young Family,  
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# Obituary

Willie Washington Young peacefully departed this life on June 30, 2023, at 4:00 am. He was born February 3, 1965 in Columbus, Ohio to Linda Young and Joe Mitchell.

As a youth Willie was a member of Union Grove Choir. Willie was a graduate of East High School. He was an athlete and was on the wrestling and football teams (no #77). He was often known as the Class Clown and Prom King of 1983.

He received a full scholarship to Illinois Valley Community College prior to attending Toledo University where he continued playing football as #77. Willie went on to further his education. He was a student at Columbus State Community College and gained his associate degree in Chemical Dependency. While attending school he also played Semi-Pro Football for The Columbus Fire then transitioned to coach The Columbus Battle Stars.

He was employed at Eden Counseling Center where he worked as a counselor in Recovery Housing. Willie did not stop learning. He continued his education at Christian Academy and received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Dependency while receiving a CDCA.

Willie was full of humor and kindness. He would always lend a helping hand when needed. Many of you know him as Big Will. His enjoyments in life were family, friends and helping others.

Willie was preceded in death by his mother; Linda Young, father; Joe Mitchell, grandparents; Nathaniel and Nan Winston, sisters; Kim Young, Renee Cobb, brother-in-law; Terry Lewis, great aunts and uncles; Bernice and Simmons Mattox, Audrey and Taylor Mattox, Aunt Ethyl and Uncle Thomas Mattox, Aunt Myrtle Mattox, Aunt Judy Little and Colene Young, Uncle Clarence and Uncle Nathaniel Winston, nephew; Samuel Winston.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory, brothers; Keith Winston, Kali Young, sisters; Joanne Lewis, Linise (Kimberly Cummings) Turner, Njoki Young, Fonta Young, God brother; Martai Page, children; Marcus Justi, Alicia Taylor, Tiara Moody, Wil Taylor and D'Mitri Young, grandchildren; Sir Alexander Taylor, Nola Taylor, Layla Franklin, Dawan Franklin Jr., Kayla Franklin and Anthony Evans aka (Doo-Doo), special and long time friend; Brenda Justi, special friends; Angla Moody and Carmen Goodwin.

*He never looked for praises  
he was never one to boast  
he just went on quietly working  
for the ones he loved most*

*His dreams were seldom spoken  
his words, very few  
most of the time his worries  
went unspoken too*

*He was there, a firm foundation  
through all the storms of life  
a strong man to hold on to  
in times of stress and strife*

*A true friend and father  
with laughter, your cup he'd fill  
My dad, my love, my hero  
Y'all know him as Big Will*

♥ Tiera



Order of Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW .....	Immediate Family
PRAYER OF COMFORT .....	Pastor Vaughn Cook
SCRIPTURE READING.....	Pastor Vaughn Cook
Old Testament .....	Psalms 91:1-7
New Testament .....	Revelations 21:1-7
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	Linise Turner
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....	Njoki Young
REMARKS.....	Family and Friends
POEM.....	Linden Young and Tiara Young
READING OF OBITUARY .....	Martai Page
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	William Wade

The Eulogy

Pastor Vaughn Cook  
"A Friend Forever" - Proverbs 17:17-18

BENEDICTION / COMMITTAL .....	Pastor Vaughn Cook
RECESSIONAL .....	Clergy, Family and Friends

Repast

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I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
    though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.  
    ~John 11:25-26





