# I Am Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much;

Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

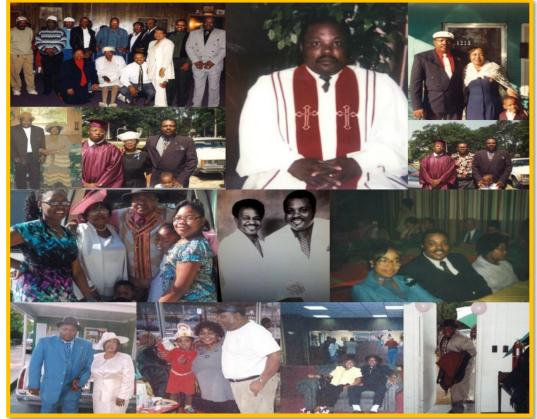
Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, He set me free.

I'm free, praise the Lord I'm free,

No longer bound, no more earthly pain and
sickness holding me,

Praise the Lord I'm free.



#### Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Moore Willis Crockett Joel Reliford Germany Reliford Darrow Jackson Jeffery Jackson Jerome Jackson Travis Jackson Rod Swanson Michael Jackson Walter "Tony" Jackson Johnny Jackson John Willie Jackson Justin Jackson Jessie Jackson Titus Jackson George Paulk Nickey Paulk **Stacy Taylor** Tyrone Moore **Derrick Paulk David Crockett** 

#### <u> Acknowledgements</u>

The family of the late Reverend William Jackson wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral arrangements, prayers, calls and all other acts and expressions of kindness.

-The Jackson Family

Final Arrangments Entrusted to:



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Reverend William Jackson

Surrise:

Sunset:

February 16, 1945

July 10,2020

Saturday, July 18, 2020

2:00 PM

Paulk Cemetery

101 Gus Paulk Road

Wray, Georgia, 31512

Pastor Herbert Coney, Pastor

Reverend James Banks, Eulogist

Reverend Trevin Simmons, Presiding

### Life Reflections

Reverend William Jackson was born on February 16, 1945, to the late Willie and Ruth Tucker Jackson in Irwin County. He attended high school in Irwin and Coffee county. Reverend Jackson was a faithful member at St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor T.J. Sneed, Pastor Frank Robinson and Pastor Herbert Coney.

He served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member, member of J.M. Special, and member of Douglas Male Chorus. On April 11, 1964, William Jackson married Betty Paulk, and to this union, two children were born. He worked as a truck driver for Lott Builders and at Jackson Metal. In 1991, God called him to preach at Evergreen Missionary Baptist, New Salem Baptist Church, Centilla Baptist Church until his health failed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son Terry Jackson, and four brothers: Willie Lee Jackson Jr., Archie Thomas, Roosevelt Jackson, and Horace Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife of 56 years Betty Jean Jackson; one son: Gregory Jackson of Douglas, Georgia; seven brothers: Ezekial (Erma) Jackson, George Jackson, Frank (Vivian) Jackson, Charlie James (Margaret) Jackson, Johnny (Glenda) Jackson, Lee Martin (Darlene) Jackson, and Arthur (Tracy) Jackson; four sisters: Ida (Jeff) Jackson, Rosa (Charlie) Wilcox, Viola McDuffie, six brothers-in-law: George (Teresa) Paulk, JC (Brenda) Paulk, Joesph (Cynthia) Paulk, Danny B (Lynn) Paulk, Artis James (Seabie) Paulk, and Willie Jr. (Deloris) Paulk three sisters-in-law: Everlena Jackson, Mattie Lou Paulk, and Shirley (Wayne) Foster; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and sorrowing friends.

### Precious Memories



## Order of Service

#### Presiding, Reverend Trevin Simmons

ProcessionalMinisters and Family
Selection "Over Yonder Where Jesus Is"
PrayerRev. Darrell Mitchell
Selection "Don't You Wait"
Scripture Readings:
Old TestamentRev. Bobby Harris
New TestamentRev. John Troupe Sr.
Obituary Reading"If I Had Wings"
Reflections 2 Minutes Please
Anyone Desiring to Speak
SoloMin. Michael Sparkplug Wesley
"Somewhere to Lay my Head"
HymnRev. Trevin Simmons
EulogyRev. James Banks
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