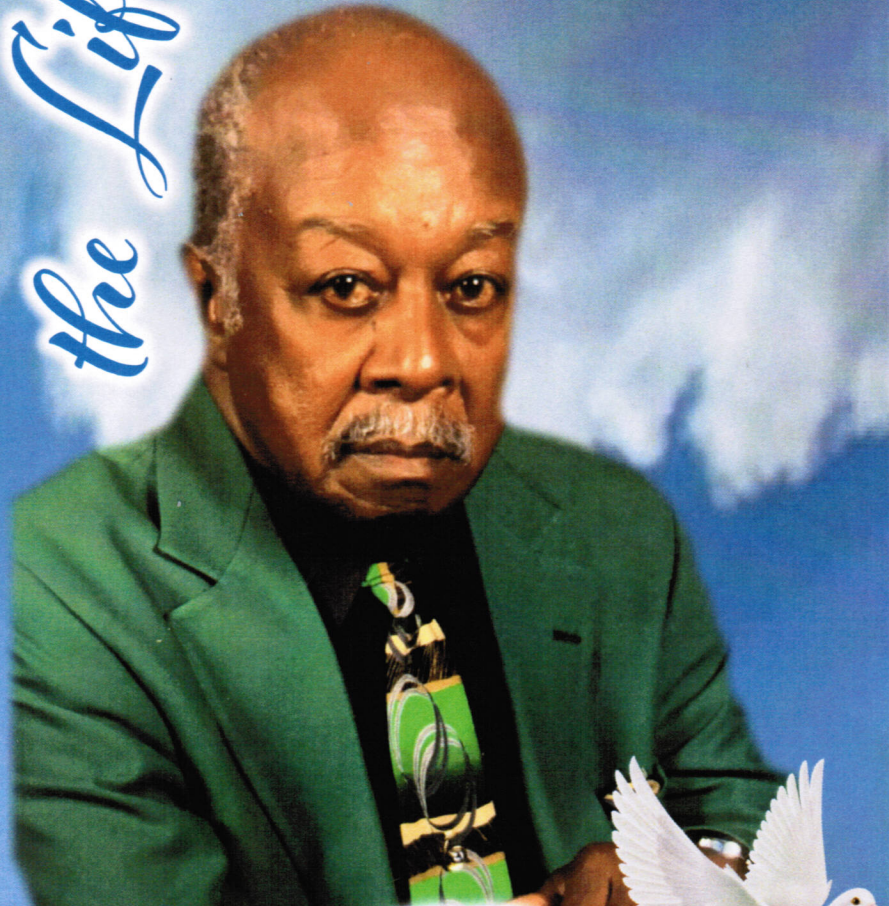


CELEBRATING

the Life



Will Roy
COTTON

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 | 2:00 P.M.

Sunrise

MARCH 26, 1943

Antioch Missionary

Baptist Church

Sunset

JUNE 6, 2024

13146 HIGHWAY 51 SOUTH
HAZLEHURST MISSISSIPPI 39083

OFFICIATING

PASTOR MARTIN L. WASHINGTON

Obituary

*"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."*

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Mr. Will Roy Cotton was born March 26, 1943, to Mr. Roy Cotton and Ms. Eldora Holmes. He joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Barlow, MS at an early age. Later in life he became a member of St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. Later he joined Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, under the leadership of Rev. Clyde Tate, where he remained a member until his passing.

Roy was educated at Parrish High School in Hazlehurst, MS and then worked at Sanderson Farms and various other jobs for several years.

In 1975, Roy met and married Emma Jean Moffett and remained married until her passing in November 2022. The couple moved to Chicago where Roy worked numerous jobs. Years later, they relocated to Jackson, MS where Roy became employed at Kuhlman Electric. Later he became employed for Jackson Public Schools where he was a school bus operator for about 9 years. Later in life, Roy joined gospel groups, The Brown Singers and The Dixieland Spirituals. When his health began to decline, he chose to retire early. Shortly after the passing of his wife, Roy moved in with his sister Lois, where he remained until his passing.

Roy was preceded in death by: his parents, Roy Cotton and Eldora Strahan; stepfather, Latha Strahan; and a sister, Vera Strahan.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Alice (Luther) Jefferson of Hazlehurst, MS; one stepdaughter, Davre Moffett Ellis (Timothy) of San Antonio, TX; one son Randy Smiley of Hazlehurst, MS; three sisters, Lois Clark of Hazlehurst, MS; Deloris (Thomas) Shannon of Fairview Heights, IL, and Mary Pendleton of Hazlehurst, MS; one brother, Lee (Joyce) Strahan of Jackson, MS; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; a devoted friend, Ms. Lillie Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony | Sis. Otha Thompson

Musical Prelude

Processional | Clergy and Family

Scripture | Elder Donnell Mitchell
Old Testament and New Testament

Prayer of Comfort | Pastor Frankie Powell

Musical Selection | Evangelist Geraldine Nelson

Words of Comfort | Pastor Frankie Powell

Words of Expression | Family and Friends
(Two Minutes, Please)

Obituary Read Silently | Soft Music

Acknowledgements | Sis. Otha Thompson

Musical Selection | Bro. Timothy Ashmore

Eulogy | Pastor Martin L. Washington

House of Peoples Funeral Home In Charge

Recessional

Postlude

I'm 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've found that peace at the close of day. If my
parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A
friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too
will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for
you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I've
savored much, Good friends, good times, my loved one's
touch If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now
with undue grief Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God
wanted me now, He set me free.

~ Will

Tributes

Until We Meet Again

Even in the darkest days since we've been apart,
Memories of the times we shared help to warm my heart.
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me
pain.

But you're forever in my heart.

All of the special moments with you,
Will always bring a smile, that no one can replace.
But still it brings me comfort in the sadness that I face.

Life is full of mysteries that no one can explain.
But I know some day, somewhere, will meet again.
Until we do, I'll find the strength to live through each
new day.

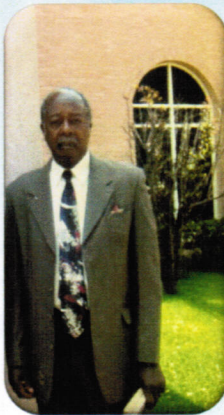
Grateful for the happy years.
That we shared but I'm glad you're finally at peace.

**Love You Always,
Lillie**

In Memory of a Special Brother

Today is full of memories
of a brother laid to rest
and every single one of them
Is filled with happiness.
For you were someone special
always such a joy to know
and there was so much pain
but we had to let you go.
That's why this special message
Is sent to heaven above
For the angels to take care of you
And give you all of our love.

**Love, Your Brother and Sisters,
Lee, Lois, Deloris and Mary**



Honorary Pallbearers

Tyler Shannon | Alandus Clark | William Young
William Moffett Craft | Robert Mitchell
Emmitt Martin | Howard Scott | Byron Clark
D'Quavious Tanner | Eric Tanner, Jr.

Active Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation all the acts of kindness and love shown during this time of bereavement. We express sincere thanks for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, food and monetary donations.

The Strahan, Shannon, Jefferson, and Moffett Families

Interment

Hawkins Cemetery

Warren Hood Rd | Barlow, MS

Repast

Antioch M. B. Church Family Life Center

13146 Highway 51 S | Hazlehurst, MS 39083

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