



Willie Smith Jr

July 19, 1954 - December 8, 2017

Willie Smith Jr., 63, of Peoria transitioned to his heavenly home at 4:30 p.m. on December 8, 2017, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Willie was born on July 19, 1954, in Leland, MS to Willie Smith Sr. and Mattie Mae Smith. He spent his youth and teenage years with his mother in Leland, MS, where he graduated from Leland High School. He later moved to Peoria, where he spent the rest of his lifetime. Willie had a zest for life and enjoyed helping others, especially his children. He had a passion for painting, cooking and spending time with family and friends. He accepted Christ at an early age, and his charm and smile set enlightened any given moment.

Willie leaves to cherish his most precious memories his mother Mattie Mae Smith of Leland, MS, two sons, Willie Anthony Carter of Peoria and Tejon Willie Webster of Peoria, two daughters, Briggett Carter and Shavon Carter of Peoria; three sisters: Doris (Kenneth) Chambers of Leland, MS. Lavonne Smith of Leland, MS., Salinda (Cornelious) Wright of Denver, CO., and two grandchildren Evan Carruthers and Tamia Lafayette of Peoria and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who truly adored him.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Sonya Carter, father Willie Smith Sr. and two sisters Patrina Peterson and Beulah Gordon.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at

T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel with visitation commencing one-hour prior, Overseer Terry Holley, will officiate. Willie will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am surely gonna miss my Uncle Willie,life lived to the fullest. He is in a better resting place. May God be with his children,Bridgett, Shavon and Anthony, we love u guys and we shall see you soon.

Erica Smith - December 17, 2017 at 09:53 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith Jr



Annette Lucy - December 15, 2017 at 03:45 AM



Briggett Carter

“ Rest in Heaven Jr.



Briggett Carter - December 14, 2017 at 11:58 PM

ZB

“ Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith Jr



Zerlyna Burse-Taylor - December 14, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Smith Jr.*



December 14, 2017 at 03:59 PM



“ *From Matt and Lavonne purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Willie Smith Jr.*



From Matt and Lavonne - December 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *This captures the very essence of Uncle “Grinny”. I will always remember that anytime I was around him, I knew I was going to eat some of his awesome cooking, and he was going to have me in stitches from laughing so hard about any and everything!*



To my Cousins: Thank you so much for honoring his final wishes. I know it's tough, but keep ya heads up. Rest Easy, Uncle!

Love, light and blessings

–LaTosha

LaTosha Randall - December 13, 2017 at 09:10 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Willie Smith Jr*



Emel Buckner - December 13, 2017 at 07:19 PM