

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering
softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

~Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who have supported and prayed for us during this time of loss.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Mr. Elbert W. McMillian, Jr.

March 18, 1965 - August 25, 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021

2:00 PM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel
727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

OBITUARY

Elbert Woodrow McMillian, Jr., a devoted brother, father and friend, better known as “Woody”, departed this world on Wednesday August 25, 2021. He was preceded in death by his mother Maxine Holman Williams, his father Elbert Woodrow McMillan, Sr. and his brother Rodney G. Boyce.

Woody graduated from Parkland High School where he excelled in several sports, including football, track, and wrestling. He was awarded a football scholarship to Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. After he left college he entered the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served faithfully. Upon leaving the Marine Corps, he obtained his commercial driver’s license and hit the road in his 18-wheeler, a trucker for life.

Yet the Woody that everyone knew and loved was a protector of his family, a mentor of young men, a loyal friend, a proud father and grandfather, a creative storyteller, a dog lover, but most important, a person you could call and count on. In the last five years of his life, he cherished the time he got to spend with his family and friends the most.

Woody is survived by two sisters, Melvinia and Cynthia McMillan; two brothers, Eric Stewart and Frankie Parker; two god-brothers, Christopher and Shawn McGill; nine children, Christopher McMillian (Aquica), Brianca McMillian, Samantha Williams, Mekeba McMillian, Montrai Dukes, Shaq Davis, Elbony McMillian-Dukes, Elbert McMillian-Dukes III and Jahod Joyce; nine grandchildren, Jayden, Maryiah, Adaryl, Andrew, Ayryel, Kayla, Jahari, Lacy, and Jade; a devoted and dedicated companion of 31 years, Charlene Dukes; a host of nieces and nephews who were like his children; a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins; and several close devoted friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Islam Dua of Protection Prayer

Lighting of candles

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Sharing of Fond Memories

Three minute limit

Military Honors - US Marine Corps

Song

Members of the family

Balloon Release

Following the service

Repast

Will be held for the family



