# He Enjoyed Life's Simple Pleasures











Flower Attendants Family and Friends Pall Bearers Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Staff



"A beloved friend"

## Acknowledgements

Special thanks to Tierra Hampton and her son, Quinton for welcoming Willie into their home and providing loving care and treating him like family. Also, to the staff of Somerset at University Place and The Southwood Assisted Living facilities.



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# Mr. Willie James Porter

August 26, 1950 ~ July 18, 2024

Thursday, July 25, 2024 12:00 PM Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel 727 North. Patterson Avenue Winston-Salem, North Carolina Pastor Joe Watson, Presiding

### The Obituary

Willie James Porter was born in Winston-Salem, NC on August 26, 1950 to the late Will Porter and Bessie Moses Samuels. Willie was raised in the home of his aunt Cleo Williams. Cleo instilled great values in Willie James. She taught him to cook and clean and to have a strong faith in God.

Willie attended the local schools and graduated from Atkins High School. He held fond memories of his childhood and often reminisced about going to the Patterson Avenue YMCA, Camp Robert Vaughn and Camp Civitan.

Willie Porter grew up in the Patterson Avenue community. He was very special to the Brown Family, especially Clark Brown, Sr. He had regular duties he performed at Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home and would become very upset if anyone did his job before he arrived.

Willie was well known in the Patterson Avenue community and for walking around town. He could walk for miles. Every year he would walk to the fairgrounds and watch the trains unload the rides. Going to the fair was one of his favorite things to do and he talked about it all year. He also enjoyed fishing, riding to the mountains and listening to music, especially old Motown hits. Willie had an excellent memory and a great sense of direction.

Willie passed away at his residence on Thursday, July 18, 2024 after a period of declining health. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Peggy Ann and Brenda Samuels, his brothers, Ronald and Donald Samuels, and his aunt who raised him, Cleo Samuels Williams.

He is survived by his cousins, Jerone Samuels and Avista Jones, other relatives, his longtime caregivers and friends, Aaron and Angie Sowell, Carla Brown Rumph, and many other friends.

## The Order of Service

#### Processional

**Family Visitation** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament	Psalm 4:5-8	Mr. Chip Rumph
New Testament	I Cor. 15:50 - 57	Mr. Aaron Sowell
Prayer of Comf	ort	Minister
Remarks		
Family		
Friends		
Selection	"Tomorrow" N	Is. Tierra Hampton
Eulogy		Pastor Joe Watson
Committal		Pastor Watson
Recessional		
Interment	2124 Ne	Evergreen Cemetery w Walkertown Road Winston-Salem, NC

## The Walking Man

#### By James Taylor

Moving in silent desperation Keeping an eye on the Holy Land A hypothetical destination Say, who is this walking man? Well, the leaves have come to turning And the goose has gone to fly And bridges are for burning So don't you let that yearning Pass you by Walking man The walking man walks Well, any other man stops and talks But the walking man walks Well the frost is on the pumpkin And the hay is in the barn And pappy's come to rambling on Stumbling around drunk Down on the farm And the walking man walks He doesn't know nothing at all Any other man stops and talks But the walking man walks on by Walk on by Most everybody's got seed to sow It ain't always easy for a weed to grow, no, no So he don't hoe the row for no one For sure one's always missing And something is never quite right Ah, but who would want to listen to you Kissing his existence good night Walking man, walk on by my door Well, any other man stops and talks But not the walking man He's the walking man Born to walk Walk on walking man Well now, would he have wings to fly Oh. would he be free? Golden wings against the sky Walking man, walk on by