



Willie Lee Hilliard

April 20, 1930 - September 28, 2016

Willie Lee Hilliard, beloved son of the late Ernest Hilliard and Bessie Abraham Hilliard, was born on April 20, 1930, in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He departed this life on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at his home in Berlin, Maryland. Willie or Duke as he was known by most, was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg, South Carolina. He moved to Maryland in the early 1950's.

Willie worked for Dixie Sign Co. and Showell's Poultry, from which he retired in the 1980's. His favorite pastime was going to Ocean Downs, with his friend Jack White, now deceased, to watch the horse races. They were there so much that people thought they were the owners. When his health began to fail, the workers at Ocean Downs Clubhouse made sure to check on him, and offered any help they could. Daddy loved to walk, and had no problem walking wherever he needed to go. When he reached his destination, he still had that big smile on his face, that we all loved to see.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Jessie James Maxwell of Savannah, Georgia and Billy Henry of Washington, DC; three daughters, Willie Louise (James) Burgess of Savannah Georgia, Nancy Wesby of Berlin, Maryland and Gloria Jones of Goldsboro, North Carolina; one brother, Albert Hilliard (Blanche) of Whaleyville, Maryland; one sister, Essie Vine, Bridgeport, CT; a special cousin, Mildred Northam of Berlin, Maryland and a special niece

who was also like a sister, Della Carter Baxter (Lennon) of Cope, South Carolina. He also leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grand children, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by one son, Eddie Maxwell, five sisters and eight brothers.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Willie Lee Hilliard, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ On behalf of my family, Peggy & R.C. Herring, as well as myself, we offer to you our deepest sympathy.

Mark Herring - October 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ My condolences to Nancy and the Hilliard for the passing of your father, Mr. Duke. We were ever so grateful for him driving our daddy Jack White around to appointments and of course to the track. I had to laugh about them both being there like they owned the place. I think they were the cornerstones of the racetrack. They probably up in Heaven now trying to see if they can find some horses to race. He will be missed, he had a hallmark smile, he used to always tease me and say which one are you, Jackie? Jackie would always play with him on the phone when he called the house for daddy. Our deepest sympathy to you and the family, words can't express how much we appreciated all he did for daddy. Sincerely,

Robin, Brandon and Ms. Rosie.

Robin White-Hicks - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dook was a very kind and pleasant man ,he will be missed by all that loved and knew him. I hope the family will find comfort of the fond memories held in your heart . I pray that God will bring the family peace and comfort in this difficult time 🌹

Mabel. Johnson - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ You where my cousin my dad my friend I loved you but God loved you best .Nancy I'll be there for you .love cuz

Regina Kellam - September 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM