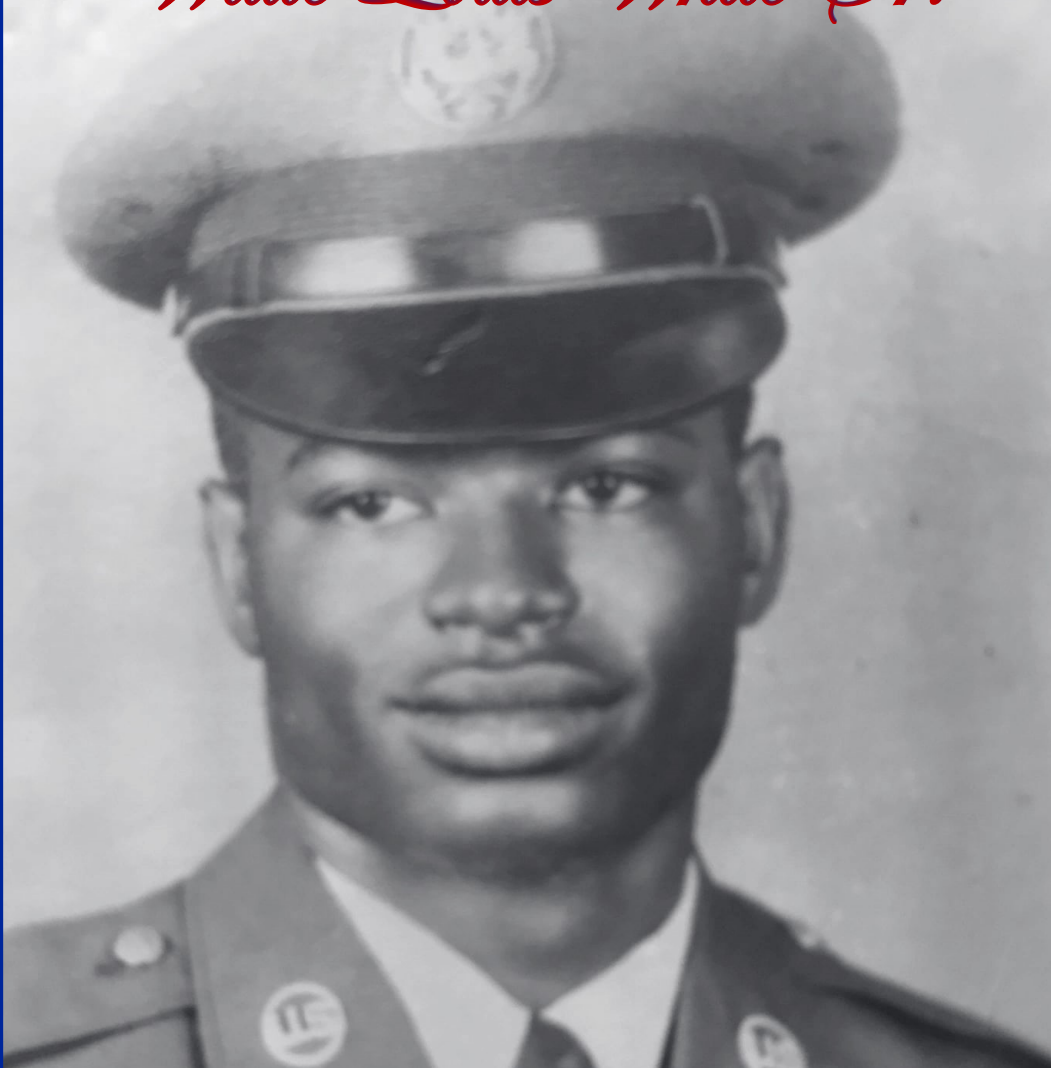


Willie Louis White Sr.



January 23, 1951 – August 20, 2021

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021 | 12:30 P.M.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
696 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd,
Biloxi, MS 39530

Celebration of Life

The top half of the image features a close-up, slightly wavy American flag. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes extending to the right.

OUR HERO

"A letter to my HERO", Willie White Sr.

A.K.A. "POPS"

I'm in rage right now, feeling pain, love, lost, confusion, and so many other feelings that has invaded my soul, my entire being. I want my daddy back, my best friend, my **HERO**. This letter is to you, **Willie Louis White Sr. AKA "Pops"**.

I've been put in a place I never thought I would be. A day not hearing your voice is a hard task I don't think I can handle. So many times, when I was a lost soul, you were the one to coach me back to life and bring me back from the darkness I was drowning in.

You showed me how to be a real man, you taught me values, you showed me family is what matters in the end, and how a man's word is the only thing we have full control over. I learned how to overcome my mistakes and turn them into my greatest triumph. You did that for me by leading by example. I'm so proud of you **Pops**, you turned your life around and soared above the clouds like an eagle.

I will surely miss talking to you every day and even hearing you smacking on some food every time I call. I want to close myself off from the world right now, but I know you would tell me to keep looking forward son. But Pops I'm telling you now, there's not enough tears in the world that could show my true pain. I pray that I will be strong like you would want but I don't know if that is possible. In time, pain heals, but right now I'm going to live with this devastating, life crushing hurt that I feel right now. I can only hope to be a man like you and instill the right tools into my kids as you have done for us. I just hope that I made you proud **POPS**, I really do. I will never say goodbye, but I will say, I'll see you later. **I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I PROBABLY HAVE SHOWN AND I NEED YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M HAPPY AND PROUD TO HAVE HAD YOU AS MY FATHER AND FRIEND. See you again one day my HERO, until then rest well and live in peace.**



Surrounded by LOVE





Willie Louis White Sr.

Tuesday, January 23, 1951 ~ Friday, August 20, 2021

Family Man

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Psalm 103:13

Willie Louis White Sr., was called home suddenly on Friday, August 20, 2021, at the age of seventy. He was the second eldest son born to Roosevelt White Sr. and Lillian (Shelton) White in West Point, Mississippi on January 23, 1951. The following year, the family relocated to Kansas City, Missouri where he was raised. Willie had one sister and four brothers: Deloris White who passed away just shortly after birth; David Collins Hogan (1993); Roosevelt White Jr (2017); Mitchell White (1997); and Raymond White (Shirley), his last surviving sibling. Willie was survived by his life partner Venora Bryant with whom he conceived his eldest son Michael Jerome Bryant (Erica) of Gulfport, MS, and his ex-wife Pok Sun White Garrison whom he conceived Salynda Crystal Owens (Michael) of Houston, TX; Tamika La'Neese White of Midwest City, OK; Willie Louis White Jr. (Benita) of Kansas City, MO; Chae Joseph White Sr. (Chyna) of Memphis, TN; and Jay Cee White (Margo) of Kansas City, MO. He was also blessed to have twenty-three grandchildren: Malik A. White; A'lexious S. Ayers; Adrian L. Armstrong; Aaron L. Armstrong (2015); Andrew L. Shaver; Victoria S. Owens; Anthony L. Davis Jr.; Koralee Shaver; Andre L. Ross; Za'Tavia S. White; Marita L. Davis, Maiya R. Henson, Jaylyn M. White, Mykiah J. Bryant, Mary J. Bryant, Willie L. White III, Jayden M. White, Ajia M. White, Rylie D. M. White, Michelle J. Bryant, Chae J. White Jr, Kylan B. White, and Za'Bella M. Jones. Willie also had two great-grandchildren: D'Marion Ayers and Journee Ayers. Willie still has one surviving uncle Lamar Shelton, and one aunt Bessie White. He has several nieces, nephews, cousins and much extended family.

Willie graduated from Lincoln High School in Kansas City, MO and attended the University of Kansas (KU). He served in the United States Armed Forces until he discharged in 1973 as a veteran of the United States Air Force. The majority of his civilian career, he was involved in the telecommunication industry where he served as an electrician. His pride and joy has always been his family. Everyone and anyone who knew him, knows he is a connector of people. He made it his business to reach out to everyone in the family and was intentional about talking to his children daily. Willie needed at least three or four baptist preacher closes to end a phone conversation. If you know, then you know!

Throughout his life, music (especially old school) was in his veins and played the saxophone in a band for many years. He had a great sense of humor and loved to fellowship with people while playing dominos, chess and video games (Zumba was his favorite). He was a die-hard Kansas City Chiefs and Royals fan. Willie really enjoyed barbequing and knew how to clear a plate too. In his final days, he enjoyed working on various projects at his home. More than anything, Willie, affectionately known as "Chilly Willy," "Willie Louis," "Big Will," and "Pops" was a joy to be around. He never met a stranger, nor was he a stranger to anyone.

In his later years, he always found a way to remain objective and would provide sound advice to anyone who had an ear to hear. He was a major encourager, influencer, and solution provider. He worked hard and was full of wisdom. He instilled many strengths into his children, to include endurance, resilience, and perseverance (a spirit of never giving up, to always push forward). The biggest legacy he left for his family was to always remember to make your family a priority and to keep them close. He impacted us all differently but treated us all with great love and tender care. He always said he wanted to return home to Mississippi and he did just that and enjoyed the rest of his days exactly where he wanted to be. There will never be another Willie White Sr. in the world. He will be truly missed.



Willie Louis White, Sr.

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Friday, August 27, 2021 | Visitation 11:30 A.M. | Service 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Musical Prelude

PROFESSIONAL Clergy and Family
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Margo White
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Tamika White
PRAYER Joe Robinson
SOLO Nicole Brown
I Won't Complain

Expression of Love

Reading of Resolution
“A Letter to my HERO” ~ By Chae J. White Sr.
“Dear Pops” ~ By Michael Bryant
Words of Encouragement to the Family
(Limit to two minutes)

OBITUARY Read in Silence
VIDEO Prepared by Dr. Vern Howard
HOME-GOING MESSAGE Rev. Eric Dickey, Pastor
First Missionary Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS
RECESSIONAL Dickey Brothers Memorial Funeral Home









Pallbearers

Michael J. Bryant | Willie L. White JR.

Chae J. White SR. | Jay C. White

Justin White | Malik A. White



Dear "Pops"

Dear "Pops", you were a man I thank God for bring back into my life. You brought my family closer together and gave me answers I have been wondering about all my life. I grew up thinking I was alone. Pops you were a man that I could talk to about anything with an open heart. You gave me sisters and brothers, and aunts and uncles. This has been the best gift anyone could have ever given me. Pops you will always be in my heart and I will forever appreciate everything and every word you have ever given me. I guess its true that God had Pops wings ready, but my heart was not.

By Michael Jerome Bryant

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation for the comforting words and genuine acts of kindness during our time of sadness. Pray for us and we will continue to pray for you.

Burial

Biloxi National Cemetery | 2:30 P.M.

400 Veterans Avenue Bldg. 1001 | Biloxi, MS 39531

Due to COVID guidelines, there will be no Repast following services.

