



Mr. Willie Lee Powell

August 6, 1946 - July 6, 2012

On July 6, 2012, while surrounded by family, God dispatched his heavenly angels to bring home his servant, Willie Lee Powell. Willie Lee Powell, son of the late Dock and Alvina Powell was born in Edgecombe County on August 6, 1946. Willie was raised in Edgecombe County and graduated from W.A. Pattillo High School in 1964. After High School, Willie attended A&T State University before enlisting in the United States Army; serving two separate terms of active duty and earning several distinguished honors: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device, both times, he received honorable discharges. Never losing sight of his goal to earn his degree, Willie settled down in Hope Mills, North Carolina and pursued his education, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree on May 8th, 1983 from Fayetteville State University. Later, he set his sights on studying for his Masters in Business Administration. After earning his B.S. Degree, Willie was employed for several years by his university alma mater...and enjoyed meeting and greeting students in the University Bookstore. Affectionately, family and friends knew him as Powell, Willie and Uncle Willie. Overwhelmingly, he enjoyed his title as "Granddaddy". He was known to spoil his grandchildren and enjoyed attending services with the family at Willis Creek A.M.E. Zion Church. A quiet and generous man that never complained and whatever the occasion, he welcomed you with a warm and inviting smile. Willie leaves precious memories to his wife of over thirty years: Carrie; a daughter, Diana (Tiewone) Taylor; grandchildren; Donta and

Dominique Powell and Heavenlea Taylor all of Fayetteville, NC; sisters, Catherine Lovely of Baltimore, MD and Blanche (Frank) Jenkins of Tarboro, NC; brothers, Walter Powell of Baltimore, MD; Dock Powell and James (Elizabeth) Powell both of Tarboro, NC; sisters-in-law, Iris Boyd of Norfolk, VA, Thelma Exum, Laverne Johnson and Joyce Johnson all of Rocky Mount, NC, Gloria Applewhite and Vivian Johnson both of Tarboro, NC; brothers-in-law, Ivery Jr. Johnson and Michael Johnson both of Tarboro, NC and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

400 Murchison Rd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory
2010 Murchison Road
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Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Powell*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Marilyn Powell-Godette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Powell*



Marilyn Powell-Godette - July 11, 2012 at 08:42 PM

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“ *To Carrie and Family: You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of Willie. We grew up down the road from each other and rode the same bus. Like all the Powells, he was quiet but friendly, never giving anyone a moments trouble. May your memories of the good times comfort you in the days to come.*

Ann Carney Adams, Princeville, NC (W. A Pattillo High School Class of 1969)

Ann Carney Adams - July 11, 2012 at 10:40 AM