



Willie Tyrone Benford

February 15, 1949 - June 9, 2024

Willie Tyrone Benford, 75, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2024, at his residence. Willie graduated from Howard High School class of 1968. He survived his country by joining the United States Army and fighting in the Vietnam War. He is preceded in death by his parents, Willie E. Benford, Jr. and Elizabeth (Jones) Benford; wife, Barbara J. Benford. Survivors include daughter, Mai E. Benford-Locklin of Chattanooga; god-daughter, Ruby (Michael) Ray of Chattanooga; three grandchildren, Transquil Jenkins, TaVisha Locklin, and Teidra Ballard; six great-grandchildren, JaMaion, JaQuil, Keyon, JaNari, Ronald, III, and JaVion; brothers, Richard L. Benford and James L. (Charlotte) Benford; step-brother, Donald Slay, Jr.; step-sisters, Sherry Ward, Valerie Decree and Tasha Slay, all of Chattanooga; four nieces, TaMakia, Keyche, Janet, and Carla; special brother/friends, Rufus Stargell and Tiffany step-children, Theresa Hudgins and Charles (Virginia) Carethers. He will lie-in-state on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel with Elder G. M. Spotts as the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN **21**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Sorry to learn of such a great person. Tyrone, was loved by the whole Park City Community. May the MOST HIGH God, be with you! Paul E. Schreane Ase--Shalom!



Paul Schreane - June 20, 2024 at 12:16 PM

RH

“ Tyrone is the name I know for this wonderful, kind, soft spoken person. He was very mannerabke to all people. Gone but never forgotten.

Rev. Wilhemenia Hogg - June 17, 2024 at 08:17 PM

KA

“ Kara A lit a candle in memory of Willie Tyrone Benford



Kara A - June 14, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DD

“ Hey Cuz,,. it's DeeDee....in my mind, there has always been a memory of you sitting in the backyard listening to Earth, Wind and Fire...It was a Sunday....I remember distinctly because we had a party the nite before....you didn't need a crowd...content in your own solitude.....you are now an everlasting part of the elements of life,....may you savor and experience that same contentment and more as you did on that day before.....Peace and Love...
"Be Ever Wonderful"....Earth, Wind and Fire....

Dee Dee - June 14, 2024 at 10:28 AM

KA

“ Katrina Alexander lit a candle in memory of Willie Tyrone Benford



Katrina Alexander - June 14, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ Mary McCauley lit a candle in memory of Willie Tyrone Benford



Mary McCauley - June 12, 2024 at 12:47 PM