



Willie Dean Sr.

July 23, 1958 - July 30, 2022

Willie J. Dean was born July 23, 1958 in Brickeys, Arkansas to Franklin Dean and Gloria Glenn, and was raised with the love and guidance of John Calmes Sr., along with his mother, since the age of nine.

He graduated from East Ridge High School in 1976 and enlisted in the United States Army on July 14, 1976 where he served honorably until his discharge on September 8, 1978.

He was employed at Shapiro Developmental Center for 12 years. Willie had a lot of loves-the Bulls, the Bears, spending time with his family, having purpose, watching tennis, cutting grass and going to concerts.

Willie J. Dean departed this life on July 30, 2022. He leaves to cherish his memory, his sons, Willie J. Dean Jr. of Raleigh, NC, Jovarez Radford of Bonfield, IL and Jomiko (Shekeila) Radford of Kankakee, IL; his father, John Calmes Sr. of Bourbonnais, IL; brothers, Douglas Willingham and Marc Calmes, both of Kankakee, IL and Roosevelt Gist of Newport, Arkansas; sisters, Patricia (Robert Maxwell) Dean and Louella Dean both of North Little Rock, Arkansas, Bessie (Eugene) Thompson of Portland, OR, Patricia Gist of Newport, Arkansas and Sherika (Levester) Harris of Bourbonnais, IL; special friend, Tomiko Radford of Kankakee, IL; five grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Calmes; his brothers, Ray Dean and John Calmes Jr., and his father, Franklin Dean.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Barry Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Dean Sr.*



The Barry family - August 15, 2022 at 10:11 AM

TR

“ *Tomiko Radford lit a candle in memory of Willie Dean Sr.*



Tomiko Radford - August 11, 2022 at 12:35 AM

KR

“ *Karen Pankey and family*



Karen Rosenthal - August 10, 2022 at 12:14 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Willie Dean Sr.*



Patricia Jamison - August 09, 2022 at 10:01 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Willie Dean Sr.



JOANN FORD-BOX - August 07, 2022 at 02:57 PM

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“ My Condolences to the family .



Cheryl Wilson - August 06, 2022 at 10:17 AM