

A Celebration Of Life



Billy Ray Island Willis was born April 17, 1959 as a twin sibling to Raeferd Wolfmule and Grover C. Willis in Clinton, Oklahoma at the PHS Indian Hospital. Preceding him in death are his mother, Raeferd Wolfmule; father, Grover C. Willis; his mother/aunt, Mary Lou King; son, Billy Ray Willis, Jr.; sisters: Darlene Wolfmule, Christine Willis-Archer, Edna Mae Walker and Leo Willis.

Briefly after his birth, he relocated to Button Willow, California with his Aunt Mary Lou King (who he affectionately spoke of as Momma). Billy Ray was reared in the Button Willow Community and attended Shafter High in Kerns County, California.

After graduation, Billy moved to Bakersfield, California attended Bakersfield Junior College to further his education.

Billy was employed by the oil fields in California, later to migrate to Oklahoma City and here he worked for the City of Oklahoma City AAA Landscaping and finally Water Irrigation Systems of Oklahoma City, taking a lot of pride to everything he set his hands to.

Billy loved life and he always encouraged and helped other when he could be of service, very generous in all his deeds, never complaining while keeping a uplifted spirit. If Billy told you he would do something, you could always depend on him. He was a man of his word.

Billy was the father of two beautiful children: Billy Willis, Jr. (4 grandchildren), and Kelly Willis Tyson (grandson Noah); and he even had enough room in his heart to include Armya whom he affectionately called baby girl, Andrew and Artrevion Jones as an addition to his family.

Billy was a believer in Christ and professed Him to be his Lord and Savior.

Leaving to cherish and embrace his memories, companion and best friend, Lawanda Jones of the home (Artrevion, Armya and Andrew); daughter, Kelly Tyson, grandson Noah of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sister, Dorothy Poafpybitty of Lawton, Oklahoma (her children, Chelsea, Julie, Courtney, Jan, Cameron and Justin); brother, Harold Willis and wife Gloria of Watonga, Oklahoma (their children, Pamela, Vicky, Gina, (Andre' and Glenn - deceased)); a host of other relatives and friends.

On September 26, 2014, Billy stood at Heaven's gate where Jesus and Billy Jr. was there to welcome him in.