Poem

No need for drums

or a grand parade

Your honor speaks alone,

In every life

Your kindness made

Your legacy shown.

The years may pass

The seasons turn,

Yet still your name still stays,

A steady flame

That will not fade

But light

Our hearts each day.

Pallbearers

Gary Waiters
Maurice Lindsay
Christopher Johnson
Anthony Brown
Anthony Davis
Maurice Brown
Tyron Brown
Brian Watts

Floral Bearers

Beverly Brown
Amber Watts
Deborah Brown
Christel Goss
Teresa West
Ariel Watts
Terry Walker

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly on a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
That anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We, Thank You
So much whatever the part.

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Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

Deacon Willie Watts, Jr.



Saturday, October 17, 2026
11:00 A.M

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church
9300 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Rock Sims
Pastor-

Obituary

Deacon Willie Watts Jr., affectionately known as “Bill,” was born on August 31, 1953, in Columbia, South Carolina, to Deacon Willie L. Watts, Sr. and Mattie B. Watts. He departed this earthly journey on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at Veterans Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Willie was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and was a proud graduate of Spring Valley High School, Class of 1972 along with his mother, Mattie B. Watts, and grandmother Louise Watts. After graduating, Willie entered into the United States Navy.

Willie was baptized at an early age at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, in Columbia, South Carolina. Willie worked tirelessly with his father for many years at Willie Watts Concrete & Construction, Richland School District One, SC Department of Transportation, and he also worked for a Event Staffing Company. He enjoyed working as an umpire and a referee for various recreational centers. He was a successful entrepreneur, owning his own lawncare business, Willie Watts, Jr. Concrete, Grass Cutting and Janitorial Services.

Willie loved anything that involved sports, such as being a wrestler, running track, being an umpire, referee, and a coach. He also enjoyed collecting historical paraphernalia, baseball cards, grilling, playing drums, and spending time with his family and friends. Willie was an avid reader of the Bible and loved Sunday School.

Willie was preceded in death by: his father, Willie L. Watts, Sr. and his brother, Tony Watts.

Deacon Willie Watts leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife, Mary Frances Watts, of Columbia, SC; three daughters, Wenoa Watts, of Tampa, Florida: Alisa Lindsay and Rachell L. (Kent) Wallace, both of Columbia, SC; his mother, Mattie B. Watts, of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Alberta Waden, of Blythewood, SC and Cheryl W (Howard) Johnson, of Columbia, SC; two brothers, Stanley W. Watts, of Columbia, SC and Jan K. (Karen) Watts, of St. Helena Island, SC; 4 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; a host of loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Prelude ..... “I’ll Fly Away”

Processional

Viewing ..... Funeral Directors

Hymn ..... “He’ll Welcome Me” ..... GHH Praise Team

Old Testaments ..... Mr. Christopher Johnson
Isaiah 41: 10

New Testaments ..... Pastor Kent Wallace
John 14: 1-6

Prayer

Selection ..... “ View the Holy City” ..... GHH Praise Team

Remarks ..... Deacon Perry Hooper, Sr.
Mr. Mike Belton
Mr. Larry Green
Deacon Rufus Watts
Mr. Robert Cunnningham
Mr. Stanley Watts

Selection ..... “Amazing Grace” ..... Ms. Barbara Gentry

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Rai Wallace

Recessional

Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment

-Pastor Rock E. Sims-
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