

The Obituary

A life of love and caring came to a close suddenly on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 4:49am at his home in Brooklyn, NY. God called him home Willie Pearson Jr. he was the son of the late Willie and Elizabeth Johnson Pearson. Willie was born on July 8, 1941 in Manning, SC. He attended and graduated from Scotch Branch High School in Summerton, SC. There he was a member of Mount Chapel Baptist Church.

In 1960, before leaving South Carolina for New York City, he met his wife to be Bernice June, whom he later married on July 3, 1962. This union lasted for fifty-three (53) years. Willie, along with his family, joined the Berean Missionary Baptist Church in 1967. He was a devoted member for forty-eight (48) years. Willie worked at Dairy Maid for eighteen (18) years before acquiring his own business for thirty-four (34) years. As a successful entrepreneur he established a network that founded many friendships. He also was a member of the Men's Choir. Willie loved to sing. His passion for music along with his drive to succeed in business delivered the successful production of several albums for The Singing Disciples. Their success led them to being signed with Southern Breeze Records.

In his early years, Willie was a member of the Fraternal Order of Masonry Temple and was a devoted member who gave back to the community. Many people saw him as a problem solver. He met and made friend who loved him dearly and made a great impact on many people's lives.

Preceding his death; one brother James Pearson and one sister, Eloise Hammett. He leaves to mourn his passing: his devoted wife Bernice; his children Vinell (Johnathan Ingram), Lorraine (Bryan Reese) and Tyre Pearson, all of Brooklyn, NY; Willie Edward Pearson of Woodbridge, VA and Debra (Major Jones) of Hanover, MD. He also leaves five sisters; Rovena Fenton of Staten Island, NY, Daisy Wilson (Billy) of Woodbridge, VA, Magarita Gatson, Magaret Ann (Rufus Stukes), Roberta Pendergrass, all of Manning, SC, and two brothers; Robert Pearson of Brooklyn, NY, Ernest Pearson (Peggy) of Manning, SC, Robert Cain a friend/brother; as well as a devoted aunt, Ruth Johnson, Lelia Johnson Plowden (Johnny) and in-laws Willimena (Romie) Bennett, Theresa Pearson, Dorothy June and Emmanuel Hammett. His grandchildren; Dante Pearson, Tyshawn Reese, Willie T. Pearson, Tyasia Pearson-Mallard, William Pearson (Tommy), Brittany Reese, Tyree Jones, Laura Jones, Tatisha Jones, Major Jones, Tamuel Jones and Tenia Jones and great grandchildren, to whom he was known as Pee-Paw and Goo-Goo. He also leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousin and friends.