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Willie unexpectedly passed away on June 01, 2022, in Cleveland, Ohio. His passing has created a huge void in our lives. Anyone that truly knew Willie, knew he had such a big heart. He loved fiercely and deeply, and we are saddened by the loss of our loved one, but we know that Jehovah has him in His care and memory. Please keep us lifted in prayer.

Willie leaves to mourn his memories his mother, Elizabeth Murphy, 4 children: Isaiah Lee, Eric Murphy, Kobe Murphy and Tristian Murphy, close nephew, Bernard Womack; all in whom he loved dearly, two sisters, Jacqueline Robinson, and April Thomas (Troy), two brothers, Albert Murphy (Paula) and Jefery Murphy (Briana) two special niece's Raquel Addison (Brian), and Jordin Thomas; 2 grand-nieces, Avery & Austyn; best friend Alphonso (Leslie), Tocombamaria (former spouse) and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

In his last days Willie grew to fall in love with a quote from William Shakespeare that challenged him and now all of us to *"Love all, Trust a few, and do wrong to none."* Job well done!

### He Is Gone

He is gone you can shed tears he is gone,  
or you can smile because he lived. You can  
close you eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you  
can open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart  
can be empty because you can't see him, or you can  
be full of love you shared. You can turn your back on  
tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy

for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he is gone, or  
you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be  
empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he'd want: smile open your eyes, love  
and go on.

### Psalm 34:4-5 KJV

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and  
delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him  
and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

### 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?  
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Arrangements Entrusted To:  
**R. A. Prince Funeral Services**  
16222 Broadway Ave., Maple Hts., Ohio 44137  
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## *Celebrating the Life Of Willie Murphy Jr.*



Sunrise:  
September 26, 1967

Sunset:  
June 1, 2022

**Friday, July 1, 2022**

**Memorial Service 11:30 AM**

**R. A. Prince Funeral Services  
16222 Broadway Avenue  
Maple Heights, OH 44137**

**Jefery Murphy, Officiant**

## *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer.....Mike McCastle  
Obituary Reading.....  
Song.....”With Eyes Of Faith”  
Discourse/Remarks.....Jefery Murphy  
Song.....”Keep Your Eyes On The Prize”  
Prayer.....Jefery Murphy

Friends and Family (3 minutes please)

-April & Troy Thomas  
-Tocombamaria Murphy  
-Eric Murphy  
-Raquel Addison & Jordin Thomas  
-Bernard Womack  
-Alphonso Bates  
-David Wright  
-Rev. Beverly Lee Jr.  
-Isaiah Lee

Candlelight Tribute + Picture/Video Presentation.....The Family  
Recessional.....  
Interment Prayer.....Rev. Beverly Lee Jr.

Interment:  
Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery  
5505 Northfield Road  
Bedford Heights, OH 44146

## *Acknowledgement:*

We wish to warmly thank you for your comforting words and genuine acts of kindness, in our time of sadness. Thank you for your love and support was and still is greatly appreciated.  
The Family of, Willie Murphy.

## *Obituary*

Willie James Murphy, Jr. was born Tuesday, September 26, 1967, to the late Willie James Murphy Sr. and Elizabeth Murphy in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a beautiful baby who grew up with a happy spirit, and from child to adulthood he was always willing to help his mother and father do whatever they asked of him. When they called on him, he came ready and willing to assist. Willie carried that “happy spirit” everywhere he went, growing up to become a devoted son, loving husband, encouraging father, admirable brother, and a gentle spirit to everyone he encountered in life. Willie attended Shaw High School and graduated in 1985. Shortly after he served 4 years in the Navy and was stationed in San Diego and Washington DC before receiving an honorable discharge. On returning home Willie had a son Isaiah Lee. In 1991 Willie met Tocombamaria Murphy and on July 27, 1996, she would become his wife. They shared a love for each other that saw them through many triumphs and challenges alike and though they later divorced they remained friends. From this union 3 children were born: Eric, Kobe and his “Princess” Tristan. Tristan, his only daughter etched a particularly soft spot for her in his heart and will always remain his Princess. Willie held no shortage of love for his children - ALL of them. He always knew the best was what any of them deserved. That imprint has been indelibly left on all his children.

Willie attended truck driving school and drove semi-trailers locally and over the road. Later in 2015, he joined his dad to help with the tire business. He also specialized in many trades such as painting, home improvement, landscaping, and was a skilled maintenance man. In 2019 he lost his 4 fingers on his right hand in a lawn mower accident, but he didn't let that stop him. He worked even harder to overcome this and never looked at it as a reason to give up. He aspired of starting his own LLC., where he could use his skills and trades to serve the Cleveland community. He truly was the Jack of all trades when it came to work. Willie enjoyed traveling, family trips, hanging out with his family, cooking, working at the tire shop with his dad, reading books, listening to good music, cracking jokes, and encouraging others. Willie loved to laugh. Easy going, but still the life of the party. He was lively, and charming, with a good sense of humor and an exceptional heart. Willie would often keep in touch with his family & friends through social media or phone calls. He was the one that everyone loved because he loved everyone. Willie's compassion went further than his family and friends. Every person in the world, to him, was just a friend he hadn't met yet. He always saw the good in people. Sometimes, that's all he would see, even if no one else could see it. No matter who life brought upon him, they always received the fullest extent of his gentle character he held. Willie learned to live with optimism and was a source of encouragement to everyone, especially his kids.

If you knew Willie, you knew he truly adored his mother, and she will truly miss her baby boy. He received the “caregiving gene” from her and helped assist in his father's care before his passing. Willie loved his siblings Jacqueline, Albert, Jefery and April. As a kid he and his brother Albert could be found dressed alike. They had a special relationship and often spent a lot of time on the tire truck with their dad learning. He also cherished an extra special bond with his little sister April which carried on to his nieces Raquel and Jordin. If he had a second mama, it was April, and Raquel wasn't far behind. Willie enjoyed a close relationship with his nephew Bernard and a lifelong friendship with his brother from another mother. Alphonso Bates. He loved his family as well. Alphonso's kids called him Uncle. He was Uncle Will to many. Growing up, Willie attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses learning many things about Jehovah's plans for the earth. When he became of age, he took his own spiritual journey throughout Christianity. Throughout the years Willie was mentored by his son Isaiah's grandfather Rev. Beverly Lee Jr., who he would look to for spiritual guidance and prayer. Willie always recognized the importance of God in his life and remained faithful in his pursuit of Bible truths. After his father's passing in December 2020, Willie reconnected to his childhood teachings and began to attend the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses via zoom and began a study of the Bible with Jehovah Witnesses. He read and studied the bible for guidance acknowledging Jehovah as God's name and the Bible hope of the resurrection here on earth and the chance of being reunited with his dad. Willie embraced the comfort and strength he received from Jehovah.