



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with memories of joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow,
My life's been full, I've savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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In Loving Memory of Willie George Washington

**Sunrise
February 22, 1937**

**Sunset
September 12, 2019**

SERVICE

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

**Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel**

**2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Pastor Joe Norman - Officiating

Obituary

Willie George Washington

On Tuesday, September 12, 2019, Willie George Washington, loving husband and father of two children passed away at the age of 82.

Willie George Washington, Deacon of Nehemiah Baptist Church in Midwest City, Oklahoma was born on February 22, 1937 in Olustee, Oklahoma. Willie G. Washington moved to Altus, Oklahoma early in his life. He attended Macedonia Baptist Church. He graduated from Lincoln High School where he thrived in his leadership roles as Editor of the Yearbook; Treasurer of Band; President of Chorus; Vice President of State Youth Organization; President of Student Council, and Manager of Girls and Boys Basketball Teams.

Willie G. Washington was enlisted in the United States Army Signal Corps in 1960 and retired in 1983 as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO-3) after serving 23 years. His duty assignments were: Landstuhl and Giessen, Germany; Okinawa, Japan; Vietnam (2 tours); Turkey (2 tours); Korea (2 tours); Hawaii; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. Willie G. Washington was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal Second Award, Army Commendation Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Three Overseas Service Bars, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon Fifth Award.

He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio and Television Broadcasting from the University of Oklahoma. Additionally, in 1979 he obtained a Master of Science Degree in Adult Education from the University of Southern California while stationed in Baumholder, Germany.

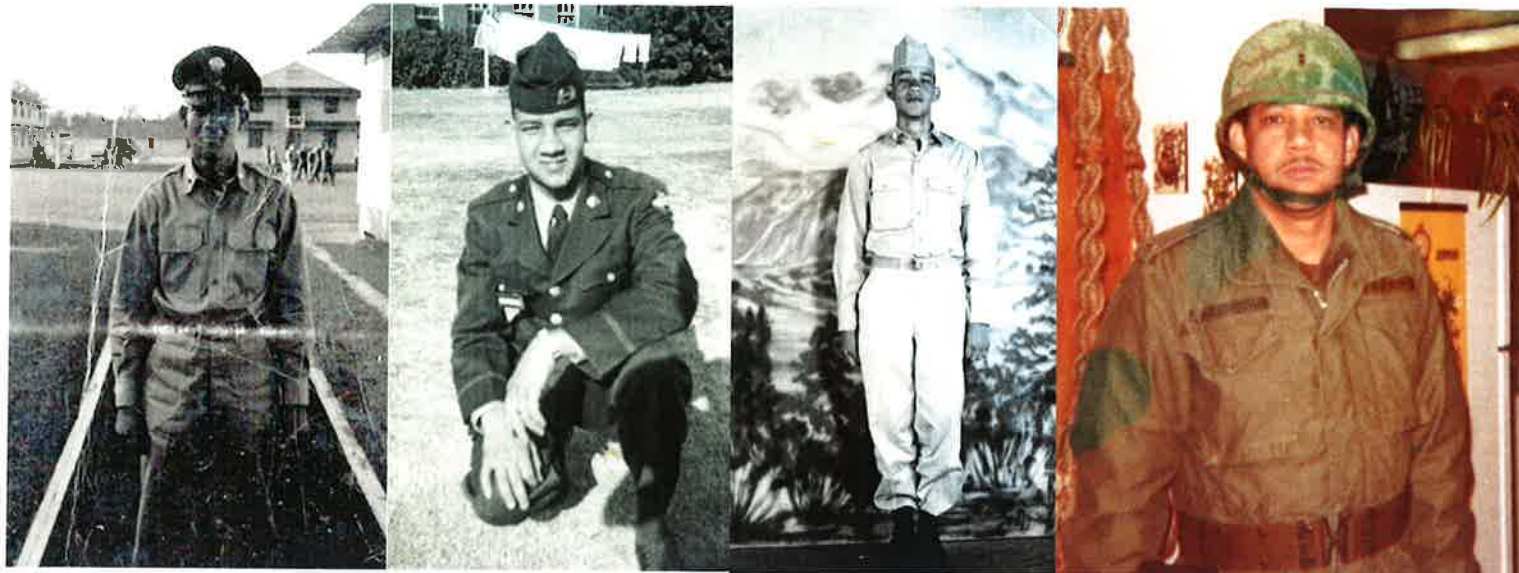
After retiring from the United States Army, Willie G. Washington went to work and retired from Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) as a school administrator for 17 years. After this retirement, Willie G. Washington and his wife moved to Kirbyville, Texas. During this time, he worked as a substitute teacher at Kirbyville High School. After 4.5 years, Willie G. Washington returned to Oklahoma City, where he also worked as a substitute teacher at Westmoore High School.

While stationed at Holloman AFB, Willie G. Washington met and married the love of his life, Ethel Virginia Polly. This union was blessed with two sons. Willie G. Washington was a devoted and proud father. Having been an educator himself, he was especially proud of his son's academic accomplishments. George W. Washington earned a Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction while Charles E. Washington obtained a Ph.D. in Information Technology. Also, he was an affectionate grandfather to Eric M. Washington and Charles E. Washington, Jr.

Willie G. Washington leaves to cherish and abundance of precious memories: wife, Ethel Washington of Oklahoma City; sons George and Charles Washington both of Oklahoma City, OK; Grandsons: Eric and Charles (CJ) Jr. both of Oklahoma City, OK; Uncle Joe Patterson of Norman, OK; sister, Mary Lou Clark of Warner Robins, Georgia; brother, Robert Lee Washington of San Diego, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Willie G. Washington was preceded in death by his parents; George Willie and Vorece Washington, and sister Velma Booker.





PROMOTIONS-Captain Carlton L. Dowdy, chief of the Highway Operations Branch Transportation Division, Directorate for Industrial Operations, U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa, is promoted to his present rank by Col. A.J. Syracuse, chief of the Transportation Division. Below, CWO-2 Willie G. Washington, a radio technician with the Directorate for Industrial Operations, is promoted to his present rank by Maj. Hart M. Akagi, branch chief. Washington's wife Ethel observes the ceremony. (US Army Photos)



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WILLIE G. Washington, a radio technician with the Directorate for Industrial Operations, U.S. Army Garrison, Okinawa, has been promoted to CWO-2. Washington and his family will return to the states in September and is scheduled for schooling at Ft. Gordon, Ga. in October. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Altus and the University of Oklahoma. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington, Altus.



Order Of Service

PreludeVideo

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Old TestamentPastor Craig E. Johnson
New Providence of Reno, Oklahoma

New Testament Pastor Frank E. Burroughs
Gospel Light Missionary of Oklahoma City, OK

PrayerReverend Allen Threatt III
Mt. Pleasant of Arcadia, OK

Song“Goin Up Yonder”
Clara Patterson
Altus, OK

Song “I’m Free”
Minister Gloria Brown
Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, OK

Acknowledgements and Resolutions LuKena Carter
Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, OK

Obituary LuKena Carter
Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, OK

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Aaliyah Carter
Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, OK

Expressions/Remarks Family and Friends
Limit to 2 minutes please

Eulogy Pastor Joe Norman
Nehemiah Baptist Church of Midwest City, OK

Recessional Clergy, Family and Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

Bro. George Washington
Bro. Eric Washington
Bro. JoJo Patterson

Bro. Charles Washington
Bro. Charles (CJ) Washington Jr.
Bro. Anthony Price

Acknowledgement

The family of Willie George Washington wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God Bless each of you.

II Timothy 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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