



## Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Willie Cleve Barksdale, express our warm and sincere gratitude to all who have shown many loving ways to express acts of kindness during our loss. We will never forget the calls, flowers, cards, prayers, and words of comfort. May God bless each and every one of you.

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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR WILLIE "BILL" CLEVE BARKSDALE

April 5, 1954 - September 28, 2021

Monday, October 4, 2021  
1:00 P.M.

MOUNT OLIVE MEMORIAL GARDENS  
3666 Deans Bridge Road | Hephzibah, Georgia

Evangelist Joann Nicely | Presiding/Eulogist  
Freedom Zone Worship Center





# Obituary

Willie “Bill” Cleve Barksdale entered into rest on September 28, 2021. He was born April 5, 1954, to the late Leonard Barksdale, Sr. and Bertha J. Singleton, in Augusta, Georgia.

At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized at Cumming Grove Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend H.B. Bady. He was educated in the Richmond County School System. He was employed at Gracewood Hospital and International Paper.

Willie was a member of the Roadrunner Motorcycle Club, where he was instrumental in creating and organizing the club. He also enjoyed playing music.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, Xzavier Barksdale.

Willie is survived by: his lovely wife, Josie Barksdale; daughter, Stacie Barksdale; two sons, Brandon Barksdale and Ramone (Sashanda) Griffin; parents, Sam and Bertha Singleton; two sisters, Betty Harrison and Rosemary (Jason) Beard; two brothers, Isaiah Barksdale and Kenneth Barksdale; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Rouse, Shirley (Lester) Dunn, and Ruby Brown; brothers-in-law, Willie (Gladys) Brown of Manchester, NJ, and Joe Tillman; seven grandchildren, Kiara Barksdale, Terald Barksdale, Kelsha Barksdale, Ty’Riana Griffin, Levi Griffin, Ca-Marien Habersham, and Jabbaari Rhoden; five great-grandchildren; goddaughter, Kanisha Beard; aunts, Dicie (Spencer) Davis of Charlotte, NC, and Carrie (Marshall) Allen, Washington, DC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

## “When I Must Leave You”

By: Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you  
For a little while-  
Please do not grieve  
And shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
Through the years,

But start out bravely  
With a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
And for my name  
Live on and do  
All things the same,

Feed not your loneliness  
On empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
In useful ways,

Reach out your hand  
In comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;

And never, never  
Be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

## Order of Service

Presiding | Evangelist Joann Nicely

### SCRIPTURES

*Old and New Testaments*

Pastor Ruby Brown

### PRAYER

Reverend Norris Rouse

Cumming Grove Baptist Church

### REFLECTIONS

Jason Beard | Brother-in-law

### SOLO

Jerry Britt

### EULOGY

Evangelist Joann Nicely

Freedom Zone Worship Center

### COMMITTAL

### BENEDICTION

- NO REPAST DUE TO COVID-19 -