

*A Homegoing Celebration
for
Willie Dexter "Deck" Strickland*



Sunrise - October 21, 1945

Sunset - October 31, 2007

*Sunday, November 4, 2007
2:00 p.m.*

*Refuge Temple Evangelistic Center
Jonesville, NC*

*Minister Maxine Edward, Officiating
Pastor Alvin Harris, Eulogist*

Family Tribute

Mr. Willie Dexter Strickland, lovingly known as "**Deck**" was born October 21, 1945 in Guilford County. He was the son of the late Willie Nathan and Nellie Luddie France Strickland. He departed this life unexpectedly at 4:20 pm on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin, NC.

He was preceded in death by two sisters – Mattie Myrtle Edwards and Frances Hurt both of Elkin, NC.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife Jaqueline Ann Billips Strickland of 17 years; five sons – William Strickland and Adam Strickland of Connecticut, Tyrone Hilton of Greensboro, Trendon King and Justin Billips of Jonesville, two daughters – Aretha Strickland of Connecticut and Iman Strickland of Jonesville. He also leaves behind six sisters – Roxie Hudson and twin sister Nellie Harris, both of Jonesville, Juanita (Joe) Cockerham of Elkin, Betty Ferrington, Barbara (Leander) Pittford, Sharon (Cleveland) Walker all of Winston Salem, five brothers – Wayne and Wesley Strickland both of Jonesville, Billy (Kaye) Strickland, Albert (Julia) Strickland, Bobby (Kathy) Strickland all of Connecticut and In-laws – Joyce (David) Martin, Peggy Bailey, Delores (Bryce) Billips, Michael (Sherry) Billips, Herman (Reesie) Billips, and Carla Billips all of Jonesville, and Ronnie Billips of Dobson, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

My Husband, God's Blessing

God has been so good to me
For I was blessed beyond compare
When He brought you into my life
In answer to my prayer.
I needed someone special
Who would love me as you do
And treat me with respect and honor
The way you always do.
I needed you to fulfill my dreams
And share the wedding bliss
That we have known together
Since that special wedding kiss.
So I thank Him for each glorious day
That we share side by side
And for the greatest joy I ever knew
The day I became your bride.

Love, Jackie

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Casket Bearers

Justin Billips

Clarence Edwards

Tyrone Hilton

Trendon King

Adam Strickland

William Strickland



Acknowledgement

We would like to extend our greatest appreciation to all for your kind words, sympathy, and presence that you have shown during our time of loss. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

- The Family

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