



Willard Pottard, Jr

December 29, 1954 - January 30, 2023

Willard "Pot Rat" Pottard, Jr. blessed this world with his presence on December 29, 1954 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sr. and Annie Pottard of Anniston, AL. Willard was raised in Oxford, AL.

Willard Pottard Jr. (Willard) was educated at Calhoun County Trade School and graduated from Oxford High School. He joined the United States Army after graduation and served 10 years. The military offered him great experiences in life with travel being the best one. He travelled extensively throughout Georgia and New Jersey. By the Grace of God, he completed a 3 year tour in Vicenza, Italy. After time served in the military, Willard returned home to Anniston to start a new chapter in his life. He found great joy in watching movies, fishing, and listening to music. He also was a great dancer.

Two years after his return from service and while working in Carrollton, GA, Willard met a very trusting and loving partner, Sylvia Hardaway of Moreland, GA. The couple developed a friendship that led to a lifelong bond. Together their union created three wonderful children; Sylvante, Delanor and Yancy. Willard and Sylvia remained in each other's lives until the very end, sharing many wonderful memories of fun, laughter and love with their children and grandchildren.

A well-devoted father, grandfather, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin, and friend,

Willard received his Master's Call on January 30, 2023, at Atlanta VA Medical Center in Decatur, GA. Whether there were opportunities or challenges in his life, his attitude was always consistently positive with a smile and a light heart. He had a cheerful personality...always making people around him laugh. He truly loved his family. Willard lived his life to the fullest. Family and friends genuinely will miss him and forever honor and cherish his memories.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted children, Sylvante (Julius) Caesar, Delanor (Cassie) Pottard, and Yancy Pottard; grandchildren, Decorey, Kody, and Autumn; Brothers, William Pottard, John H. (Phillip) Pottard and Domonique Sims; and Sister, Debra A. Pottard. Also cherishing his memories are a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving partner, Sylvia Hardaway; father, Willard Pottard, Sr. and mother, Annie Pottard; Paternal grandparents, Willard Pottard and Willie Mae Magsby; maternal grandparents, Yancy Hawkins and Stella Hawkins and his brother, Lawrence Pottard and niece Shevicka Pottard.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Goodson Funeral Home / Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Pottard, Jr.*



February 03, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Pot!! Was a funny guy! I'm glad I got a chance to meet him when I was 9.. To my God siblings! Sylvante, I love you and pray for your strength daily!! Dee, I love the strong man you became, love you.. Yank, baby boi you are so amazing and funny, love you! Pot Rat and Ma Sylvia made 3 amazing kids, I don't know this pain but I know y'all parents and super proud of the amazing kids they raised. Stay strong!! Xoxoxo*



Phylcia Benton - February 02, 2023 at 05:42 AM



“ *Praising God for Willard. I'll never forget his sense of humor. He Loved his family. When the boys were small, he carried them with him everywhere. Willard Loved my sister, Sylvia. May the Good Lord bless and keep his children 🙏 Love ❤️ Effie Hill Newnan, Ga.*

Effie Hill - February 01, 2023 at 11:16 PM

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“ Willard was just another Hardaway family brother. He was an amazing person with a huge personality. He loved my sister Sylvia and she loved him to her very end. To know him was to love him. Blessings to him for his service to our great country.

Delanor, Yancy, and Sylvante ...please be encouraged and know that he is suffering no more. He is resting and very much at peace. He lived his life fully and now he has gone on to that final chapter of his being.

With all my love, Aunt Arletha

Arletha Hardaway Looper - February 01, 2023 at 09:07 PM

BH

“ Bishop HardawaySr lit a candle in memory of Willard Pottard, Jr



Bishop HardawaySr - February 01, 2023 at 08:25 PM

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“ Abby Russell lit a candle in memory of Willard Pottard, Jr



Abby Russell - February 01, 2023 at 07:53 PM

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Willard, I'll never forget the smile you always had on your face. Love you and you will be missed. Forever Abby 🙏

Abby Russell - February 01, 2023 at 07:57 PM

VH

My deepest condolences to all of Willard Family. Willard always had a kind and humble composure whenever you were around him plus he showed so much love for his companion Sylvia he were always blowing her a kiss. We will truly miss you but God put you at rest in his loving arms...RIP❤️

Vernice H. Harris - February 02, 2023 at 02:12 PM