

Georgia Southern University

Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

African American Funeral Programs, Willow Hill
Heritage & Renaissance Center, Bulloch County,
Georgia

Student Research Projects

1-19-1990

Willie Ellis

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/willowhillheritage-
obituaries](https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/willowhillheritage-
obituaries)



Part of the [Public History Commons](#)

This obituary is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Research Projects at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in African American Funeral Programs, Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center, Bulloch County, Georgia by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu.

Funeral Services
for



MR. WILLIE ELLIS

Friday, January 19, 1990 - 2:00 p.m.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Register, Georgia

Rev. Lee Hunter, Pastor and Officiating
Burial - Church Cemetery

Another Service By James R. Barnes Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.

Obituary

*Not till the loom is silent
And the shutters cease to fly.
Shall God unroll the canvass
And explain the reason why,
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.*

Willie Ellis, age 86, was born March 10, 1903 in Bulloch County, Georgia to the late Mr. Mordecai Ellis and Mrs. Lizzie Williams Ellis.

At an early age, he joined the Scotts Creek Baptist Church, where he served until he migrated to the areas of Florida, Hawkensville and Atlanta, where he resided for more than 35 years. He has been a resident of Candler County, Pulaski, Georgia for the past three and a half years, and of Nightingale Home, Inc., Statesboro, Georgia for the past 34 days.

He made a secret departure from this busy walk of life and entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 15, 1990 at Nightingale Home, Inc.

Those who grieve at his home-going are: one brother and sister-in-law, Claude and Mattie L. Ellis of Pulaski, Ga.; four sisters, Lottie Johnson, Register, Ga., Janie Boatwright of Akron, Ohio, Queen Mincey and Almeter Phillips, both of Metter, Ga.; seven foster children of Atlanta, Ga.; another sister-in-law, Ethel Mae Dawson of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; two brothers-in-law, James A. Phillips of Metter, Ga. and Elder Dehard Dekle of Statesboro, Ga.; one aunt, Mae Etta Williams of Metter, Ga.; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

*Tomorrow is not promised us,
So let us take today
And make the very most of it
The once we pass this way.
Just speak aloud the kindly thought,
And do the kindly deed . . .
And try to see and understand
Some fellow creature's need.
Tomorrow is not promised us,
Nor any other day,
So let us make the most of it
The once we pass this way.*

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING Rev. Joe Herrington

SELECTION James R. Barnes Choir

INVOCATION Rev. Patrick Jones

SCRIPTURE Rev. Harvey Burns

SELECTION James R. Barnes Choir

OBITUARY Read Silently

SOLO Mrs. Faye West

EULOGY Rev. Lee Hunter

VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Attendants

Nieces



*Perhaps you sent a floral piece
Or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent food, a card or a gram
If so, it is here
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
That any one could say
Perhaps you were not here at all
Just thought of us today
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much whatever your part.*

—The Family