



Willie James Cheeley

July 17, 1955 - August 30, 2022

The Life of Willie James Cheeley - An Educator Extraordinaire

The journey begins or the school bell rang on July 17, 1955. It was a beautiful summer day in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, when the Lord blessed Willie Robert Cheeley and Georgia Ella Cheeley with an energetic, inquisitive baby boy whom they would name Willie James Cheeley.

First period for Willie James was having the opportunity of being raised in a loving home where he was doted on by his maternal grandparents, Perry and Ella Glover. He was eager to learn and was always asking questions. This curiosity and inquiring mind would become the steppingstone to the pathway that would be his life's journey.

Second period was full of excitement as Willie embarked on his educational journey. He excelled as a student at Sanders Park Elementary, Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach High School. He was a proud member of the Pompano Beach High Class of 1973. Having a burning desire to fulfill his goal to become a teacher, led Willie to further his education by obtaining an Associate of Arts Degree from Broward Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida Atlantic University. He would use these tools to obtain employment with the Broward County School System and Village Academy. For over thirty years, Willie dedicated himself to ensuring that his students' educational experience was second to none. He had a special talent for working with Exceptional needs students.

The third period was a long one and for many years overlapped with some of the time for the second period. It was during this time that Willie gave his life to the Lord. His family had ensured that he had a religious foundation during his youth as a member of Antioch Baptist Church. As a high school student, Willie obeyed the gospel of Christ and became a member of the 15th Street Church of Christ. He was ecstatic when his grandmother and later grandfather joined him as members. Willie's dedication to the Lord was evident in his devotion to being a Sunday school teacher, song leader, youth director, education department chairperson and preacher of the gospel. In addition to 15th Street, Willie would serve at Deerfield Beach Church of Christ and Renaissance Church of Christ.

An Extended day was required as Willie found time to perfect his culinary skills. He was an exceptionally talented baker whose cakes were heavenly. Willie would use this talent to give back to his friends and loved ones. It was nothing for him to bless you with one of his famous cakes. In addition to baking in his spare time, he would tutor and mentor many of the children in our community. You could often find him visiting the sick and shut in and helping to take care of the elderly. He served with faithful devotion until his health would no longer allow him to do so.

Last bell rings: As God saw that Willie was tired, he declared it was the end of the day and called him home on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. He leaves to cherish his memory: Sisters, Iola Cheeley, Elaine Lynn (Michael) and Annette Cheeley; Brothers, Anthony Johnson, Eugene Cheeley and Willie Robert Cheeley; Aunts, Thomasina Jackson and Ora Rodgers; Uncles, James Glover (Lillie Mae), Percival Gordon (Georgia) and Roy Dean Glover (Sandra). In addition, a host of other family members and friends whose lives he has touched will continue to cherish his memory.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

NW 18th Ave
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

15th Street church of Christ
390 NW 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *L.C. Poitier Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - September 09, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Willie James Cheeley*

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ *Nicole Johnson.Cheaves lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Nicole Johnson.Cheaves - September 09, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



September 08, 2022 at 09:30 PM

US

“ *Uncle Roy & Aunt Sandy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



Uncle Roy & Aunt Sandy - September 08, 2022 at 05:06 PM

PH

“ *Phyllis Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Phyllis Hamilton - September 07, 2022 at 11:05 PM

PH

Willie James, my “Birthday Twin” as he so affectionately referred to me will forever be missed. I’m so grateful to have had a friend as kind, loving, and giving as he. He brought a light so great to this world through his constant sharing and caring for others, that even after his departure, that light shines on. No matter how you would be feeling, he would say something funny and have you laughing alone with that infectious laugh of his. Rest In Peace my brother, my twin, and my friend. A true friend is never truly gone. Their spirit lives on in the memories of those who loved them. Oh, Happy Day!!! RIP

Phyllis Hamilton - September 07, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



September 07, 2022 at 10:48 PM

RF

“ *Revonia Heck and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



Revonia Heck and family - September 07, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



September 06, 2022 at 01:25 PM

WS

“ *With love and support. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Willie James Cheeley.*



With love and support. - September 06, 2022 at 11:33 AM

DH

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Dee Banks Hampton - September 05, 2022 at 04:49 PM

KR

“ Karen Rhoulhac lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley



Karen Rhoulhac - September 05, 2022 at 11:48 AM

LF

“ Leon larkin & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie James Cheeley.



Leon larkin & Family - September 05, 2022 at 04:30 AM

LB

“ Lonnise Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley



Lonnise Baldwin - September 04, 2022 at 04:26 PM

LG

“ Lillie Glover lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley



Lillie Glover - September 03, 2022 at 09:07 PM

WH

May Almighty God welcome you home and let the Angels prepare your treats. You are and will be missed 🧡🙏🥰.

Willie and Suzette Holt - September 04, 2022 at 09:12 AM

ZJ

“ My cousin was a beautiful soul with such an infectious spirit and laugh. He could bake a lemon cake that would melt in your mouth. One of the fondest and funniest memories I have is while checking in at the hotel for the family reunion; the desk clerk asked him for his name and he said Special she then asked last name and he said Ed. So she’s typing, searching and repeating Special Ed after repeating it about the 4th time Willie James was almost on his knees profusely laughing, I remember laughing about that months later. We’re going to miss you cousin. Sleep peacefully



Zoreayne Jones - September 03, 2022 at 09:01 PM

IW

“ Irene West lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley



Irene West - September 03, 2022 at 02:48 PM

MK

“ Milta Kyles lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley



Milta Kyles - September 02, 2022 at 11:30 PM

EB

“ *Ethel M Burns lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Ethel M Burns - September 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CT

“ *Charlotte Thomas lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Charlotte Thomas - September 01, 2022 at 08:40 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Cathy Moore - September 01, 2022 at 01:01 PM

GR

“ *Gwendolyn Robertson lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Gwendolyn Robertson - September 01, 2022 at 12:35 AM

PJ

“ *Pearl Jones lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Pearl Jones - August 31, 2022 at 05:15 PM

GA

“ *Georgia Adams lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Georgia Adams - August 31, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences are with the family.. RIH Willie Cheeley 🙏*



Wilbert Jones - August 31, 2022 at 12:22 PM

LB

“ *Sending prayers 🙏*



Lonnise Baldwin - August 31, 2022 at 09:23 AM

RR

“ *Ronald Robinson lit a candle in memory of Willie James Cheeley*



Ronald Robinson - August 30, 2022 at 07:02 PM

PO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Poitier - August 30, 2022 at 03:29 PM

AT

I'm going to miss you Uncle Willie James ☐

Alicia Taylor - August 30, 2022 at 10:44 PM