

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to  
lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul.*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23

## APPRECIATION

We, the family of **Willie Lee Powell**, gratefully acknowledge all expressions of love, kindness, concern and friendship during our bereavement. Your acts of sympathy have sustained us. We pray God's bountiful blessings upon each of you. A more formal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

*Nabors Family Funeral Home*

Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.

470 W. 172nd St

Thornton, Illinois 60476

Office/Cell: 708-704-5023

*Expect Great Service...  
and Receive Greater.*



# WILLIE POWELLS

SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 14, 1952 - SUNSET: AUGUST 10, 2025

Remembering  
**BILL**

**Willie L. Powells (Bill)**, born February 14, 1952, in Greenville, MS. The fourth of ten children born to the late Eugene Powells and Mother Ellerwese Gaultney-Powells.

**Bill**, as he was affectionately called, and his family moved to Chicago, IL during the 1950's. He received his education in the Chicago Public Schools.

**Bill** accepted Christ at an early age. He along with his mother and siblings were members of the Livestone Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL for many years during his childhood.

**Bill** loved his family dearly and would do whatever he could to help them. He was a man of many hats in the family and the best driver you could ask for. If anyone needed a driver, whether it was around the corner or to Mississippi, he was your guy.

His passion for driving opened doors for him professionally. He was a taxi driver, school bus driver for the Chicago Public Schools, and a car transporter for local automobile rental companies.

**Bill** was talented in many areas, including cooking. This led to employment at The Thornton Heights Terrace Nursing Home in Chicago Heights, IL where he served as a cook, until his retirement.

**Bill** loved the Abounding Life Church of God in Christ and love to attend the Annual Men Day services along with his other brothers.

**Bill** was a devoted and caring father to his two daughters: Izzie and Joyce and all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He made his transition on Sunday August 10, 2025. He will be missed beyond words but will always be remembered in our heart for the love that he gave to us all.

**Bill** was preceded in death by his loving parents, Eugene Powells and Ellerwese Powells. Three brothers: Freddie, Stanley and Henry Jr.; three sisters: Delores, Linda and Nannie. He leaves to cherish his precious memory his two daughters: Izzie and Joyce; 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; sisters: Joyce, Gloria and Ayonna; brothers: Dennis, Sylvester, Tyrone, Eugene and Norris, and stepbrother Chuckie; one aunt Jackquilin Vaughns; long-time companion, Ms. Sonya Jones; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friday, August 22, 2025  
Wake 10:00AM      Funeral 11:00AM  
**Nabors Family Funeral Home**  
470 West 172nd Street  
Thornton, Illinois 60476

Elder Grafton Hall, Officiating

**Order of Service**

Processional	
Congregation Song	Sister Dorothy Hall
Invocation	Elder Bernard Verner
Opening Scriptures	Elder Bernard Verner
Old Testament Psalms 23	
New Testament 2 Timothy 4:7-8	
Master of Ceremony	Deacon Lee Edwards
Musical Selection	Jamice Jackson (Niece)
Remarks	Family/Friends (2 Minutes Please)
Acknowledgements of Cards & Resolutions	Alliyah Hilliard (Granddaughter)
Obituary	Izzie McNeil & Joyce Hillard (Daughters)
Musical Selection	Jamice Jackson (Niece)
Eulogy	Elder Grafton Hall
Committal/Benediction	Elder Grafton Hall

REPAST  
Immediately Following

HONORARY PALLBEARERS  
Sylvester Powell, Dennis Powell, Isaiah Smith  
Michael Boyd, Brandon Hilliard