



Willie Edgar Thurmond

November 12, 1933 - June 24, 2023

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but he is a guiding light whose love shows us the way... Willie Edgar Thurmond, affectionately known as Pete, was that father.

The only child of the late JK and Vemma Kinney Thurmond, Willie (Pete) was born November 12, 1933 in Statham, Ga. In 1958 he united in holy matrimony with Pearlle Sims Thurmond, and to their union Linda, Anthony and Brenda were born.

Along with his wife Pearlle who preceded him in homegoing, Willie owned and operated Willie Thurmond Construction and Willie Thurmond Poultry and Cattle farms. He eventually retired from the construction and poultry businesses, but he continued his passion for cattle farming until his homegoing, thanks largely to his farm overseer James and a couple of special friends and fellow farmers who helped or advised him when needed.

Willie was born and raised in Statham, Ga, and while working alongside his father, he learned to be a carpenter at an early age. It was during his work as a young carpenter that he dreamed of being able to build for himself the beautiful things that he was being paid to help build for others. After years of being a carpenter, Willie started the Willie Thurmond Construction and Concrete Finishing business where he taught his sons Anthony (Spank) and Randy the skills that inspired and equipped them to have a profession in the concrete finishing business. Being constantly inspired to do and create more, Willie, along with his wife Pearlle, started Willie Thurmond and Sons Poultry

Farm, where Pearlle was the chief operator and they were contractors for Harrison Poultry, Bethlehem, Ga.

Willie was a faithful member of Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church, Statham. He served as chairman of the Deacon Board and chairman of the Trustee Board and served on the Usher Board and in the Male Chorus.

One of several contributions he made to the Barrow County community was he provided employment and training to many current and former concrete finishers in the Barrow County area. And most of them would affectionately say, "Pete was tough, but I learned a lot from him." Several have claimed that because of him, they were inspired to start their own concrete business or other forms of entrepreneurship.

To his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, fellow construction workers and farmers, Willie was neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but he was a guiding light whose love will continue to show us the way.

Cemetery Details

Barrow Memorial Gardens

793 Atlanta Highway SE
Winder, GA 30680

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church Statham
2141 GA - 82
Statham , GA 30666

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Edgar Thurmond*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Elizabeth Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willie Edgar Thurmond*



Elizabeth Johnson - June 30, 2023 at 12:02 AM



“ *Nathaniel And Mary Ellington sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Edgar Thurmond*



Nathaniel and Mary Ellington - June 29, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Edgar Thurmond.*



June 28, 2023 at 06:35 PM

VG

“ Vera Green lit a candle in memory of Willie Edgar Thurmond



Vera Green - June 28, 2023 at 11:09 AM

CM

“ CARLA MICHELE lit a candle in memory of Willie Edgar Thurmond



CARLA MICHELE - June 28, 2023 at 08:14 AM

MD

“ So many Blessed Memories of Dea. Pete and Sis. Pearlle. We stand on their shoulders of service and love of family. My mother, Sis. Dora Lee Nowells, loved Pete and Pearlle and they loved her and never failed to demonstrate that bond. Deacon Thurmond will be missed. Sincere Condolences to the family. 🙏

Min. Marilyn Dixon - June 27, 2023 at 06:55 PM

NE

Sorry for your loss.

Nathaniel and Mary Ellington - June 29, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie Edgar Thurmond.



June 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Edgar Thurmond.

June 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ Emma Harris purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Willie Edgar Thurmond.



Emma Harris - June 27, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ The Arden Trust Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Willie Edgar Thurmond.



The Arden Trust Family - June 27, 2023 at 12:33 PM