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“Brother”
 1970-2017

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces and Cousins

PALL BEARERS

Nephews and Cousins

“Miss Me, But Let Me Go”

When I come to the end of the road
 And the sun has set for me
 I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
 Why cry for a soul set free?
 Miss me a little-but not too long
 And not with your head bowed low
 Remember the love that we once shared
 Miss me-but let me go
 For this is a journey that we all must take
 And each must go alone.
 It's all part of the Master's plan
 A step on the road to home
 When you are lonely and sick of heart
 Go to the friends we know
 And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
 Miss me but let me go.

Author: Unknown

FROM THE HEART

Dear Friends, we thank you for your words of comfort, your acts of kindness and all of your expressions of love during these difficult days. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us. And when the winter of our sorrow is gone, and the flowers of loving memories spring up ... We will remember you.

THE FAMILY



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HOME-GOING CELEBRATION FOR

Mr. Willis Abner Martin

‘BROTHER’



*“To every thing there is a season,
 and a time to every purpose under the heaven” ...
 Ecclesiastes 3:1*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017
 2:00 p.m.

BETHANIA A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
 2120 BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD
 WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. KAREN ROBERTS MILLER, PASTOR

OBITUARY

Mr. Willie Abner Martin, affectionately called “Brother,” was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pearce and Patty Lash Martin in Buffalo, New York on August 25, 1970.

He was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and graduated from North Forsyth High School in 1989. He received his early Christian education at Bethania African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Winston-Salem.

“Brother” loved his family and enjoyed participating in their many celebrations and family get-togethers. He was also fond of watching sports on television, particularly football and basketball and he enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Martin was employed as a driller for McKinney Drilling Company for nearly ten years prior to his unexpected death at his home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Monday, February 6, 2017. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Abner and Annie Martin; his maternal grandparents, Kelsey and Carol Lash; a brother-in-law, Victor G. Lowe, Sr.; nephew, Victor G. Lowe, Jr.; and a niece, Nicole Martin.

Those family members who survive and who will forever cherish loving memories of “Brother,” include his children; sons, Jashawn Martin Lewis and Joe-mane McCollough; twin daughters, Diamond and Dallas Martin; Rashawnda Heath, Regina McCollough and Reginald Heath; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Patty Lash Martin; four sisters, Karen Pratchett, Janet (Juan) Cason, Amanda Martin and Toni Lowe; eight aunts, Willia Lash, Mattie Pearl Marshall, Shirley Taylor, Maxine Dodd, Aunt Pat of Buffalo, NY, Aunt Trey of San Diego, CA, Aunt Edna of Seattle, WA and Aunt Pat of Atlanta, GA; his uncles, Connie Lash and Jerry Lash; special friends, Antionette Lewis and Tina Heath; close buddies, Authur McAdoo and Tim Spease; several nieces, nephews, extended family members and many friends.

We’ll Remember You

*We’ll remember you in sunshine
Its rays warming earth and sky
We’ll remember you in birds’ graceful wings
As they glide and flutter by
Moment by moment we’ll remember you
You’ll never be too far away
Because we’ll keep you in our hearts
Each and every day.
-Jilchristy Dee*

“Bye, bye, bye”

HOME-GOING CELEBRATION FOR

Mr. Willis Abner Martin

“Brother”

Processional	Clergy and Family
Gathering of Family and Friends	1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song	Bethania AME Zion Choir
<i>“This Little Light of Mine”</i>	
The Holy Scripture	
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23	Reverend Belinda S. Harris
New Testament Reading: John 14:1-6	Clergy

Prayer of Comfort

Selection	Willie Mason and Friends
<i>“He Saw the Best in Me”</i>	

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Mr. Lester B. Speas, III, Childhood Friend
The Sisters’ Tribute
Tribute from The Children

Selection	Willie Mason and Friends
<i>“Total Praise”</i>	

Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Karen Roberts Miller
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Recessional

THE INTERMENT

Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me and I’m not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn’t cry the way you did today
While thinking of the many things we did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me as much as I love you
Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts without me please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind all those I dearly Love*

*But when I walked through heaven’s gates I felt so much at home
When GOD looked down and smiled at me from His golden throne*

*He said this Is Eternity and all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow for today will always last
And since each day’s the exact same way there is no longing for the past*

*So when tomorrow starts without me do not think we’re apart
For every time you think of me... remember I’m right here in your heart*

Author: David M Romano

