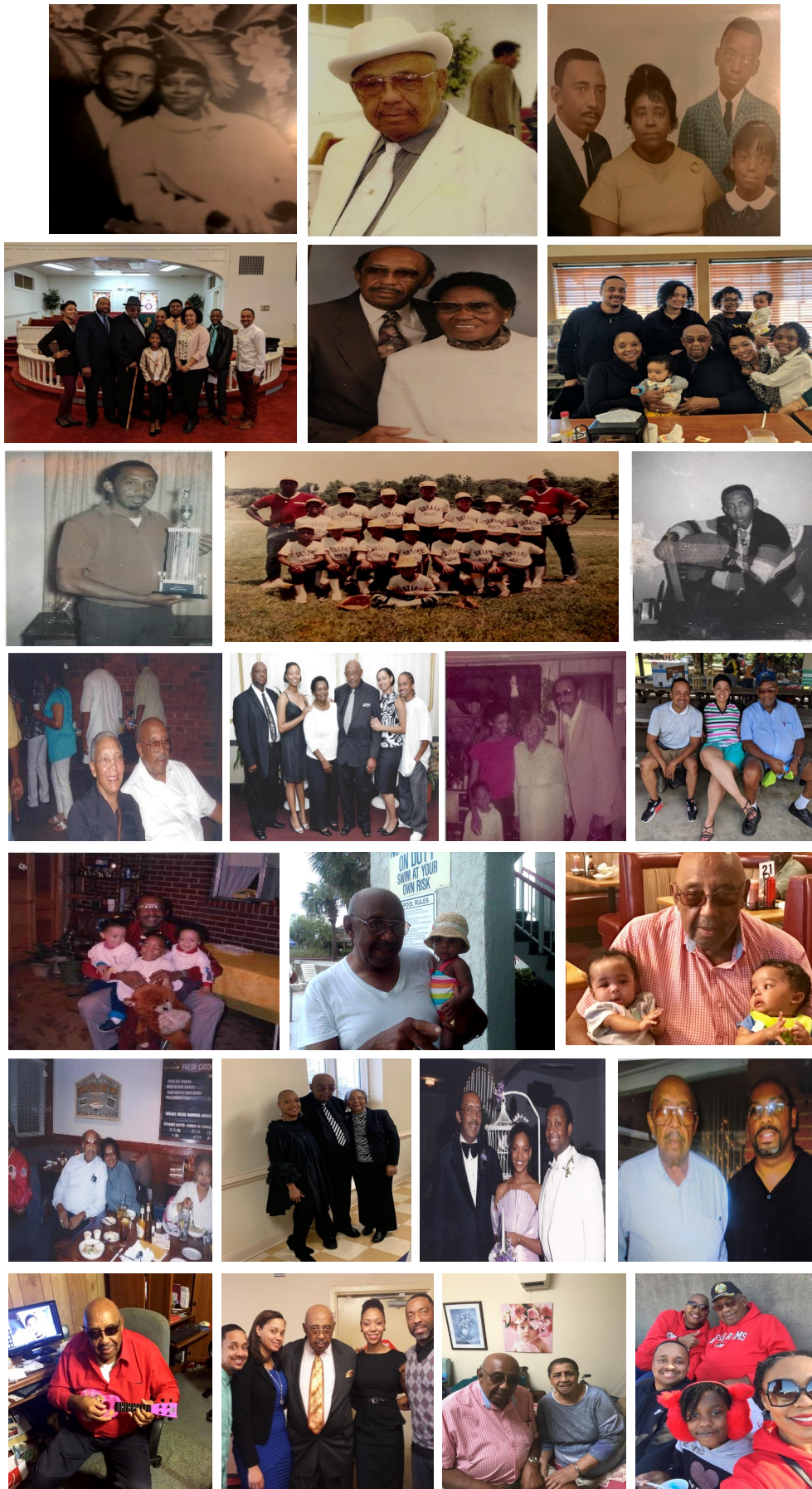


Forever in Our Hearts



Flower Attendants

Nieces Cousins

Pallbearers

Ball Players Nephews



Expression of Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Westbrook Family

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A Celebration of Life for Mr. William Sylvester Westbrook, Sr.



"Wess"

God Sent: January 26, 1934 - God Called: February 8, 2020

Saturday, February 15, 2020

One O'clock in the Afternoon

Hanes Memorial CME Church

819 Highland Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Reverend Clarence W. Cox, III, Officiating

A Life Well-Lived

William Sylvester Westbrook, Sr. was born January 26, 1934 in Richburg (Chester County) SC, and transitioned on February 8, 2020 after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, son William S. Westbrook, Jr., his first wife Essie Gaston Westbrook and his second wife Ernestine Smith Westbrook who departed on December 27, 2019.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving daughter Phyllis L. Westbrook and son James (Kimberly) Lindsay. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, Eboni Drummond, Lisa Westbrook, William (Jakira) Westbrook, III, Jontae, Jaden and Justin Lindsay in addition to three great-grandchildren Kaylen Drummond, Cheyenne and Hayden Westbrook. He also leaves behind two sisters, Anna Isabelle Campbell from Chester, SC and Isabelle (James) Cook from Paterson, NJ, and a host of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

William graduated from Finley High School in Chester, SC in 1953. While in high school, he played football, basketball and baseball. Once he graduated, he joined the US Army and was honorably discharged in September 1955. After military service, he went to Russell Commercial Business School in Winston-Salem, NC and majored in business. He also took classes at Forsyth Technical Community College.

William’s first job was working on the farm, along with his parents who were sharecroppers, and doing odd jobs in SC. He moved to Winston-Salem, NC in 1955 to work for RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co, retiring from the company in January 1989. Being an African American growing up in the south during turbulent racial times, William didn’t like the way the landowner treated his parents and decided at a very young age that he wanted his own business. Though it took some time, William never lost sight of his dream of owning his own business. He retired from RJ Reynolds after 30 years and while working at RJ Reynolds, he discovered a neighborhood store for sale due to the owner’s wish to retire. William bought the store in 1979, naming it Westbrook’s Deli and Grocery. The store served the community for 35 years. He also was the owner of Wess’ Limousine Service and a lawn care business.

William attended Hanes Memorial CME Church for 65 years. He served on the Steward Board, Trustee Board, Finance Committee, Welcoming Committee, and was involved with the Men’s Fellowship Program and the Men’s Chorus. He also founded and coordinated the Friday Night Comedy Hour and coached the church’s men’s basketball team. William was a volunteer for the Twin City Little League Baseball Association for 25 years starting off as a coach and retiring as the president of the League. William was also a member of the VFW Post 220 in Winston Salem, NC.

In his “spare time” he gardened every year and was known for giving away his bountiful produce. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing and playing the lottery.

When asked what the most important thing in his life was, William stated, “I just want my children to have things in life that are important, such as a good education.”

A special thank you goes to Frances and Johnny Pender for being faithful companions for over 60 years and especially during his time of illness.

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy and Family

Family Visitation

12:00 PM ~1:00 PM

Selection

Ms. Jackie Sinclair

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop Keifer Bradshaw

Scripture Readings

Reverend Willie Mae Carson

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection

Ms. Jackie Sinclair

Remarks

Two minute limit

Church Resolution

Ms. Kimberly Nesbitt

Selection

Bishop Keifer Bradshaw

Eulogy

Reverend Clarence W. Cox, III

Recessional

Interment

New Evergreen Cemetery
Winston-Salem, NC

With Our Love

God’s Garden Must Be Beautiful

God saw you were getting tired

And a cure was not to be.

So he put His arms around you

And whispered, “Come with me”.

With careful eyes, we watched you night and day.

Although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating

Hard working hands at rest

God broke our hearts to prove

He only takes the best.

God knows you had to leave us,

But you didn’t go alone

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

For some, you’ll be forgotten,

To others just a part of the past

But to those who love and lost you

The memories of you will always last.

