



William McClinton

September 24, 1929 - September 7, 2014

William McClinton respectfully known as “Big Engine or Big Red” and affectionately known to the family as “Bill, Boss, Grandpa, Pop or Mr. Shorty” was born on September 24, 1929 in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. He was the first born of five children to the late Ab and Mamie (Williams) McClinton.

Bill left Hazlehurst at the age of 16 and relocated to Jackson, MS where he worked for the city. A few years later he followed his sister and her husband to Chicago. He began working at Swift Packing House where he met the love of his life and the mother of his three children Dolores Pruitt. After they married Bill began working for Burlington Northern Railroad and Sears Automotive from which he retired in 1992.

To family and friends he was known as the chief chef, head griller and official chitlin cooker. He had a passion for his yard and garden where he was known for having the greenest grass, supersized tomatoes and the best Collard Greens which he loved to share with neighbors and friends.

Bill began to study the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses and symbolized his dedication by water baptism on June 13, 1998.

Bill loved Jehovah and served Him faithfully right up to the time of his passing. He was known as a man of few words, a hard worker, never in a rush but

always on time, responsible, a protector of his family, but most of all a truly humble person all to the glory of Jehovah.

He leaves to his cherish memories: his beloved wife of 53 years Dolores; three children Jacqueline Alexander (Walter), Vernita Farmer and Robin Baxter (Curtis); one sister: Annie Johnson; two brothers: Sidney (Thelma) and Lonnie; four grandchildren: Patricia Maxey aka Diane, Walter Alexander aka Tony (Tanya), Michelle Alexander aka Shellie and Grant Alexander Sr. (Qiana); seven great grandchildren: Ebony, Ashley, Alissa, Adria, Grant Jr., Qiara and Jalon and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 12. 5:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (81st)
8139 South Western Avenue
Chicago, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *William McClinton*

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