



Mr. Willie Vinson, Jr.

April 5, 1960 - June 10, 2025

Mr. Willie Vinson, Jr., 65, passed away on June 10, 2025.

Affectionately known as "Lil Bill", Willie was born April 5, 1960 in Gainesville, FL to Willie Vinson, Sr. and Minnie Moore. He was a 1978 graduate of Gainesville High School where he participated in football, basketball, and other sports. After high school he worked with his father learning plastering and other construction work. Working with his father transformed him into the man he would become - hardworking and curious about the world around him.

Willie loved the outdoors and spent many years working as a Groundskeeper at Nationwide Insurance Company, where he met and married Joyce Vinson - giving birth to his only child, Willie L. Vinson. He finished his career as as Kitchen Manager and Cook for the North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center.

In his free time, Willie enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, going to the Gainesville Race Track, barbecuing, and watching Western movies. He was a gentle kind man, who never missed an opportunity to spend time with his three grandchildren, who clung to the Papa every chance they got. He never met a stranger - becoming fast friends with everyone he met.

Willie was called home to rest in the arms of Jesus on June 10, 2025, at his

home in the 400 Building, near downtown Gainesville, FL.

He will remain in the memory and hearts of his son; Willie Lenard "Tweet" Vinson and daughter-in-law, Katie Vinson; grandchildren, Tyrees Vinson, Elias Vinson and Aleyah Vinson; brothers, Earl Moore, Sr., and Nate Vinson; sisters, Kathy Hooker, Shirley Vinson Johnson, Wilhemina Vinson, and Sabrina Vinson; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Public Visitation will be Friday, June 27, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM in The Blue Chapel at Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Graveside Services for Mr. Vinson will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Starke-Nelson Cemetery, 20706 NE 22nd Lane, Hawthorne, FL (Campville).

The family will lineup to form the Cortege to drive to the Cemetery at 9:00 AM, Saturday June 28, 2025 at Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Resolutions may be emailed to: wecare@chestnutfh.com before 5:00 PM on June 27, 2025. Floral Arrangements may be ordered online at www.chestnutfh.com/obituaries. Cards, donations, and other condolences may be mailed or delivered to Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

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Cemetery Details

Starke-Nelson

20706 NE 22nd Lane
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Chestnut Funeral Home
18 NW 8th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Graveside Service

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Starke-Nelson
20706 NE 22nd Lane
Hawthorne, FL 32640

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Sending Prayers to the Family!*

Linda J. Butler-Davis - June 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

M&

“ *Mr&Mrs Curtis Slater &Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Vinson, Jr.*



Mr&Mrs Curtis Slater &Family - June 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

HF

“ *Hooker Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie Vinson, Jr..*



Hooker Family - June 24, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ *A good friend and brother has gone on, who will be truly missed, the laughter, the fun we all spent with one another, so I have nothing but the best of memories of my brother and friend, family be strong in the Lord and stay blessed psalm 121:1-2*

Charles Robinson - June 23, 2025 at 08:43 AM

SJ

“ Shirley A Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Vinson, Jr.



Shirley A Johnson - June 22, 2025 at 11:36 AM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shirley A Johnson - June 22, 2025 at 11:35 AM

VH

“ Cousin you will be missed I was so grateful how you helped Ronald adjust to the facility we will miss you dearly 💔 RIP 🙏

Vivian Ham - June 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM