

Mr. Willie Charles Lassiter was born on March 8, 1958, in Leslie, Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Mr. Walter Clarence Lassiter, Sr. and the late Mrs. Bertha Mitchell Lassiter.

At an early age, he joined County Line Baptist Church, where he began his spiritual journey. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Union High School.

Willie was a man with an adventurous spirit long before the phrase “bucket list” became popular. Determined to experience all that life had to offer, he traveled extensively all over the world, embracing new places, meeting new people, and creating lasting memories along the way. His travels eventually led him to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he established his home and built a life rooted in hard work and perseverance.

For more than 30 years, Willie was employed as a roofer with National Roofing Industry in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was known for his strong work ethic, his independent nature, and his determination to live life on his own terms. Those who knew him admired his free spirit, resilience, and love for adventure.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Walter Lassiter, Jr.; his sisters, Hattie (David) Battle and Gwendolyn Lassiter; and his grandson, Kentrelis Mathis.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Mr. Carlos Dennard of Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. Willie Charles Lassiter, Jr. of Little Canada, Minnesota; his daughters, Ms. Tamia Lassiter of Little Canada, Minnesota; Mrs. Keanna (Ben) Mathis and Ms. Daineesha Cannon, all of St. Paul, Minnesota.

He is also survived by his siblings: Ms. Patricia Lassiter of Leslie, Georgia; Mr. James (Linda) Lassiter of Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Carolyn (James) Bonner of Albany, Georgia; Mr. Leon (Cynthia) Lassiter of Leesburg, Georgia; and Mrs. Gussie (Andrew) Jackson of Americus, Georgia. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Ms. Annie L. Lassiter of Americus, Georgia and his aunt, Mrs. Essie Mitchell of Flint, Michigan.

Willie was the proud grandfather of Kamyra Dennard, K’Rena Bailey, Willie Charles Lassiter III, Willow Lassiter, D’Marion Lassiter, D’Cari Lassiter, Emory Carter, NaKyra Mathis, Ben Mathis, Jr., Tyler Mathis, Shamoniae Lassiter, Dereon Maxwell, Jada Robinson, and Jamiere Cannon.

He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends to cherish his memory. Among those who held a special place in his heart was his devoted friend, Ms. Debbie Robinson of Little Canada, Minnesota.

Willie will be remembered as a man who embraced life with courage, curiosity, and an unwavering sense of adventure. His journey took him far from his hometown, but the memories he created and the lives he touched will remain with those who loved him forever.