



William McKinley Rankins Sr.

November 21, 1946 - February 4, 2017

William McKinley Rankins, Sr. better known as "Duke" of Ahoskie, NC, departed this life on February 4, 2017 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC. A native of Bertie Co., he was the son of the late Solomon Rankins, Sr. and Minnie Lassiter Rankins.

He was a Farmer.

William leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Maxine Rankins of Ahoskie, NC; (6) daughters, Patricia Spellman (Charlie) of Aulander, NC, Felicia Taylor of Dinwiddie, VA, Darlene Rankins (Kalvin) of Ahoskie, NC, Vivian Heckstall (Elliot) of Powellsville, NC, Kimberly Rankins and Stacy Rankins both of Ahoskie, NC; (4) sons, William Rankins, Jr. (Sierra) of Murfreesboro, NC, Cornelius Rankins (Gina) of Ahoskie, NC, Calvin Rankins (Toneisha) of Lewiston, NC and Tracy Rankins of Ahoskie, NC; (2) brothers, Willie James Rankins (Beatrice) of Powellsville, NC and Richard Rankins (Dorothy) of Ahoskie, NC; (1) sister, Alfreda Spencer of Union, NJ; (32) grandchildren; (15) great grandchildren; (4) special grandchildren, Tani, Taniya, Tanaysha and Lyanna; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hunter's Funeral Home - Ahoskie
123 Dr. MLK Jr. Drive
Ahoskie, NC 27910
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Service

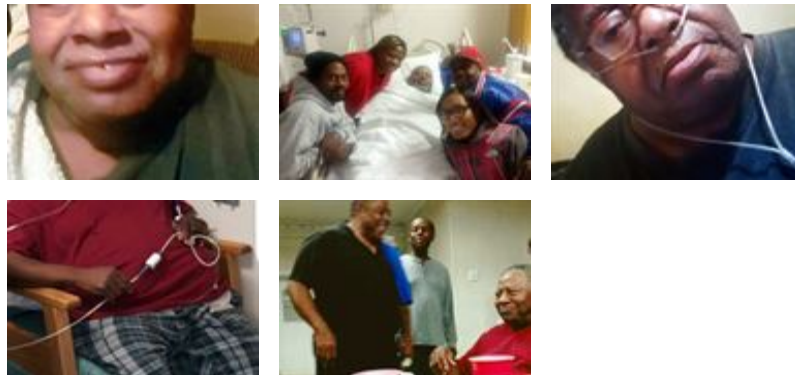
FEB **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roundtree Temple COGIC
Mooretown Road
Powellsville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hunter's Funeral Home - February 10, 2017 at 05:24 PM

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“ *Barbara W. Thames lit a candle in memory of William McKinley Rankins Sr.*



Barbara W. Thames - February 10, 2017 at 12:06 PM

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“ *TO THE FAMILY IM SORRY FOR YOUR LOST MR RANKINS WAS A JOY TO ME ALWAYS HAPPY AND SMILING I WILL TRULY MISS HIM RIP MY FRIEND VICTORIA (ROYALTY FINANCE)*

VICTORIA LANE - February 09, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Cousin Duke you have lived a great life & now the Lord said it's time to take your rest, you loved everyone bc you were just so kind hearted, I remember when I was little we use to come to yall house up on the hill all the time, now that you have gained your wings you have a bunch of family and friends in heaven waiting to greet you, especially my dad ole Ralph, so I know that you all are having a ball up there bc you are all together, tell June & Ralph I love them & I'll see them again but for right now they got you to show off in that big ole palace in the sky, I love all of you and fly high cuz with those big ole pretty wings of yours.*



Crystal Reid - February 07, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dad you got your wings so FLY HIGH. Love you DEARLY. In my HEART FOREVER. RIH MY DEAR DAY. Love you Daddy til we meet again. Your Second Oldest Daughter Felicia "Lisa" Rankins Taylor.*

Lisa Taylor - February 06, 2017 at 08:46 PM