

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

*Pallbearers*  
Grandsons and Nephews

*Flower Attendants*  
Granddaughters and Nieces

*Acknowledgement*

With grateful hearts, we offer our sincere gratitude to all who have been so kind during our bereavement. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers and expressions of love and support are gratefully acknowledged. May the Lord richly bless you, for your acts of love and kindness will not be forgotten.

The *Flanigan*  
Family



Professional Services Entrusted To:  
Herring Funeral Care & Cremations  
2720 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

WILLIE MELVIN FLANIGAN SR.



*Willie*  
**Flanigan**  
*Sr.*

March 15, 1953 - January 23, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026 | 11:00AM  
Sperring Memorial Baptist Church  
5869 Yadkin Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303  
John Harris, Pastor

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Pianist
Processional	
Worship Leader	Pastor James Fields Jr.
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Sidney Meniweather
Scripture	
Old Testament	Deacon Jimmy Gause
New Testament	Deacon Gary Davis
Musical Selection	Dr. Brooksie Harrington & Sadie McFadden
Acknowledgements	
Reflections	
Obituary	Read silently
Musical Selection	Dr. Brooksie Harrington & Sadie McFadden
Eulogy	Pastor John Harris
Military Presentation	
Interment	
Recessional	

## W I L L I E M E L V I N F L A N I G A N S R .

Willie Melvin Flanigan, Sr. was born on March 15, 1953, in Athens, Georgia, to the late Alvin and Theresa Flanigan. Willie's life began anchored in faith, family, and purpose. At an early age, he accepted Christ and joined Dorsey Baptist Church, a decision that would quietly but steadily guide the way he lived, loved, and served throughout his life.

After graduating from Clarke Central High School, Willie answered a call to serve his country by joining the United States Air Force. Just one year later, he married his childhood sweetheart, Patricia Griffith Flanigan. Together, they built a life rooted in love, commitment, and adventure, raising three children while traveling the world as Willie faithfully served his nation.

Following his military service, Willie continued his commitment to service the community when he joined Fayetteville State University as a police officer. Over 22 years, his cool persona, leadership, and steady presence earned him the respect of many, culminating in his retirement as Assistant Chief of Police.

Willie found joy in life's simple and beautiful rhythms; music that stirred the soul, tennis matches that sharpened the mind, swimming that brought peace and freedom, and football that brought him much enjoyment in his retirement years. He was also a faithful member of Sperring Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Above all else, Willie loved his family. His heart overflowed most fully when it came to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Willie was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Alvin and Theresa Flanigan; his brother, Alvin Flanigan, Jr.; and his sisters, Shirley Flanigan and Alberta Patrick.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Patricia Flanigan of Fayetteville; his daughters, Nicki Flanigan Horne (Azie III) of Atlanta, Georgia, and Erica Flanigan Gray of Waldorf, Maryland; his son, Willie Melvin Flanigan, Jr. of Fayetteville, his sister, Gloria Flanigan of Baltimore, Maryland; his brothers, Marvin Flanigan (Susan) and Robert E. Flanigan, both of Athens, Georgia; his treasured grandchildren, Cedrena Veney (Robert), Kiana Moore, Malik Williams, Jordan Fruster, Gabriel Horne, Aliyah Williams, Sydney Horne, and Brittney Smith; his precious great-grandchildren, Jordan Washington, Nylah Veney, Alaina Clark, Jace Veney; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.