

Willow Dean Kearse-Rice

Passed 05/12/2016



Obituary for Willow Dean Kearse-Rice

Willow Dean Kearse-Rice, 68 formerly of Fuquay-Varina, NC passed on May 12, 2016 in Clinton, Maryland.

Wake: 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon Friday, May 20, 2016 at Apex First Baptist Church in Apex, NC 27502

Funeral will be held 12:00 Noon Friday, May 20, 2016 at Apex, First Baptist Church, 419 S. Salem Street in Apex, NC 27502

Burial: Carolina Biblical Gardens, 1530 Creech Road in Garner, NC 27529

[Send flowers to the service of Willow Dean Kearse-Rice](#)

GUEST BOOK

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Willow, as your Cousin, I've always had and will always keep BIG LOVE FOR YOU!!! From the moment We Hooked up, and YOU, DAPHNE and I started working together on OUR YEARLY KEARSE FAMILY REUNIONS all around the USA so many years ago, all was good. We had our differences sometimes, but We were always able to work them out and succeed at what We had to get done. On this Day, I Pray that Our FAMILY will continue to maintain OUR CLOSENESS as always, and continue to be there for each other. MAY THE CREATOR RECEIVE YOU AND CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND ALL OF US, FOREVER!!!

- Bro. Zawdie

Mother was an amazingly strong willed woman. Perseverance, tenacious, god fearing, and family first are just a few key characteristics my mother embodied. She was a trailblazer in her own right. A wonderful mom to my siblings and I. She always displayed so much love to her grandkids. She will be sorely missed by all of us.

- Valeria

As 'GOD'S WILL BE DONE,' we had another Kearse Cousin to pass away on the exact same day that you did. Her name was Odessa 'Deana' Kearse. She was my 1st Cousin and she lived here in the Philadelphia area. The Family asked for my participation in preparing her Homegoing Service and writing her Obituary. Ironically enough, your Service and hers are being held on the same day, at approximately the same time.

So that will prevent me from attending both, but I have asked my son Malik, who lives in Charlotte, to attend your Homegoing Service and represent me and our many other family members who can not attend. We all LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS, AND THAT'S FOREVER!!! Your Cousin, Bro. Zawdie Abdul-Malik, National President, The Kearsse Family, USA

- Bro. Zawdie

She was an amazing lady and she will surely be missed. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family. She will never be forgotten.

- Brenda

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Willow was a true example of a Queen. She was a great mother and friend. She always made me feel at home when ever I came by to visit. You might me gone from this place but you will never be forgotten.
Danielle D. Collins

- Danielle

Another BEAUTIFUL ANGEL gone too soon! I love you like a mother/ friend!! Nothing but fond precious memories I have of you! Go and rest in peace! Being a bright beautiful light all your life, so loving, caring and sweet! RIPâ;

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To the 'Family, I so sorry for your loss, I will truly miss her as well. She will always be in my heart! God Bless!

- Paul Gale

Willow you will be truly missed. Always will remember all the laughing we had that night at our house. RIP CUZ!

- Donnette

I met Willow 10 years ago when I began working at Surratsville High School. We became friends instantly and I knew then that she was a very special woman. We've stayed in touch and no matter how much time passed between visits, we always picked up as though we saw each other everyday. She made me laugh and I loved her. My deepest sympathy to her family, I know that her heart and soul belonged to her children, grandchildren, and great grands. She was so proud of each of you, and I know she cherished her extended family as well. Bless you all and may you find comfort during this difficult time.

- Leslie

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With great love and admiration. You will be greatly missed. The days will be noticeable without you here. Love You and Miss You...

- Natasha (Gilchrist) McKnight

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Willow. She was a beautiful, youthful Lady that always had a joke and a smile. While I hadn't seen her in a number of years, my last memories of hanging out with her were awesome. She came to Atlanta and we had a great time. For a few years after that, people would ask me when I was bringing my mother back to to town. That's how she lived - in the moment and always left an impression. I love Mrs. Willow as she was my own mother and she will be terribly missed by all. #RIP

Beautiful Lady...

- NeVaeh Jones

Words cannot adequately express what I am feeling right now. You and I had such plans for our time in Syracuse in July. Things won't be the same with you not being there, I have enjoyed our times together, our phone calls, text messages, emails and instant messages. We kept our communication line open. I will miss you very much. You were what family is all about and I am glad that we had the time together that we had. Family, I have you in my prayers and plan to make the 3 hour drive to Apex to be with you. Much love.
Cynthia Orr-Ware

- Cynthia

This is a true loss for the Kearsse nation. The New Jersey family pray for our extended family during their time of grief. We will truly miss the beautiful spirit of our sister, mother, cousin, aunt, wife, and daughter in Christ.

- Dewaun Kearsse

I remember when I moved to Maryland 18 years ago from New York she reached out to me with kindness. All that mattered to her is that I was a Kearsse and she was one of my closer related cousins. She was one of the vanguards of organizing our family reunions and the last time I saw her was at the 2008 reunion and the last we spoke was last year about the next reunion. She was always kind to me. That is what I will remember. May she rest in peace. My prayers are with her husband, children and grandchildren suddenly and tragically without their wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to many Willow. Peace be with you.

- Miriam

RIP my dear friend.

- DEON AND CARL JOHNSON

Betty, Please know that Jesus will comfort you and give you strength and peace during this time of bereavement.

- Floya Cotten-Brown

Prayers to the family. God has taken another angel home. I know your hearts are heavy but know family and friends are praying for you all.

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As a former high school classmate, I pen these words of sympathy in memory of my friend Willa Dean. She was one who could truly make me laugh uncontrollably. May the cherished memories of your mother, grandmother and sister bring you inner peace and comfort knowing that it is God Himself Who can sustain you in this hour of grief. May you also find solace In the words of St. Paul, 'To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!' And, may she live forever in your hearts.

- Reverend Dr. Mary M Heggie

Earth has no Sorrows that Heaven can not Heal' sending condolences to the family.

- Cathy Mckoy Ray & Family

You will be missed by many but never forgotten by us all.

- Iris Johnson Watson

To the Family of Willow Dean Kearsse-Rice, So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, Willow. Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved, Willow. (John 11:41-44)

- J. Moore/Volunteer

To the Family of Willow Dean Kearsse-Rice: We are deeply sadden, while at the same time, rejoicing of the 'going home' of your dear love one. May God grant you peace and comfort during your time of grief and

may you always keep the sweet memory of her in your hearts. God bless you all, Deacon Robert and Sister Carolyn Harrison

- Robert & Carolyn Harrison

Sending my Love, My deepest most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Willow Dean Kearse- Rice. Always a beautiful person when I did see her. Praying for the family.

- Charlene Scott

Willow Dean and I was always best buddies and had a lot to talk and laugh about. The last time I saw her we could never talk enough. It was amazing. I will miss her and loved her dearly.

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Your Soul Said Yes. We met you one and a half years ago and you became more than a friend you became Family. We pray for everlasting life. Peace and blessings to your family and friends. We give our condolences. Janice & Luis Valmon

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Please be strong and keep faith and love in your hearts as she may have wanted you to be she is being missed greatly she is in God's hands now looking down on her friends and family right now enveloped in her arms willow kearse rice family my cousin's love and is within you may God keep each and everyone of you

- Dawn