



## Willie J. Syms, Sr.

June 20, 1935 - May 29, 2019

On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, Willie (Tunie) Junius Syms, Sr. went home to be with the Lord. He was born June 20, 1935 to the late James and Pearl Sims of Zuni, Virginia. He attended Franklin Elementary School. At an early age, he joined Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Zuni, Virginia and was a former member of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Virginia. Willie worked several jobs including Camilla Foods, A.W. Temple, Gaines Bus Services, Promise Land Bus Company and Fisher Funeral Home. He loved to fish.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Catherine Syms of 58 years; four children; Shelia Syms, Wilhemina Small (George C. Small, III), Pamela White, Willie Syms, Jr. and adopted daughter, LaToya Britt (Antonio Britt) all of Portsmouth, Virginia. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three nieces and a host of great nieces and nephews; three sisters-in-law: Dorothy Rodgers (Robert) of Waynesburg, Shirley Rodgers (Walter) of Portsmouth, Virginia and Rosetta Anderson of Springfield, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by a daughter Michelle Syms and a sister, Louise Blowe.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condelosence and prayers to the Syms family a well known and respected man my niece Latoya loved and respect this man and family thru her entired life.Thanks for showing her so much love ..to the Syms family. May God Bless and strengthen and comfort the family. From the Sharon Williams & family .

Sharon Williams & Family ??? - June 04, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Willie J. Syms, Sr..



June 03, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ Thank you for accepting me, raising me and loving me like your own. I will never forget all the times and laughs we shared. I will always love you, Grandpa! With all my love, Weezy.

Toya Britt - June 03, 2019 at 03:47 PM

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“ Praying that God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy. The Greer Family.

Pearlene Greer - June 02, 2019 at 10:07 PM

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“ I've been Mr Syms' granddaughter's nurse almost 10 years .. so I've had several occasions to speak with Mr Syms ... he sure had a love to fish and eat some crabs .. and sure could can up some pickles and jams .. he will be missed .. but never fogtten ..  
My condolences to his family and friends .  
Emily Randolph

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**Emily Randolph** - May 30, 2019 at 01:52 PM