



## Willie Earl Russell

March 28, 1951 - June 1, 2018

Willie Russell, 67, of Rockdale, Texas, passed away Friday, June 1, 2018. Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 am, Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Willie was born March 28, 1951 to Willie Illis and Rose Marie (Jackson) Russell. Willie was the third child of eleven children. He spent most of his life in Austin, Texas. Willie was diagnosed at an early age to be mentally challenged. In Austin, he received the special help, training and loving family support he needed to live a productive life. Willie was a very special and unique person. He worked for Goodwill for 25 years where he was trained to use a forklift. He rode the city bus to and from work, he maintained his own apartment with assistance from his loving family. Willie retired from Goodwill due to health problems. He moved from Austin to Rockdale to be closer to family and to receive assistance with his medical care. Willie was a man of few words by all who knew him loved him. Willie's favorite thing to do was go fishing, go to garage sales, listen to the blues like Johnnie Taylor and go to the MARC Center.

He is preceded in death by his longtime friend, Delores Hill; his father, Willie I. Russell; his mother, Rose Marie Jackson Russell; his brother, Tommie L. Russell Sr.; his sister, Debbera D. Essell; and niece, Keyanna Russell.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory his sisters, Bobbie Deary and husband Bennie of Rockdale, Texas, Deloris Dunn and husband Reginald of Austin, Texas, Linda Dukes and husband Fred of Austin, Texas, Joan McBride of Austin, Texas; Lynetta J. Russell of Rockdale, Texas, Lahoma Russell of Rockdale, Texas; brothers, Ernest Russell and wife Annette of Rockdale, Texas and James Russell and wife Gail of Austin, Texas; as well as a host of aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Russell family would like to send a special thank you to the Winnie L. Nursing Facility, Kendra D. Lewis and hospice care, his friends and staff at the MARC Center, Abiding Choice, and the family members that lovingly helped with his care.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale

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# Tribute Wall



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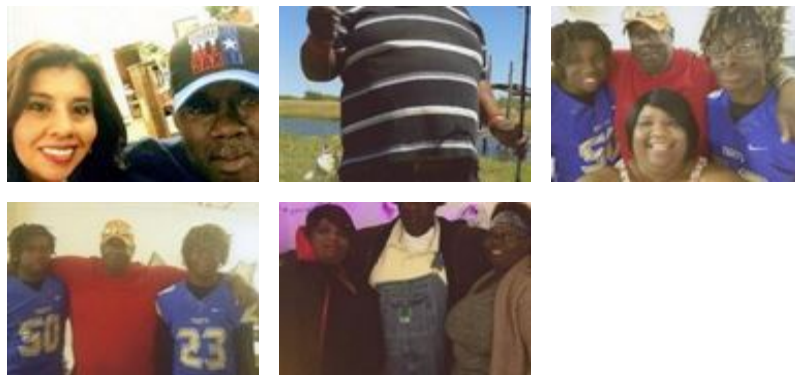


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