

Obituary

William Bowman Jr born June 18, 1945 to the late William Bowman Sr & Alberta Dantzler in Harlem, New York City. William, who was also known as Willie and or Billy, attended NYC PS and graduated from Brooklyn Automotive HS where he also competed as a track runner. He later enlisted in the U.S. Airforce as an Aviation Mechanic. He was a Vietnam Vet and Honorably discharged as SGT in 1969. In 1970, Billy took his talents to New York City Transit as a bus operator earning his living for the next 25 years. Billy met his Baby Love, Jeanni Coger, later on. Their relationship blossomed and they were blessed with six beautiful children.

Billy, along with his wife Jeanni, was known as an avid entrepreneur. He dabbled in the importing and exporting of Mexican artifacts, pottery and goods. He also owned and operated his own food truck while taking care of his family and working full time. After retiring from NYC Transit in 1995 he and his family relocated to Maryland where he spent time caring for his mother, children and grandson as an exemplary father figure. Even while juggling his everyday responsibilities he still made time for his passion.

He enjoyed playing paddle ball but his main love was drumming. Drumming to the beat of his own drum since the age of 5 his natural talent was recognized and was formerly invited to the Harlem Day Parade. He began to take his passion further by learning multiple instruments like the Congas, Djembe and Timbales to name a few. In New York he played for 7 years for the Bernice Johnson Dance Company. He also played for a few Jazz bands, Latin and Afro Cuban bands. In the Charlotte area he played with a man by the name of Obakunle Akinlana. They played music from Africa and shared stories. His love for the culture and talent was also shared within the North Carolina school system.

Throughout his life music was more than just his passion. He implemented his love and gift with his loved ones, family and friends. He was a great teacher, father, husband and friend. He will surely be missed and he will be remembered for the everlasting memories he has given us. His legacy will live on through his children...The Monbhuto Tribe!

He left behind Wife Jeanni Bowman 6 children five girls Nicole, Jamila, Sharonda, Naima, Renata and one son Barsheid. Son in laws Rich Capococitti, Al Watson Gabriel Camacho Grandchildren- Zeivon, Adia, Mckenna, Angelina, Adrian, Gabriella, Ciana, Zoe, Zuri and one great grand Zenbi.

He left behind numerous Brothers and sister in laws, nieces, nephews and cousins that he grew up with like they brothers, close dear friends and neighbors that turned into family. He adored and loved them all dearly. He sowed his seed here on earth and the world gets to see his fruit blossom into what it is today.