



Mr. Willie C Pollin Jr.

April 1, 1928 - May 3, 2024

Willie C. Pollin, Jr., transitioned on Friday, May 3, 2024, at his residence surrounded by family in Columbia, South Carolina. Born in West Palm Beach, Florida on September 18, 1927, he was the only son of Willie C. Pollin, Sr., and Lula Owens Pollin.

When Willie was in his teens the family relocated to South Carolina. He attended and graduated from Allendale High School in Allendale, South Carolina. Some would say his greatest high school achievement was meeting the love of his life, the late Lessie D. Pollin. The high school sweethearts eventually married and to their loving union they were blessed with five children. The couple shared over seventy years of wedded bliss before Lessie was called home, to be with the Lord on June 28, 2022.

Shortly after high school, Mr. Pollin made another lifelong commitment, to the United States Army. He had a long and distinguished career in the service and won numerous awards such as: The National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, a Bronze Star with one OLC, Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver Service Star and one Bronze Star, a Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with one OLC, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Expert Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal (ten times) and an Overseas Service Ribbon. After an outstanding thirty-year career, he retired as a Command Sergeant Major in 1982.

Mr. Pollin was a dedicated member of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He served the church in several capacities

throughout the years including Troop Leader of the Northminster Boy Scouts, member of the Presbyterian Men, Evangelism Committee Moderator, Leader of the Veterans Service Worship, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon and Elder.

In his free time, he enjoyed boating, fishing, carpentry, and spending time with family.

In addition to his parents and five sisters, Mr. Pollin was preceded in death by his wife Lessie D Pollin and three sons; Christopher A. Pollin, Larry D. Pollin and Kenneth R. Pollin.

He leaves to cherish precious memories two daughters, Reatha Pollin Johnson and Melody (Mark) Oakley both of Columbia, SC, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223

Lie in State

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Northminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
6717 David Street
Columbia, SC 29203

A Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Live Streaming

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Please use the following link to view the live streaming of Mr. Pollin's service; <https://youtube.com/live/rbPn37cGmqU?feature=share>

Interment

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Park
Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Mr. Pollin an awesome neighbor since I was a child , the best garden and when I would ask how much for his greens he would tell me , when you become a millionaire then you can pay me ! I thank 😊🙏 God for such a wonderful and generous, kind hearted ❤️🙏 person. Condolences to the Family. To be absent in the body is to be present with the lord 🙏🙏🌟 Our ❤️ love and prayers , from the Farrow Hills Family , Cheryl Jacobs and Family



Cheryl Jacobs and Family - May 14, 2024 at 02:58 AM

RH

“ What an amazing person and what a remarkable life! Cousin Pollin was the patriarch of our family and was loved so deeply. He touched many lives. We are grateful we got a chance to know and spend time with him and sample vegetables from his famous garden he planted every year. Sending our deepest condolences and love. May his spirit live forever! Cousins Ruby, Frances, Eva and Flossie, Columbia, SC.

Ruby L Hall - May 10, 2024 at 01:12 AM

FH

“ From, Del & Cynthia Hawkins purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. Willie C Pollin Jr..



From, Del & Cynthia Hawkins - May 09, 2024 at 03:42 PM

FH

“ From, Del & Cynthia Hawkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie C Pollin Jr..

From, Del & Cynthia Hawkins - May 09, 2024 at 03:42 PM

LB

“ Sending my condolences to the family. May you rest in peace Mr. Willie C. Pollin.

LAVONNE BURGESS - May 09, 2024 at 10:55 AM

LB

“ LAVONNE BURGESS lit a candle in memory of Willie Pollin



LAVONNE BURGESS - May 09, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TG

“ Sending love and prayers to the Pollin family.

Tanya Graham and son Genesis

Tanya Graham - May 09, 2024 at 03:20 AM



“ *In loving memory of Willie C Pollin Jr., Reatha, I will always remember Mr. Pollin, his love for me, and his sharing spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God's peace forever be with you, Tina*



DrTina Garvin - May 09, 2024 at 12:16 AM

YK

“ *Mr. Willie was such a wonderful man of GOD! I enjoy taking care of him. Condolences to the family and friends.*



yvonne knox - May 08, 2024 at 06:24 PM

DS

“ *Very nice neighbor.*



Dorothy Steward - May 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM

TJ

“ I grew up around the POLLIN family. I knew all the children and was connected to them through my family by blood (Carmelita). Mr. Pollin was a firm, God fearing, and hard working man who loved his family. He loved his Country and proudly served in the Army. I remember him coming home after a day's work in his uniform walking proudly serving as a trainer for Tomorrow's next generation of soldiers. I remember him working in his garden all seasons along with family members and by himself but always loving the land. That's my memories of Mr. Willie C Pollin, a man who loved his Country, his Family, and the Land. RIP ☐

Toni Jones - May 08, 2024 at 12:03 PM

CF

“ We love ❤️ you Mr. Pollin the bestest neighbor that Farrow Hills has ever had !! Our prayers and love to the Family, Earth has no sorrows that heaven heal. With much ❤️ love from The Jacobs Family



Cheryl Jacobs and Family - May 07, 2024 at 05:58 PM