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Will Ray McCray, of Brambleton, Virginia, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2026, surrounded by those who loved him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, quiet strength, and a life lived with purpose.

Will was born on December 6, 1946, in Jefferson, Texas, to Nathaniel McCray Sr. and Bernice Walker McCray. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he was known for his courage, discipline, and unwavering sense of duty.

His service remained one of the defining honors of his life. On August 1, 1970, Will married Beverly Ann Washington, the love of his life and his partner for more than five decades. Together they built a home filled with devotion, laughter, love, and shared purpose.

They welcomed one daughter, Kimberly, who was the joy of Will's life. Beverly preceded him in death in 2024, and Will carried her memory with him every day thereafter. Following his military service, Will built a long and dedicated career with the United States Postal Service, where he was known for his reliability, integrity, and steady presence.

He retired after 30 years of service, leaving behind colleagues who respected him deeply. Will found joy in the simple pleasures that made life rich. He loved watching football and cheering passionately for the Philadelphia Eagles. A cold Coca-Cola, good music, and keeping up with the news were daily comforts he rarely went without.

He also had a sweet tooth, and those who knew him well could always count on him to enjoy a treat with a smile. Will is survived by his daughter Kimberly and her husband Anthony Forte of Brambleton, Virginia, along with extended family and friends who will forever cherish his love and guidance.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Beverly, his parents Nathaniel McCray Sr. and Bernice Walker McCray, his brothers Herman, Nathaniel Jr, and Jerry McCray, and his sisters



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Dorothy Black and Cheryl McCray. A service to honor Will's life will be held on January 21, 2026, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel in Leesburg, Virginia.

He will be interred at Quantico National Cemetery in Quantico, Virginia, with full military honors, a fitting tribute to his service and sacrifice. His memory will be cherished in our hearts forever. He will be truly missed.



Tribute Wall

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Anthony Forte lit a candle in honor of Will.

Missing you Will, God bless you always.!

January 25 at 3:20 PM



Kimberly Forte lit a candle in honor of Will.

January 22 at 8:49 PM



Kimberly Forte posted:

Daddy, You are my strength. Thank you for teaching me how to be strong and what it means to be true to those who love you. We have always been close, but after mom's passing we became even closer. It was my honor to take care of mom and you. I am happy that I was with you when you gained your wings, holding your hand and whispering words of encouragement. Thank you for all the blessing you have given to me and Anthony. You taught me the true meaning of family and loyalty. I miss you so much, but my heart smiles because you are reunited with my mom and you accepted Christ as your Savior. Well done daddy, you were a good and faithful husband, father, and Servant. Fly high and take your rest. I will love you until my last breath. ❤️

January 22 at 8:48 PM



Wanita Thompson posted:

I remember going over my cousins Kim house a lot when I was younger and my uncle Will would always play music and he would tell me and my cousin to dance, we would have such a great time. It was like a night club with flashing lights in the living room. Lol. The memories are like yesterday. We had so many good times he will truly be missed. His laugh was priceless.

January 22 at 10:49 AM



Kimberly Forte January 22 at 8:32 PM

Thank you Nita. ❤️



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Anthony Forte posted:

Will, you're missed in many ways. Enjoyed watching football with you and rooting for our teams. Thank you for your strength and support. It comforts me to know you are in heaven with your wife Beverly sharing eternal life. God bless you both Always.!

January 19 at 6:52 PM



Kimberly Forte January 22 at 8:33 PM

He loved you. You are his son ❤️



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Will by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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