



## Willie E. Pender

December 5, 1952 - September 10, 2021

Willie Earl Pender was born December 5, 1952 in Wilson, North Carolina to Rebecca McNeil Pender and the late Lindburg Pender.

Willie moved to New Haven, CT with his parents and siblings in the mid 60s. He received his education at James Hillhouse High school graduating in 1971. He started working for the railroad soon after high school in 1972. He was employed for 41 years Starting at Conrail, then Penn Central and later, Metro North.

He met and married Linda Austin and to this union a child, his pride and joy Alita, was born. Many years later he met his forever girlfriend of 25 years, Dee Boomer.

Willie, who was sometimes called “Chill Will” because of his quiet and relaxed personality, was not a man of many words and didn’t need to speak loud because he always meant what he said and would start out saying, “I’m going to tell you something right now.”

Willie enjoyed having a good time with family and friends where he would pull up in his freshly washed and waxed car and step out in his double-breasted suit and Stacy Adam shoes.

He loved to travel, whether it were by car, train, plane or boat. He took pride in

and was very passionate about working for Metro North Railroad where he met a lot of good guys and made some great friendships. When it would show, he would say with a big smile, “that’s white gold” because it usually meant overtime.

He was a big music lover and played the saxophone when he attended high school.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Alita Pender of Meriden, CT; a granddaughter, Alecia Pender of East Haven, CT; his mother, Rebecca Pender of Hamden, CT; brothers, Lindburg Pender of Hamden, CT, Raye Pender of Stamford, CT and Eugene Smith (Carol) of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Patricia Fontaine (Hugh) of Palm Bay, FL and Regina Lewis of Waterbury, CT; and his forever girlfriend, Dee Boomer.

He was predeceased by his father, Lindburg Pender and a sister, Delores Person.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Funeral Service

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie E. Pender*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Alison Boomer lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender*



**alison boomer** - September 28, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *To Pender Family: Sending condolences on your lost and prayers in this difficult moment*

**Helen C Powell** - September 22, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ *Alison Boomer lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender*



**alison boomer** - September 22, 2021 at 11:14 AM

AY

“ Sending heartfelt prayers to everyone during this difficult time. To his mom, Rebecca Pender you are the epitome of what it means to be a mom and a grandmother. You have done an amazing job of being a matriarch to all members in your village. Your son was an example of that love and devotion. To his daughter, Alita Pender, you were the light in his life and daddy's forever little girl. Last but not least, to his granddaughter Alecia Pender, I am so happy you got to see an example of true love through the eyes of your grandfather. Your memories and your love will last an eternity, for I know he is eternally loving you all from above.

With Love,  
Akilah "KiKi" Young  
Kennadi Bigesby  
Andrew Bigesby

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**Akilah Young** - September 22, 2021 at 08:32 AM

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“ Akilah Young lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender



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**Akilah Young** - September 22, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Yvonne Hardgrave lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender



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**Yvonne Hardgrave** - September 20, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Yvonne Hardgrave** - September 20, 2021 at 02:29 PM

FD

“ *No Road like the Railroad*

*This Gentleman was one of the most appreciated to have worked with for many years on a number of track gangs and projects throughout the northeast system.*

*“Hello Will” as I always greeted him.*

*Later on found out he is family. Rest In Peace!*

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**frank Douglass** - September 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

GH

“ *We remember the family from Bassett st playing in the neighborhood and my mom is still with us at 96, now she would have some great stories. Be blessed keep your heads up and live to make him proud. My prayers are with your all at this time. The Hampton family from 131 Bassett st.*

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**Gerald Hampton** - September 19, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JP

“ Sincere Condolences to the Pender family.  
May God comfort all during this difficult time,  
our prayers are with you. Keep the faith Jesus  
will carry you through.

*Joyce Pittman and family.*



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**joyce pittman** - September 17, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Willie E. Pender.



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September 17, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Sending condolences to the family from Mr. & Mrs. Marc Boomer

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**Jeanette Boomer** - September 17, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DS

“ To the Family of Willie Pender  
You have my Deepest Sympathy for your loss  
Willie was a coworker ,friend , was always helpful and pleasant to  
be with  
He will be missed

**GOD BLESS**  
*Dan Stewart*

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**Dan Stewart** - September 17, 2021 at 11:15 AM

AB

*Will you will be missed I loved making you laugh I made you laugh so hard you had tears coming down your face im going to miss that amazing smile brother in-law God called home a good man you earned your wings now you can rest in paradise*

alison boomer - September 18, 2021 at 03:34 AM

CS

*“ I am still in a state of shock we all grew up together I am totally sorry my prayer is that God continue to bless you to feel his loving presence, and give you peace and strength.*



Cynthia Senior - September 17, 2021 at 10:52 AM

JB

*“ To the Pender family I am truly sorry for the loss of your wonderful awesome son , brother, friend. He will be truly missed from Mr.& Mrs. Marc Boomer*

Jeanette Boomer - September 17, 2021 at 10:35 AM

DS

*“ To the family of Willie  
You have my deepest sympathy for your lost  
Willie was a friend and coworker and all round good person  
He will be missed*

*Dan Stewart*

Dan Stewart - September 17, 2021 at 10:29 AM

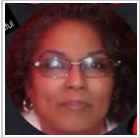
DS

“ Dan Stewart purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Willie E. Pender.



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**Dan Stewart** - September 17, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ Consuela Laurent lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender



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**Consuela Laurent** - September 16, 2021 at 09:22 PM

LM

“ So sorry for all of ours lost.

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**Linda mcdowell** - September 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ Linda Mcdowell lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Pender



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**Linda mcdowell** - September 16, 2021 at 06:05 PM

BR

“ *To Our Aunt Rebecca Pender , daughter Leta, and the granddaughter and entire family, Our Deepest Sympathy in the sudden lost of our beloved cousin. We Pray that God will give you all Comfort and Strength during this very difficult time.*

*Love Cousin*

*Barbara & Roy Richardson*

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**Barbara Richardson** - September 16, 2021 at 02:37 PM