



Mr. Joe Henry Willingham

December 23, 1949 - February 27, 2026

WILLINGHAM, Mr. Joe Henry - Age 76, passed away Friday, February 27, 2026 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, March 10, 2026 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Brother James Campbell, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Tuesday. Mr. Willingham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday.

Joe Henry Willingham was born on December 23, 1949, in Inverness, Mississippi to the late Houston J. Sr. and Susie B. (Richards) Willingham. Joe Henry graduated from Flint Northwestern High School in 1968. After high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was employed with the Buick Motor Company, a division of General Motors Corporation, where he faithfully worked for 30 years before retiring. Joe Henry was also a member of UAW Local #599.

In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling with his wife until her passing, cooking delicious meals, watching old Western movies, reading the "Watchtower" and his Bible, and tending to his garden. A true master gardener, he took great pride in keeping an immaculate yard and was especially passionate about

planting his flowers. His favorite were zinnias, which he fondly remembered raising alongside his mother in Mississippi. He was known for always dressing sharp, polished, and coordinated wherever he went.

Mr. Joe Henry Willingham is survived by: children, Ebony Willingham, Lamar Shepard, Chandra (Robert) Newsome, Eric (Lindsay) Ford; grandchildren, LaToyna King, Eric Ford Jr. and Layla Ford; great-grandson, Kaiden King-Smoot; sisters, Regina (Willingham) Blake and Delores (Richards) Gordon; brothers, Bobbie Richards and Robbie Richards; brother-in-law, Clemon Lucas; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Bush, Geneva (Thomas) Larrison, Vickie Coates, Bethany Rogers, and Rene Blount; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins including, James (Polly) Richards and Mary Dean (Giles) Taylor. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Mr. Willingham was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Clementine Willingham; parents, Houston and Susie Willingham; his sisters, Ida (Richardson) Davis, Ora L. (Willingham) Garrett, and Juanita (Willingham) Fisher; brothers, Sam Richardson, Cleautry Willingham, Houston J. Willingham Jr., Leroy Willingham, and Jessie L. Hines.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and special thanks to Rene Blount, Gwendolyn Wilkerson, and James Campbell for their care, love, and support.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Family hour

MAR 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham* ”



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 10 at 08:34 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Joe Willingham* ”



Jesse Kirksey - March 16 at 12:49 PM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Joe Willingham* ”



Lois Bell - March 14 at 12:38 AM

J(

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - March 10 at 10:20 PM

KP

“ Kim Peterson lit a candle in memory of Joe Willingham



Kim Peterson - March 10 at 01:27 AM

SG

“ Susie Fisher and girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham.



Susie Fisher and girls - March 09 at 11:16 PM

BC

“ Sincere sympathy to Regina and the family of Joe Willingham. The Carson family

Barbra Carson - March 08 at 11:16 AM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham



Anita Harris - March 07 at 11:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham.



March 07 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham.

March 07 at 05:18 PM

TF

“ Terry & Jody Franklin lit a candle in memory of Joe Willingham



Terry & Jody Franklin - March 06 at 02:39 PM

JR

“ *Johnnie Rawls lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Johnnie Rawls - March 05 at 08:31 PM

TH

“ *The Hills purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham.*



The Hills - March 05 at 06:20 PM

RW

“ *Joe was my rider in Buick for many years. We worked across from each other and shared alot with each other about life and other experiences. Joe will be missed and I extend my sincere condolences to the family*

Roderick Watkins - March 05 at 02:22 PM

KR

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Willingham family. So very sorry for your loss. Joe was such a nice man and we are thankful we were able to know him. May he rest peacefully until we meet again. Praying that your hearts will be comforted in your bereavement.*
Fred & Kim Ross



Kimberly Ross - March 04 at 09:31 PM



“ *Eric, I'm praying for you and your family during this difficult time.* ”



Marcheta Todd - March 04 at 08:37 AM



“ *Carolyn D Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham* ”



Carolyn D Davis - March 04 at 06:52 AM



“ *Hickman Holmes Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham* ”



Hickman Holmes Jr - March 03 at 06:37 PM



“ *Sandra Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham* ”



Sandra Copeland - March 03 at 05:52 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Black lit a candle in memory of Joe Willingham*




Loretta Black - March 03 at 08:15 AM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Lois Bell - March 03 at 06:29 AM

 Mychelle BlackDiam

“ *Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Mychelle BlackDiamond - March 02 at 06:26 PM

TF

“ *Terry Luckado Fulgham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Terry Luckado Fulgham - March 02 at 02:22 PM

LS

“ *Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Larry Williams Sr - March 02 at 12:30 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham*



Velma Williams - March 02 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ *Dear uncle Joe is so Sad to have to deal with another family member Mom passed last year now you may you continue to get your Rest gone to soon but never forgotten your Niece Darlene Davis-Calvert Love ❤️ you always 💋*



Darlene Davis Calvert - March 01 at 12:41 PM

GW

“ Joe, often called (brother- in- law) will be missed. He was a fast talker, opinionated and believed in doing all he could for his family. He was a phenomenal cook,baker, gardener and neighbor. This past year his physical decline was visibly noted. Brother-in-law take your rest. Not goodbye but see you later. 🙏👐



Gwendolyn Wilkerson - February 28 at 07:39 PM

GL

Yes, Joe Willingham, my brother-in-law, will be missed. I remember our family gatherings, over the holidays, always at the Willingham residents. My brother-in-law was the master chef, always had plenty of food to go around .My sister Clemontine always had the love and games to go with our big meals. Yes we will miss Joe, and his loving wife...My Prayers are with my nephew Eric and his family, who did an excellent job taking care of Joe.

Geneva Larrison - March 05 at 05:48 PM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Henry Willingham



Christine Brown - February 28 at 12:14 PM

DC

Thank You 🙏

Darlene Davis Calvert - March 01 at 12:42 PM