



Mother Nellie Mae Willis

December 15, 1930 - May 6, 2018

WILLIS, Mother Nellie Mae - Age 87, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018 at her residence. A Service of Remembrance is at 7:00 PM Monday, May 14, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw St. Homegoing Celebration 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller Jr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Tuesday. Mother Willis will lie in state at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM Monday with family time from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
4805 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Public Viewing

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Homegoing Celebration

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Nellie Mae Willis*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Pamela Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Pamela Thompson - May 16, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *Regina Mosley And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Regina Mosley and Family - May 15, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers from the Bursey, Reece and Elmore family. We pray God's strength for you, Rev. T. Alexander Knapp, and your family during this season.*

Kimberly Bursey-Reece - May 15, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Knapp and Willis Family*

Pamela Wade - May 15, 2018 at 03:25 AM

PW

“ *Pamela Wade lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Pamela Wade - May 15, 2018 at 03:22 AM



“ *Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Earnestine Tolliver - May 15, 2018 at 12:10 AM

PO

“ *Deepest sympathy and hugs to you.. Love,Portia (Eldridge) Odom*



Portia Odom - May 14, 2018 at 08:14 PM

CT

“ *Cora Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Cora Thompson - May 14, 2018 at 08:02 PM

VP

“ *Vanessa, Makayla , Darryl Patrick lit a candle
in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Vanessa, Makayla , Darryl Patrick - May 14, 2018 at 08:01 PM

AO

“ *Alvina Owens lit a candle in memory of
Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Alvina Owens - May 14, 2018 at 06:08 PM

DK

“ *Delores Keith sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Delores Keith - May 14, 2018 at 04:10 PM

BW

“ My heart goes out to The Knapp and Willis family. You have my deepest sympathy. Ms Nellie was one of the kindest and sweetest person I've ever known. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone . Ms Nellie was the mother I sponsored at our annual Mother's Day luncheons each year. Especially to you Reverend Thomas Knapp may the Lord grant you peace, comfort and strength as you go through these trying times



Betty Wesley - May 14, 2018 at 03:30 PM

DB

Our deepest sympathy as we remember your wonderful mother. She had a beautiful spirit. May God Bless and keep you during this time. Deacon Udell and Dora Brown Smyrna, TN

Dora Brown - May 14, 2018 at 07:25 PM

DS

“ Mother Willis had such a beautiful and warm spirit! I am glad I got to share time with her when her daughter Esther transitioned from the earth. I will always remember her warmth and soothing spirit, may she rest with God now! Love always Doreatha D. Swift and Family!

Doreatha D. Swift - May 14, 2018 at 10:51 AM

DS

“ Doreatha D. Swift lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Doreatha D. Swift - May 14, 2018 at 10:48 AM

NR

“ Nancy Rozier lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Nancy Rozier - May 14, 2018 at 06:22 AM

SS

“ Ms. Wills was a very nice lady. Her presence at Mt. Calvary will truly be missed. My deepest sympathy to Pastor Knapp and his family. May God continue to watch over you and strengthen you in the days to come and after. Blessings- Sophia Staples



Sophia Staples - May 14, 2018 at 12:13 AM

SY

“ Stephanie Young lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Stephanie Young - May 13, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Gloria Jenkins - May 13, 2018 at 03:01 PM

MV

“ I can't express what I'm feeling. It is hard for me right because of me losing mom, dad, and now you granny. Only memories is what I hold. Written them will take a novel. All I know is that I love you dearly. Rest on granny!



Maketa Vanderson - May 13, 2018 at 12:39 PM

DS

“ Prayers and condolences to the Willis and Knapp families. May the love peace and strength of our LORD be upon you. Mother Willis was a very classy and thought woman. She never failed to ask me how my daughter was doing and always letting me know that Maya was in her prayers, all while skipping me a twenty to give to my daughter. Great memories. She will never be forgotten. Love The Spight/Woodson Family.



Deidre Spight-Woodson - May 13, 2018 at 01:06 AM

CT

“ Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Connie Taylor - May 12, 2018 at 11:11 PM

CC

“ *Carl & Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Carl & Brenda Calhoun - May 12, 2018 at 09:57 PM

VJ

“ *Our Condolences to the Family of Mother Willis.*



JP. & Vivian McMillian

Vivian Johnson-McMillian - May 12, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SB

“ *Shirley J Blassingame lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Shirley J Blassingame - May 12, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mother Nellie Mae Willis.*



May 12, 2018 at 01:19 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Carolyn Spight - May 12, 2018 at 12:39 PM

CS

“ Cleorisa Robin Smith Shelby lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Cleorisa Robin Smith shelby - May 12, 2018 at 02:42 AM

GK

“ Deacon Gift Penny Knapp Jr, Debra Knapp and Family of Clinton, Mississippi. Aunt Nellie Mae will be missed but not forgotten. God will not put more on us than we can bear. I've known Aunt Nellie Mae for Seventy-One years.



Gift P. Knapp - May 11, 2018 at 10:41 PM

GT

“ Germaine Turk lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Germaine Turk - May 11, 2018 at 08:33 PM

GT

Heaven has received a beautiful sweet angel...I will forever cherish the 25 yrs God allowed me to be around her. She will truly be missed.

Germaine Turk - May 11, 2018 at 08:38 PM

TG

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ms. Nell as I've always called her. She was sweet, kind & a great woman. Growing up with Pastor Knapp, I spent a lot of time at her home. She spoke softly, but her message was always strong. As long as I knew her God was first in her life & she made sure you knew it, because she wanted God to be first in your life as well. She made the best souse I've ever eaten. If you know what that is & have ever tasted hers, you will never forget it. My prayers are with the family. You all were blessed to have her for so long. Rest in peace Ms. Nell!



Tyree (Terry) Green

Tyree Green - May 11, 2018 at 06:25 PM

CS

“ Momma Nellie I loved her so dearly she and my God mom Erma Jean Brooks we're best of friends. I loved her Carmel cakes and praline cakes as well. Lol gonna miss her smile. Thomas love you God brother. May God allow his son Jesus to keep you covered in his arms of comfort. Always cleorisa Robin Smith shelby

Cleorisa Robin Smith shelby - May 11, 2018 at 04:50 PM

SM

“ *Lite a candle in remembrance of Mother Nellie Willis. May GOD give the family peace n blessings in this time of need !!!*



Shirley Miller - May 11, 2018 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ *To the family of Mother Nellie Willis she will be missed so much. She was a kind and gentle soul, a great lady. My condolences to her family.*
Love,
Regina Baker



Regina Baker - May 11, 2018 at 11:21 AM

WP

“ *Wanda Powell lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



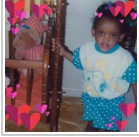
Wanda powell - May 11, 2018 at 08:22 AM

EB

“ *Erma Bolden lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Erma Bolden - May 11, 2018 at 06:43 AM



“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Felicia Jones - May 10, 2018 at 10:36 PM



“ *Corine S Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Corine S Threlkeld - May 10, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *I have the pleasure of working with (affectionately) known as Grandmother Nellie at Happy Elephant Child care Grandmother Nellie was a woman of God and would direct the children according with your mother would say...Grandmother Nellie went to job core i talked with her sometimes she gave me a man named to fix my icebox guess what Grandmother Nellie i called him the other day!!!! Thank you for you Love and support....Kaye Williams*

Kaye Williams - May 10, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *Valerie Cheres Southall lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



valerie Cheres southall - May 10, 2018 at 06:47 PM

BS

“ *Bettye Southall-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Bettye Southall-Jackson - May 10, 2018 at 02:29 PM

AS

“ *Alma Southall-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Alma Southall-Brown - May 10, 2018 at 02:24 PM

AS

Prayers for the Family. She was a Beautiful and loving person.

Alma Southall-Brown - May 10, 2018 at 02:26 PM

MC

“ *Prayers to the family, may this beautiful woman soul rest in God's heavenly hands!
Love you guys and you all are in my prayers!*



Mariea Coffer - May 10, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Earnestine Tolliver - May 10, 2018 at 09:45 AM

FS

“ *Faye Starling lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



faye starling - May 10, 2018 at 07:48 AM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 09, 2018 at 08:07 PM

SB

“ *SONIA BREED lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



SONIA BREED - May 09, 2018 at 04:50 PM

VF

“ Our prayers of sympathy are extended to the family of Mother Nellie Willis. Also a candle was lit for her journey.



Violet Warner-Eldridge and Family - May 09, 2018 at 02:28 PM

NF

“ Nicole Fluker lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Nicole Fluker - May 09, 2018 at 01:26 PM

TP

“ Tony, Nicole And Porsha lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Tony, Nicole and Porsha - May 09, 2018 at 01:25 PM

MD

“ Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis



Michele Davis - May 09, 2018 at 11:58 AM

JC

“ *Joseph And MaeCarolyn Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Joseph and MaeCarolyn Cochran - May 09, 2018 at 10:18 AM

BF

“ *Bobbie Jones Sr. And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Bobbie Jones Sr. and Family - May 09, 2018 at 10:15 AM

JR

“ *Johnnie Rawls lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Johnnie Rawls - May 08, 2018 at 11:02 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Sandra Brown - May 08, 2018 at 01:29 PM

LH

Praying for The Family. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AND KEEP. CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU.

Linda Hamilton - May 08, 2018 at 07:28 PM

SL

“ *Shirley Luckado-McReynolds lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Shirley Luckado-McReynolds - May 08, 2018 at 08:21 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - May 07, 2018 at 09:40 PM

TF

“ *The Abron Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



The Abron family - May 07, 2018 at 05:52 PM

SK

“ *Star Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



star kelly - May 07, 2018 at 03:44 PM

SK

Rip Aunt Nell, you're we're not my real aunt, but one of the nicest people I've ever known, you will be missed 🙏

star kelly - May 07, 2018 at 03:48 PM

TH

I LOVE YOU💖 for thomas

thomas - March 04, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MF

“ *Mackey-Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Mackey-Smith Family - May 07, 2018 at 12:46 PM

EW

“ *Evaett Webb lit a candle in memory of Mother Nellie Mae Willis*



Evaett Webb - May 07, 2018 at 11:17 AM

E/

“ To the Knapp, Bolden and Kelly Families...As we lie to rest another beautiful soldier, woman, daughter, sister(in-law), aunt, mother, grandmom(great etc,) cousin, friend/neighbor who fought the fight of faith in hope to wear the promise crown one day. the legacy she left and hearts capture by her sweet, spiritual, humble persona will live on and be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers for strength, peace, understanding for only God can give, know that He loves you



Earnest Kelly sr /family - May 07, 2018 at 08:00 AM

DM

“ Minister Betty, Deacon Percy, the entire family, extended family & friends of Mother Willis, be encouraged in knowing that God will get you through this. Always remember that His mercy and love for each of you endureth forever. Minister Deb Milling, Saved By Grace Christian Ministries, Flint Campus!



Deborah Milling - May 06, 2018 at 07:50 PM