



Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.

July 3, 1921 - November 8, 2020

WILLIS, Mr. Roosevelt Sr. - Age 99, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2020 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller Jr., officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5715 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Tuesday. Mr. Willis 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.

Brother Roosevelt Willis, Sr., sunrise, July 3, 1921, his sunset was November 8, 2020. He was born in Tillman, Mississippi, the son of Leroy and Blanche Willis, Sr. and attended Tillman Chapel Public School. Roosevelt served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1947. He remained a member of the George Washington Carver VFW Post 8236 (Veterans Foreign Wars). After relocating to Flint, Michigan, he found employment at Howard-Johnson, as head of maintenance. Roosevelt was later employed with the General Motors Chevrolet Manufacturing in 1983, retiring after working over thirty years. He married Evelyn Nailor in December 1945, and to this union five children were born. Bro. Willis gave his life to Christ, and became a part of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and served in many ministries, including Culinary Ministry and the Usher Ministry, where he remained active for many years, always on his assigned door,

dressed in the appropriate uniform. He loved long road trips south to visit family, cooking cakes for family and friends.

Brother Roosevelt Willis, Sr leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Linda Diane (William) Hamilton of Grand Blanc, Michigan; four sons, Roosevelt (Marlene) Willis, Jr., of Burton, Michigan, Emmanuel (Sabrina) Willis of Roseville, Michigan, Michael Daniel (Danette) Willis of Hawthorne, California and Anthony Duane Willis of Flint, Michigan; five sisters, Rosetta Willis Marshall, Laura Cosby, Dorothy Nicholson, Gertrude Wilson and Doris Deberry all of Indianapolis, Indiana; five brothers, Charles (Stephanie) Willis, Samuel (Charlesetta) Willis, Franklin Willis, Leroy (Noreen) Willis, Karl (Danita) Willis and Robert Dowery all of Indianapolis, Indiana; grandchildren, Latanya Marie Johnson of Auburn Hills, Michigan, Zaneta Renee Cleveland of Flint, Michigan, Karla Bernice (Kenneth) Leal of Desoto, Texas, Lanae Willie of Hampton, Virginia Dante Leverette, Genil Leverette of Los Angeles, California, Levitica Willis of Bismarck, North Dakota, Saida (Deante) Smith, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Masika Willis of Flint, Michigan, Michael Willis, Jr., Breanna Willis of Hawthorne, California; great-grandchildren, Zamir Cleveland, Aatiyana Cleveland, Terrance Cleveland, Sire Smith, Desi Smith, Beau Smith, Amari Willis, Kayshon Lee, Denvir Lee, Kenzie Leal, Elijah Leal, Jalynn Leal, Desmond Leverette, Serenity Moore, Juan Casnada, Angel Leverette and Kenya Leverette; brother in-law, James Johnson, Jr., of Port Gibson, Mississippi; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bro. Willis was preceded in death by his wife, Sis. Evelyn Nailor Willis; parents, Leroy and Blanche Willis; mother in-law, Lillie Jenkins; sisters, Mary Lee Johnson and Savannah Willis Hunter; brother, Leroy Willis, Jr.; and nephew, James Johnson III.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

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Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Audrey F Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Audrey F Henderson - November 19, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *I remember Granddaddy picking us up at the library all the time and always having the biggest smile and asking LaTanya and I how we have been. It was like nobody else mattered at that moment and it really felt wonderful. Then in high school we would stop by and visit with him. I would always ask how granddad's doing when I would get in touch with LaTanya. His beautiful soul will never be forgotten.*



Carmelita Kraft - November 16, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *To Linda your Brother and your entire family Thank you for sharing your father with my family thank you for always keeping us in prayer may GOD continue to keep you and your family in his loving arms . MR. Roosevelt was a Good man with a good heart he will always REMAIN in my heart .*

BrendaFluker - November 13, 2020 at 03:31 AM

BR

“ To Linda (my adopted sister) I'm going to miss Mr.Roosevelt more than I could ever imagine, the soft understanding voice he had with my family, he became a caregiver to my mother for years and in her last days. His pound cake were the best. He always had my utmost Respect. I'm so glad he was in my life

BrendaFluker - November 13, 2020 at 03:16 AM

BR

“ BrendaFluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



BrendaFluker - November 13, 2020 at 03:01 AM

BW

“ Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Bernadette Woods - November 12, 2020 at 10:27 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Valerie Southall - November 12, 2020 at 07:24 PM

PS

“ *Horace and Pat Strozier*



Pat Strozier - November 12, 2020 at 12:34 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



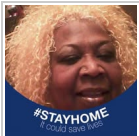
Betty Wesley - November 11, 2020 at 05:53 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Betty Wesley - November 11, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *To Linda and family, my prayers go out to you at this time. May God continue to strengthen you.*



Dora Daniels - November 11, 2020 at 02:57 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Faye Starling - November 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM

RC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family..I had the pleasure of working with him at “Chevy in the Hole” many years ago. A really nice and soft spoken man. May he RIP Rose (Ferguson) Cox*

Rose Cox - November 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

CT

“ *Carolyn Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Carolyn taylor - November 11, 2020 at 08:25 AM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - November 11, 2020 at 02:34 AM

NF

“ *Niecie And Henderson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Niecie and Henderson family - November 11, 2020 at 01:07 AM

FG

“ *Frances Gilcreast sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Frances Gilcreast - November 10, 2020 at 09:17 PM

VF

“ *A candle was lit in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Violet Warner-Eldridge and Family - November 10, 2020 at 09:02 PM

MF

“ *Michele Davis And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Michele Davis and family - November 10, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MF

“ Michele Davis And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Michele Davis and family - November 10, 2020 at 06:51 PM

GT

“ Geraldine Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Geraldine Turner - November 10, 2020 at 06:46 PM

GS

“ Georgia E Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Georgia E Shepherd - November 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.



Pandoretta Jackson - November 10, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MP

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Jill & Erwin Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Mr. & Mrs. Jill & Erwin Patterson - November 09, 2020 at 06:18 PM

LP

“ *Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Lynda Pitts - November 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM



CT

“ *Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Willis Sr.*



Connie Taylor - November 09, 2020 at 01:00 PM

GJ

“ *Rest Uncle "Pete", we loved  you but God loved  you best. We shall miss you.*



Gloria Jenkins - November 09, 2020 at 10:45 AM