

## Mr. Willie Brown

September 18, 1949 - November 22, 2015

BROWN, Mr. Willie - Age 66, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 12, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Theron S. Wiggins, Officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Brown will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Willie Brown was born September 18, 1949 in Marianna, Arkansas to Mr. & Mrs. Sam H. and Ruby L. Brown and was the first born of eight children. Willie attended Flint Public Schools, graduating from the "Old" Northern High School, "Class of 1967". He was employed with A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors, retiring after 30 years of service. Willie was an avid sports fan; The Detroit Lions and Detroit Pistons being 2 of his favorites. He also had a love for the Atlanta Braves but the Detroit Tigers held his heart, and he was sure to attend all the home games. Willie was a world traveler; he visited Australia, Brazil, France, England and Rio de Janeiro where he could take in all the different cultures and various blends of music. He also loved cars new and old, but especially old antique cars, some of his favorites included the 1956 Buick Century and the 1978 Lincoln Continental. He had a passion for music, Willie loved listening to Jazz and R&B. His favorite musicians being

West Montgomery and Jimmie Smith, but nobody could be greater in his eyes than Lou Rawls. He had such an eye for the world around him, Willie was a classy man; dressing in the latest styles and it all had to coordinate. Willie was very articulate and loved to talk. He would talk to you for hours about current events, sports and family. He cherished his family, most of all, his mother after the passing of his father. He was a compassionate, selfless person who was always willing to help people close to him. Willie genuinely cared about everyone's feelings and wanted to please everyone he loved. One day he had an idea that would bring everyone in the neighborhood closer together and in 1970 he made his dream a reality. Willie built a basketball court right in the neighborhood. Everyone from blocks away from the North side of Flint would come to play including celebrities, Trent Tucker and Dennis Johnson, to name a few. To this day the court still stands for the next generations of children to play.

Mr. Willie Brown leaves to cherish his memory mother, Ruby Lee Brown; brothers, Sam H. Brown Jr., Zackary and Clarence (Tammy) Brown; sisters, Patricia (Kenny) Buckner and Ursena (Andre) Jackson; nieces, Dionna, Fatima, Kamilah, Zakiyyah, Khadijah, Kamisha, Kareema, Shania, and Khalidah; nephews, Andre (Betty), Brandon, Dion (Tiffany), Ezra Jr., Dartanion, Kerry, Clavonte, Khalil, and Dakari; a host of good neighbors, other relatives and friends including special friends, Mikki, Freda Ratliff-Williams, D'Andre Williams, Ronald Johnson, "Flick" the A.C. Spark Plug family, the neighbors on Barth St. and a special shout out to "Shelby Hood".

He was preceded in death by father, Sam H. Brown, Sr., sister, Sandrette Gray; brother, Ezra Brown, Sr.; aunt, Clementine Oroke; cousin, Leslie Johnson; and nephew, Roger L. Williams, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 11. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Willie Brown* ”



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - December 12, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ *Mr. Willie Brown* ”

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

VH

“ I am truly sorry to hear about the passing of Willie. him We have been buddies for many years, we met in Detroit got a flat on the freeway I work with the road response team that responded to him in need of a tire change. We remain friends for many years every time he would come to Detroit will call me and say won't you join me at fishbones each time we came down for the Negro league baseball games at Tiger Stadium he will call to see if we could have lunch at Fishbones. This year for his birthday he decided he wanted to go to the Motown museum he said he had never been and you always wanted to go I'm really glad I was able to meet with him and enjoy that day. I am truly saddened by the passing of Willy I knew something was wrong when I didn't get any texts from him especially regarding the Flint water crisis. Willie was a true friend would always call just to check on folks. My deepest condolences goes out to the family and friends of Willie Brown he will truly be missed.

Victoria Hayes  
Detroit Michigan

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Victoria Hayes - January 23, 2016 at 04:18 AM

SH

“ Willie was a nice man and once of my father friend from Ridgeway. The Bryant's are very sad for passing of Willie. Sheley and Russell Bryant



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Sheley - December 11, 2015 at 03:18 PM

AL

“ My heart is full of sorrow this day to hear that this man, whom I once called dad, has passed on so tragically. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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April Lowe - December 11, 2015 at 12:59 AM

AL

“ April Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



April Lowe - December 11, 2015 at 12:53 AM

PJ

“ Phinesia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



phinesia Jones - December 10, 2015 at 09:39 PM

LG

“ Linda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



Linda Gardner - December 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

CJ

“ Christian Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



Christian Johnson - December 10, 2015 at 12:26 PM

EF

“ *Epps Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**Epps Family** - December 08, 2015 at 08:10 PM

TF

“ *My condolence to Mrs. Brown and the entire family. I am keeping you in all in prayer.*

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**The Epps Family** - December 08, 2015 at 08:09 PM

PJ

“ *Phinesia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**Phinesia Jones** - December 07, 2015 at 05:18 PM

FC

“ *So sorry about your loss,My condolences goes out to the family.*

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**Farmon Childress** - December 07, 2015 at 10:16 AM

LF

“ *Lois Harden And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**Lois Harden and Family** - December 06, 2015 at 05:02 PM

TF

“ *The Harden Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**The Harden Family** - December 06, 2015 at 05:00 PM

DW

“ *Debra Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**debra walker** - December 05, 2015 at 07:22 PM

MF

“ *McNeal Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**McNeal family** - December 05, 2015 at 05:03 PM

LB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**Linda S. Brooks** - December 04, 2015 at 02:00 PM

DD

“ *Only God knows best,He makes no mistakes  
! Willie will be missed always had a smile...  
kind and caring...may Gods peace and love  
comfort the families/friends during this difficult  
time. know that you have friends that share in  
your loss praying for and with you.*



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**Debra Davis** - December 04, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MP

“ *Mrs. Carmen Jill Patterson lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Willie Brown*



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**Mrs. Carmen Jill Patterson** - December 03, 2015 at 07:16 AM

DS

“ I was shocked to hear about Willie's passing. Willie and I have been great friends for almost 40 years. I spoke with him on Nov. 1st. Willie used to always call his friends and remind them about daylight savings time. Well, this year I called him to provide a reminder. We got a chance to talk and spoke for a long time...like we used to. For the past few years we spoke only briefly...maybe 10 minutes here or there. Willie was always at his mom's house taking care of her, so his time has been short the last few years. So, the last time we spoke was sort of a treat. It may have even been his way of saying goodbye I think.

My heart is truly saddened today. I met Willie when I was only 7 yrs. old. Willie and my mom were great friends for years. After she passed, Willie and I became even closer. I even adopted him as my uncle and introduced him as Uncle Willie. We spent some great times together through the years....Tigers baseball games, Pistons basketball games, Lions football games, Atlanta Braves baseball games. Willie was the person who got me started with the nice colognes and fancy sweaters back when I was in high school. We even shared our travel stories with each other about places like Brazil, England, France, and Australia.

Sincerest condolences to his mother, siblings, extended family, and his friends.

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**Darwin Sewell** - December 01, 2015 at 03:15 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



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**Jesse Kirksey** - December 01, 2015 at 02:39 PM

LA

“ To the family, loved ones, and friends of Willie Brown, that I offer my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. My siblings and I, have known Willie since we were all very young children. I know he will be missed by all that knew and loved him. Don't tell him bye, only say "See you later." I'm quite sure he has only gone back Home with the Father.



LaVerne Arther - December 01, 2015 at 06:48 AM

VK

“ Vicky Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



vicky kilgore - December 01, 2015 at 06:34 AM

MW

“ To the family and friends of Mr. Willie Brown. May God wrap his arms around the family and give them peace and comfort. RIH Mr. Willie Brown...Ms. Patricia Wilson



Ms. Patricia Wilson - November 30, 2015 at 02:39 PM

MT

“ To the family and friends of Mr. Willie Brown I am sending my deepest prayers and condolences. He was a very good friend and he will be missed. I will be praying for comfort and peace to the family. RIH Mr. Willie Brown ...Ms. Efaye Barber Triplett



**Ms. Efaye Triplett** - November 30, 2015 at 02:34 PM

DW

“ Dandre' & Freda Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



**Dandre' & Freda Williams** - November 30, 2015 at 02:19 PM

FR

*Willie was a great neighbor and our friend. I still look across the street and can't believe he is gone. He was a quiet person and kept to himself. We are truly going to miss him. To the family, be encouraged. Willie has earned his wings and has left you to carry on the task of family. Bond together and make him proud. First and foremost, wrap those arms around your mom and each other, that would make him happy. She was his joy.*

**Freda Ratliff-Williams** - November 30, 2015 at 02:33 PM

EB

“ Eddie & Cynthia Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



**Eddie & Cynthia Brown** - November 29, 2015 at 04:38 PM

TI

“ I remember when I meet Willie at Kroger and I was working and my name really puzzled him. So he ended up calling Kroger just to let me hear he could pronounce it. I'm truly going to miss my dear friend. Again my condolences to the Brown family



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**tishyca** - November 28, 2015 at 08:40 PM

TM

“ Tishyca McNeal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Brown



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**Tishyca McNeal** - November 27, 2015 at 11:04 AM

TM

“ Sending my condolence to the Brown family. Willie was a good and dear friend who will truly be missed. His nickname I use to call him was Mr. Painful and I was trouble. Willie was the God father to my son who's birthday is a day before his. God Bless the family



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**Tishyca McNeal** - November 27, 2015 at 11:00 AM

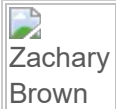
ML

“Wow this is hard to digest... but through it all God knows what's best. Willie and I shared the same birth date 9/18. He was one of a kind. Gentle, soft spoken, to him self. but if you catch him on a good day he would talk your ear off. I love my cousin, and I love my entire family. We hurt with you during this difficult time. We send our love and deepest sympathy to Ursena, Patricia, Zack, Clarence, Sam, Aunt Ruby and all my little cousins.



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**Michael & Phyllis(Brown) Leslie** - November 27, 2015 at 09:37 AM



Zachary  
Brown

*Thank you so much Phyllis*

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**Zachary Brown** - November 28, 2015 at 03:49 AM

EW

*Lighting a candle in memory of my friend. he will be sadly missed. My heart and prayers go out to the family. you have my deepest sympathy. So many memories so little words. Mr. Willie Brown will always be in my heart. Eddie.*

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**Eddie Williamson** - December 11, 2015 at 01:17 PM