



Mr. Willie Lee Gates

April 7, 1950 - February 27, 2016

GATES, Mr. Willie Lee - Age 65, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2016 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016 from Guiding Light/Adams Memorial COGIC, G-5230 Detroit Street, with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Supt. Victor B. Adams, Sr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Gates 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 Lee Gates was born April 7, 1950 in Minter, Mississippi, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernandrew and Emma Lee (Thompson) Gates. He was a long time resident on Jacque St. in Flint, Michigan. Willie was a hard working man. He dedicated over 30 years working at General Motors, retiring in 2008. Willie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a great friend. He was always willing to help when and where ever he was needed. Willie loved watching sports on TV, mostly the Detroit Pistons. If he wasn't in the house watching TV he would spend hours fishing or tending to his yard. Willie took great pride in maintaining his grass, tending to his flowers, and his bushes were always trimmed to perfection.

Mr. Willie Lee Gates leaves to cherish his loving wife of over 15 years, Shirley Gates of Flint; 2 sons, Timothy Lee and James Jamal Gates; 2 step-children, Kimberly Johnson and Terry Forward; grandchildren. Kamani Johnson, Terrall

Wells, Tyrick Gates-McGinnis and Terry Forward, Jr.; 5 sisters, Dorothy (Alonzo) Harris, Diana (Mangle) Causey, Emma (Earl) McCaster, Jackie Harris all of Elkhart, IN, and Mary Alice (Donald) Tate of South Bend, IN; 5 brothers, Louis Charles (Bessie) Gates, Henry Lee (Angie) Gates, Willie Joe Gates, Willie Walter (Erma) Gates and Jimmy (Delores) Gates all of Elkhart, IN; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Eddie McGinnis and Gladys Johnson.

Mr. Gates was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Eliza Scott; sister, Mrytis Gates; step-sister, Minnie Scott; 2 brothers, Clarence Earl and James L. Gates; and 4 sisters-in-law, Savannah, Carol Sue, Bessie and Annie Gates.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Victor B. Adams and the Adams Memorial C.O.G.I.C. family as well as all of our extended family and close friends who have stood by us during our time of bereavement.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 4. 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>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Lee Gates*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Pearlie Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Gates*



pearlie cox - March 03, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family, Tim Gates!*

Kendra - March 03, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *ErmaTew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Gates*



ErmaTew - March 03, 2016 at 12:36 AM

FF

“ from your extended HII family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Gates.



from your extended HII family - March 02, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ As I sit here thinking about the memories of Dad Gates you were a man that I looked up to. You made sure your children had what they needed you worked hard to make sure your sons had what they needed and when you married mom I knew she would have to want for nothing. Thanks for being a father husband and most of all a provider. Rest in Him . love you mom Kim, Tim I'm here for you guys. From the Kennedys



Min Doremus Kennedy - March 01, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Lee Gates.



March 01, 2016 at 09:43 AM

LR

“ *Linda Kay Arnold Redick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Gates*



Linda Kay Arnold Redick - February 29, 2016 at 01:10 PM

IH

“ *Iretta Hardy Lit A Candle In Memory Of Mr. Willie Gates!*



Iretta M. Hardy - February 29, 2016 at 11:17 AM

JB

“ *John R Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Gates*



john r butler - February 29, 2016 at 10:04 AM

DP

“ *Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Lee Gates*



Dicy Powell - February 27, 2016 at 04:52 PM

PC

R.I.P.BRO GATES MAY GOD BLESS MOTHER GATES YOU WILL BE MISSED

pearlie cox - March 03, 2016 at 07:51 PM