



Mrs. Willie Frances James

October 13, 1930 - July 3, 2016

JAMES, Mrs. Willie Frances - Age 85, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 9, 2016 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 2415 Bagley Street, with funeral mass commencing at 11:00 a.m. Father Tom Firestone officiating. Interment New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, G-4142 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. James will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Visitation for Mrs. James will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2016 at St. John Vianney, with a Rosary service at 6:00 p.m., there will be no public viewing.

Mrs. Willie Frances James was a long time resident of Flint, Michigan, she was born in Rosedale, Mississippi to Willie Stampley and Frances (Gibson) Stampley. Mrs. James retired from Hurley Medical Center in 1980 after 30 years of dedicated service. Post retirement, she began working as a tax preparer until 2014. She was a faithful member of Sacred Heart and St. Agnes Catholic Churches until their closings and was active at St. John Vianney Catholic Church until her death. Mrs. James was an active citizen in the City of Flint, belonging to the Red Hat Society and Daughters of Isabella. Until her time of death, she supported the McCree Theater and numerous political campaigns.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Robert Louis James, Sr.

Mrs. James leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Jacqueline James

(Michael) Lewis, Reta Venessa (Woodrow) Stanley and Cheryl Denise Golidy; one son, Robert Louis Jr. (Pamela) James; ten grandchildren, Heather Stanley-Williams, Kamilah (Stephen) Anderson, Jasmine (John) McKenney, Neamen Lewis, Paul, Lisa, Reta and Sara Golidy, Robert and Reyanna James; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eunice Jones and B. J. (Jerry) Weinberg; one brother, Fred Stampley; two sisters-in-law, Rosemary Gardner and Nettie (Rufus) Barnett, and many other relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Peddiready, Heartland Hospice Services, and Valley Area Agency on Aging.

At the request of the deceased, "Ladies, no pants please." In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Woodrow Stanley Foundation, P.O. Box 441, Flint, MI 48501 and St. John Vianney School, 2319 Bagley, Flint, MI 48504.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willie Frances James*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Well my friend, I don't have anyone to share hats with in church now. You keep watching and make sure I keep up our tradition. You were a delight and the spirit shone right through you to the community. God bless Rita, Woodrow and all your family. May the peace of Gods grace touch their souls with comfort.*

Tonya Ketzler - July 11, 2016 at 03:38 PM



*May the Lord's face continue to shine upon you and encourage you.
Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Our condolences, Love and Blessings...
Monica Durrett Byrd and Family*

Monica Byrd - July 15, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *I remember Mrs. James as I was growing up. She was our neighbor. I remember playing in the back yard and hearing the German Shepherd barking. It used to scare me to death. She was always doing something in her garden. She was a permanent fixture while I was growing up. I was definitely glad she watched over my mom every now and then. She will surely be missed*

Joy Johnson - July 10, 2016 at 05:06 PM

CT

“ *Charmaine Thema lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Charmaine Thema - July 10, 2016 at 04:33 PM

GS

“ *I will always treasure the love and energy of Mrs. Willie James, a woman of courage and zeal for faith, family and life. She lived her truth, helped us all be just a little better, and would pick you up, dust you off and send you back off to battle the world. She led by example and her light will be tremendously missed although it shines in all she touched.*



Gloria Scruggs - July 10, 2016 at 03:58 PM

CL

“ *May the God of all comfort help the family during this stressful time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Geraldine Lee and family

Charles Lee - July 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Julia Gamble - July 09, 2016 at 08:40 AM

NK

“ *Mrs. James' uncompromising attitude and low tolerance towards inefficiency will be missed. She never hesitated to express what she believed to be the right thing to do or say. And if any offence was taken, she was just as quick to tell you what to do with the offence. How she accomplished this without malice is something I aspire to emulate. For this I will always be grateful for her friendship.*

Nellie Kelly & Family

Nellie Kelly - July 08, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Frances James.*



July 08, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PL

“ *Mrs. James had such a beautiful presence. She added energy to any room she entered. Although for many of us, direct interactions may have been precious few, we will still feel the void left by her in our lives. Our deepest condolences go out to her children, their mates and her grandchildren.*

Perry and Deborah Lewis - July 08, 2016 at 01:10 PM

RS

“ *Raynetta Speed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Raynetta Speed - July 08, 2016 at 11:35 AM

OQ

“ *So sorry for the loss of Mrs. James, a wonderful woman and friend. Heartfelt sympathy to the James family, Woodrow and Reta Stanley and family.*

Thomas and Olivia Quinn

Olivia Quinn - July 08, 2016 at 09:19 AM

TL

“ *Tia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Tia Lewis - July 08, 2016 at 09:06 AM

TE

“ Mrs. James was a staunch patron of the arts in Flint's cultural community. She supported McCree Theatre enthusiastically for years; and it was there that we witnessed her exemplary elegance and dignity. Mrs. James delighted in drama, music, and poetry. Therefore, we, the Elzys, submit the following poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins as a tribute to her:

Heaven-Haven

*I have desired to go
Where springs not fail,
To fields where flies no sharp and sided hail,
And a few lilies blow.*

*And I have asked to be
Where no storms come,
Where the green swell is in the havens dumb,
And out of the swing of the sea.*

The Elzys - July 08, 2016 at 08:03 AM

HA

“ Helen Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Helen Adams - July 07, 2016 at 08:39 PM

HA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mrs. Willie Frances James

Mr. & Mrs. James and Helen Adams

Helen Adams - July 07, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DP

“ Willie Frances was very special. Because of the age difference, she felt more like an aunt than cousin . I feel that I really developed a relationship with her after my mom and aunts passed. She called me periodically and we would just talk. I'm so glad that I was able to see her this past November. She was a blessing and help to me during a difficult time. My prayers are with you.

Dora Pinder - July 07, 2016 at 06:11 PM

KN

“ Karl And Linda Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Karl and Linda Nichols - July 07, 2016 at 05:33 PM

GM

“ Gwenda Motley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Gwenda Motley - July 07, 2016 at 12:15 PM

GM

Truly a beautiful butterfly that touched so many lives in a beautiful way. Mrs James was always honest, forthright, and a wonderful example for all to follow. She will be missed." I will always remember what you told me about moving to KY". I will keep that between me and you. Love you Mrs J

Gwenda Motley - July 07, 2016 at 12:22 PM

LL

“ To the entire James family - my heart goes out to you all with sympathy for your loss but also prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful gift you had of Mrs. James - matriarch. I know Mrs. James will be missed, but God is able to wipe away all tears of sadness and replace with feelings of joy for the life she lived and great legacy she left - Loester M. Lewis

Loester M. Lewis - July 07, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ Susan Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Susan Ross - July 07, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Frances James.



July 07, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ Yolanda Buford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Yolanda Buford - July 07, 2016 at 07:43 AM



“ Tureia Roberts Nashville Tn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James



Tureia Roberts Nashville Tn - July 07, 2016 at 04:03 AM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James.



Lewis Driskell, Sr. and family - July 07, 2016 at 01:11 AM

LR

“ *Sincere Sympathy to the Family*

Lorene Randall & Family



Lorene Randall - July 06, 2016 at 10:15 PM

FT

“ *To the James Family, may God bring you peace and strength, knowing that the memories of your beloved mother and grandmother will bring you joy now and forever more. Faye Terrell-Perkins and Walter Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie France James.*



Faye Terrell-Perkins - July 06, 2016 at 10:04 PM

GP

“ *Mrs. Jacqueline James Lewis and family. Please know that my heart goes out to you in the loss of your dear mother. May memories comfort you at this sad time and in the difficult days ahead. Remember, God's promises are true, we shall see her again. With deepest sympathy,
Dr. Gloria D. Pleasont, President
Theta Rho Omega Chapter, AKA Sorority,*

Gloria D. Pleasont - July 06, 2016 at 06:20 PM

JK

“ *Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - July 06, 2016 at 05:45 PM

VB

“ *I am so sorry for the passing of Mrs. James. My condolences to the entire family. The precious memories that you've shared are so important now. I hope they fill your hearts with comfort and peace. I pray that God grants the entire family the strength needed to get through this difficult time. Mrs. James touched many lives, mine included. She will be missed and forever in my heart.*

Vivian Bennett - July 06, 2016 at 03:49 PM

DW

“ *Dandre' & Freda Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Dandre' & Freda Williams - July 06, 2016 at 02:11 PM

FJ

“ I was fourteen year of age my aunt Francis asked my mother could I come visit her for the summer. My dad was in the hospital where he almost died. My mother asked me would I like to go and visit my aunt Francis and my uncle Bob for the summer and I always love my Aunt especially my uncle Bob from when they use come to Chicago so I said yes. I remember how she use pick the black berries and raspberries and preserve them. One day Aunt Francis and uncle Bob took me fishing I caught a fish for the first time in my life they both show me how to put a worm on a hook which right now today people tell me man you know to put them worm on the hook. Than later that week they took me shopping and they both me green pro kids gym shoe man I was crazy about them gym shoes. From than on we had a bond I love to come visit doing her show being there get an education on life. I gotten older would pick her up from train station and take her back we would set an talk until the train come to pict her up loved being around her because of the knowledge she would spit out to me she loved to show you the right path or if you was on that right track after talking to her you will think about life. Thank Aunt Francis For Your Time That You Invested in me. I Love You! I Will Miss You! I was barbecued Monday and I will admit I didn't Recognize the voice but I swear I thought I heard someone calling my name it was until point I turn down the music because it sounded like someone was in the yard. I said Dorothy is that you I got know response than I sit down and I said that was you aunt Francis. I believe it was letting me know she made over.

Fred Stampley Jr. - July 06, 2016 at 02:02 PM

HE

Love you, Fred. Thanks for sharing. ~Heather

Heather - July 07, 2016 at 06:45 AM

PS

“ *Pamala Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Pamala Simpson - July 06, 2016 at 01:28 PM

LC

“ *Linda Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Linda Clemons - July 06, 2016 at 10:20 AM

JA

“ *Mrs. Willy James is gone but clearly not forgotten she's a part of my life forever !!! AKA. _ 1 of my adoptive mothers she showed me a lot of love ❤️™*

Jaymes - July 06, 2016 at 06:49 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Linda Gulley - July 06, 2016 at 05:25 AM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Ernelle Taylor - July 05, 2016 at 08:31 PM

JO

“ *Johnstone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Johnstone - July 05, 2016 at 08:16 PM

AK

“ *To the James Family and to my Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Soror Jacquelyn James Lewis, Soror Kamilla and Soror Pam, you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of a Mother, Grandmother and Mother-In-Law. My prayers are with you and your family. I am so happy that I had the opportunity to meet your mother Soror Jackie during the past 28 years of knowing you, whether it was at your home, during the holidays, Showers or Weddings. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the services but I will continue to keep everyone in my prayers. Take care and know that I am here for you.....*

Sisterly Love

Soror Alfreda Keith Keller

Alfreda Keith Keller - July 05, 2016 at 06:34 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Carol Gardner - July 05, 2016 at 05:19 PM

LB

“ *Our sincere condolences to Reta (Woodrow) Stanley and the entire James Family. I will miss her dearly. Love Linda (Bernard) Boose and Family.*

Linda K. Boose - July 05, 2016 at 11:02 AM

JM

“ *Grandma,
So many memories to cherish. So many laughs. So many hugs. So many kisses. So MUCH LOVE. Missed but you prepared me to deal with this and for that I am most grateful.*

*Be Sweet Until We Meet,
Jas*

Jasmine McKenney - July 05, 2016 at 10:47 AM

AH

“ *Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Anthony and Carol Hill - July 05, 2016 at 10:44 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Wanda Harrison - July 05, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you in the loss of your beloved mother. Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can't heal. Much love from Lelia and ReGina Adams*



ReGina Adams - July 03, 2016 at 10:22 PM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Frances James*



Julia Gamble - July 03, 2016 at 07:10 PM