



## Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie

May 10, 1945 - October 29, 2025

MAYNIE, Mrs. Willie "Willa" - Age 80, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Henry Ford - West Bloomfield. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, November 8, 2025, at New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 Chippewa St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Jacob Hawkins, officiating. Interment river Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Friday. Mrs. Maynie will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, with family present too receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM.

Willie Lee Maynie, fondly known as "Willa" was born May 10, 1945, in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late Johnnie Jones and Jennie Sullivan. A proud native of Flint, she grew up in the historic St. John Street neighborhood where she developed her love of roller skating at the St. John Center. She attended Flint public schools, Mott Community College and Hurley School of Nursing. Willa met the love of her life, Tyrone Arthur Maynie, while attending a high school dance. Willa graduated from Flint Central H.S. class of 1963 and on February 9, 1964, Willa and Tyrone married and began to raise a loving family.

While working retail for Maas department store, Willa's mother-in-law encouraged her to explore a career in health care, joining her as a transcriber for Hurley Hospital in 1971. This shift opened the door to her true calling, as a

nurse. She obtained her LPN license and enjoyed her passion until she retired from Hurley in 2003.

In her spare time, Willa enjoyed watching classic movies, tending to her houseplants, assembling bookshelves, and creating beautiful Christmas village displays. Willa lived a full life serving others. Even after retiring, she continued her dedicated service at New Zion Missionary Baptist church as the president of the Nurses Guild, president of Mission, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible school teacher and many other roles she embraced.

Willa Lee Maynie leaves to cherish her memory: husband Tyrone Arthur Maynie of Flint; daughter, Sarah (Charles) Cross; grandchildren, Qiana Perry, Keosha Brooks, Tanisha Maynie, Jaquan Sullivan, Kianna Walker and Trevor Cross; 6 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Reola (Henry) Brooks and Ida Buchanon; brother, Rev. John (Elaine) Sullivan; special niece, Carmen (Carlton) Baker; and several other beloved relatives and friends.

Willa was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie Jones and Jennie Sullivan; son, Troy Sullivan; daughter, Tricia Maynie; brother, Louis Sullivan and special cousins, Diann Dandridge and Daniel Simmons.

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# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Present

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Zion Baptist Church  
1601 Chippewa St.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

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NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Awww. I remember Mrs. Mayor from when I was a child. Me and Tricia were best friends, was over there early in the morning before school so I could hang out with the monkey yes, they had a monkey. I would go over after school and stay the longest time. Man the whippings I got because of the Maynie house. She was always so sweet to me. Rest In Peace Mrs. Maynie.

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**Renee Coney** - November 10, 2025 at 06:46 AM

RG

“ My condolences to the family, especially Tyrone and Sara.

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**Reginald Gillard** - November 09, 2025 at 02:49 PM

*“ A Life Well Lived*

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*Thank you*

*The Family of Willa Lee Maynie*

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**Sarah Cross** - November 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



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**Jeanette Brown** - November 07, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TM

“ *Tara, Dee Dee, Spen Jr. Tan Maynie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.*



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**Tara, Dee Dee, Spen Jr. Tan Maynie** - November 07, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.*



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November 07, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ *PAULA BROYLES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



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**PAULA BROYLES** - November 07, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *Prayers and condolences to you and your family. Dr Anthony Clarke*



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**Anthony Clark** - November 07, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *Onimisi and Aaron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.*

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**Onimisi and Aaron** - November 07, 2025 at 10:14 AM

OA

“ Onimisi and Aaron purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.



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**Onimisi and Aaron** - November 07, 2025 at 10:14 AM

ME

“ Meghan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.



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**Meghan** - November 07, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ Jimmyr L Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie



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**Jimmyr L Maxwell** - November 06, 2025 at 06:50 PM

LP

“ Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie



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**Lynda Pitts** - November 06, 2025 at 05:31 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



Barbara Wilkins - November 06, 2025 at 12:52 PM

HT

“ *Heather Powis & the Great Lakes NP team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.*



Heather Powis & the Great Lakes NP team - November 05, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DO

“ *Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



Deloris Odom - November 05, 2025 at 01:32 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



Betty Wesley - November 05, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TB

“ *A Beautiful soul and and Excellent nurse!  
Sending prayers of light and love to the family.*



Terry F Brannon - November 04, 2025 at 11:01 PM

FG

“ *Fredricka “Ricky” Gist lit a candle in memory  
of Willie Maynie*



Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - November 04, 2025 at 02:22 PM

TM

“ *Tara Maynie lit a candle in memory of Willie  
Maynie*



Tara Maynie - November 04, 2025 at 10:25 AM

BP

“ *Betty Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Willie “Willa” Maynie*



Betty Perkins - November 04, 2025 at 08:55 AM

LB

“ *Linda F Booth lit a candle in memory of Willie Maynie*



Linda F Booth - November 03, 2025 at 11:14 PM

PT

“ *Pamela J Tipper lit a candle in memory of Willie Maynie*



Pamela J Tipper - November 03, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ *Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie*



Lula Lewis - November 03, 2025 at 05:50 PM

EL

“ *Praying for the Maynie Family I enjoyed working with Her in GLBDA Christian Education. She was such a quiet soft spoken intelligent woman of God. May God be your comfort during this difficult time.*



Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie - November 03, 2025 at 01:20 PM

SB

“ I am one of the many people who had the experience of being trained by Willa when I hired in at Hurley. She was kind and considerate and patient with the new trainees. She was also great to work with during my HMC years. Her smile could light up the unit and her humor was infectious. I never had a bad day working with Willa Maynie. My sincere condolences to her family. 🙏🙏🙏



Sandra Bush Brandon - November 03, 2025 at 07:55 AM

SC

“ St. John Street Historical Committee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie



St. John Street Historical Committee - November 01, 2025 at 02:25 PM

W1

“ With love and deepest sympathy, SASSY 16 purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.



With love and deepest sympathy, SASSY 16 - October 31, 2025 at 08:59 PM

L1

“ Love, AKA - S.A.S.S.Y 16 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Willie "Willa" Maynie.



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**Love, AKA - S.A.S.S.Y 16** - October 31, 2025 at 08:40 PM

VS

“ Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Willie Maynie



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**Vera Styles** - October 31, 2025 at 01:34 PM

SC

*Thank you for the lovely sentiment. Sarah Cross; daughter of Willa Maynie*

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**Sarah Cross** - November 09, 2025 at 01:23 PM