



Mr. Willie Nance

January 24, 1937 - February 28, 2015

NANCE, Mr. Willie - Age 78, passed away Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Kith Haven Nursing Home. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Word of Life Christian Church, 460 W. Atherton Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor George Wilkinson officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Nance will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2-8 p.m. Friday with family present from 5-7 p.m.

Willie Nance was born in Fayetteville, TN and raised in Huntsville, Alabama. He moved to Flint in 1955 and worked for General Motors for 41 years. During his time at GM he was a proud member of UAW local 659 and practically raised his children at the union hall. Willie lost 2 ½ fingers on his right hand in an accident at work, but it never stopped him from doing anything that he wanted. He was creative, handy and could figure out how to fix anything. He made knives, leather belts and wallets and could take what looked like nothing and turn it into something brand new. An avid sports fan, he coached basketball, ladies softball and baseball with children. As the coach of the Lady Red Sox he coached these women to numerous tournament victories. He also enjoyed bowling (which he did with his right hand) and later volunteered to coach kids. Willie's real passion was his love for music. He was known around town as DJ "Sugar Daddy" in the 60's and 70's and was known to hand out

the candy with the same name. He later changed his DJ name to Goldfinger and spun records on Blues Night at Arlene's Lounge. He always shared his love for God, and his music with his children. When Willie told you a story be prepared to sit still a while. When it came to discipline we all would have preferred a belt instead of getting a talking too, because you never knew when you would be able to get free. His children will never forget that he never said good bye when ending a conversation. He always said "Alright, in a minute". Today we say to our father, grandfather and great grandfather "In A Minute"! In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed 1st Corinthians 15:52.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Dorthy Nance; 8 children, Ida (Ronnie) Mastin, Marcell (Frances) Nance, LaVern "Boo" (Nathaniel) McCann, Dawn (Roger) Kemp, Lisa Magee, Joycelyn (Alex) Carruth, Raheem Riley and Tannyika Riley-Daniels; grandchildren, Ronnie Mastin Jr., Ryan Mastin, Daniel Mastin, Samuel Mastin, David Mastin, Rozlyn Nance, Javarr Mayes, Toryn Dawkins, Natiera Dawkins, Le'Andra Wilson, Adriann Kemp, Na'Dira Kemp, Troix Nance, Jaylen Magee and Jerel Nance, Raheem Riley II, Italia Daniels, Taliyha Daniels, and Tiyanna Daniels; 16 great grandchildren; special friends: The guys at Willis Car Wash, Chandra Brandon and the Lady Red Sox team members; Extra Special thanks to McLaren Flint (8 Tower) and CNA Gail, Kith Haven, Ruth Ann Riley and Frances Perez.

Mr. Nance was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Nance Sr and Estella Turner; brothers, Clarence McWilliams and Charles McWilliams; uncle, Roy Turner; nephew, Jeffery McWilliams; and brother-in-law, Wilbert Jones.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Word of Life Christian Church
460 W. Atherton Road
Flint, MI 48507


Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)


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460 W. Atherton Road
Flint, MI 48507

Tribute Wall

RO “ *Missing you the most*



Rozlyn - January 13 at 11:19 PM

 “ *Mr. Willie Nance*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

DA “ *Missing you so much*

Dawn - October 14, 2015 at 01:17 PM

WS “ *I am a nance are these nance relayed to the nance from Lexington.mississippi*

willie nance Sr. - October 09, 2015 at 11:02 AM

DA “ *I'm not sure. My dad was from Alabama and Tennessee*

Dawn - October 14, 2015 at 01:20 PM

SI

“ *Sonya Ivory sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Sonya Ivory - March 12, 2015 at 01:09 PM

LH

“ *Lawanda Hardnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Lawanda Hardnett - March 07, 2015 at 05:18 PM

LP

“ *Leroy And Brenda Purifoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Leroy and Brenda Purifoy - March 06, 2015 at 06:55 PM

DJ

“ *Detroit J. purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Mr. Willie Nance.*



Detroit J. - March 06, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JS

“ *Dr. Elmer Scales and Joan Scales; please know that you are in our prayers, may God continue to give you and your family strength during this time of bereavement.*



Joan Scales - March 06, 2015 at 12:25 PM

SL

“ *My condolences to the Nance family. I had the pleasure of working with Wille at Flint Metal Center (Fab). May you take comfort in your great memories of him.*

Sheila Lomax - March 05, 2015 at 04:25 PM

RD

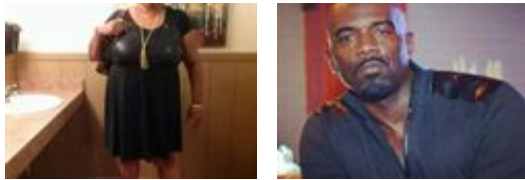
“ *With deepest sympathies to the Nance family.*

The Dawkins Family

Rudy Dawkins - March 05, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM

RM

“ Robert & Hattie McKay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance



Robert & Hattie McKay - March 05, 2015 at 11:18 AM

RS

“ Robert Shanklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance



Robert Shanklin - March 05, 2015 at 10:45 AM

HC

“ Hilda Craig lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance



Hilda Craig - March 05, 2015 at 09:25 AM

HC

“ Sending my deepest condolences. I enjoyed working with Willie for many years.
RIH
Hilda Craig

Hilda Craig - March 05, 2015 at 09:23 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 04, 2015 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Holland-August sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Sandra Holland-August - March 04, 2015 at 12:46 PM

TT

“ *TIM TAYLOR SON OF THE LATE LUCY ANN TAYL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



TIM TAYLOR SON OF THE LATE LUCY ANN TAYL - March 03, 2015 at 07:51 PM

TT

“ *TIM TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



TIM TAYLOR - March 03, 2015 at 07:46 PM

TO

“ *Traci Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Traci Oliver - March 03, 2015 at 06:07 PM

LH

“ *Lois Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Lois Harden - March 03, 2015 at 01:28 PM

BS

“ *Brown Family On Spencer Street lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Brown Family on Spencer Street - March 03, 2015 at 01:07 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Kim - March 03, 2015 at 01:06 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Wanda Baker - March 03, 2015 at 12:27 PM

SP

“ *Stacy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



stacy powell - March 03, 2015 at 07:53 AM

RC

“ *Robyn Cobbin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - March 03, 2015 at 06:31 AM

DB

“ *David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



David & Dana Bush - March 02, 2015 at 08:17 PM

LG

“ *Leroy And Cleola Griffis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Leroy and Cleola Griffis - March 02, 2015 at 07:01 PM

KO

“ *Kerry Keshawn Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Kerry Keshawn Owens - March 02, 2015 at 11:19 AM

BT

“ *Barbara Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Barbara Terrell - March 02, 2015 at 01:19 AM

AW

“ *Annette Woodley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



annette woodley - March 01, 2015 at 07:17 PM

JF

“ *Johnson, Barnes & Claybrook Families lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Nance*



Johnson, Barnes & Claybrook Families - February 28, 2015 at 02:56 PM

AS

Kim & I Hold you and your family in our prayers God Bless you

Arthur Smith - March 06, 2015 at 04:48 PM