



Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.

November 1, 1943 - January 28, 2022

WILKES, Mr. Willie B. Sr. - Age 78, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, February 5, 2022, at New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church, 3184 W. Pierson Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mr. Wilkes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. Willie B. Wilkes Sr. was born on Langsfield Plantation in Tchula, MS to the late Sam and Mildred Wilkes. He was preceded in death by his brothers John Lee Wilkes, James Wilkes, Lenord Wilkes, Alvin Wilkes, nephew Christopher Tidwell, and niece Latoyan Wilkes. Willie B. began working in the cotton fields beside his mother at the age of 6. His mother implemented two principles in him: faith and hard work. Willie B would carry these principles in everything he did. As a teenager, he did different task in the cotton field from planting, chopping, picking, and driving tractors. Willie B. attended Tchula Attendance Center (TAC) when cotton wasn't in season and the weather wouldn't allow him to work. At 18, he began driving the bus for TAC and would graduate from TAC in 1965. After graduating, he moved to Flint, Michigan where he lived with his favorite Aunt Cleo. He began working for GM (Fisher Body) until he was drafted in 1970. In the Army, he served at Fort McClellan until he deployed to Vietnam. In Vietnam, he would serve as a light wheel mechanic. He would receive

many accolades and sometime special treatment because of his skill set. After he returned from Vietnam, he would continue to work for General Motors (Buick) for over 40 years. Willie B.'s hobbies included running and working on cars or anything mechanical. It was a daily routine of his to run 3 to 10 miles in any kind of weather. He would then come in and work in the garage until it was time to get ready for work. He would then work 8 hours plus at GM. Some nights, he would get off work with GM and go back to work in the garage. Willie B. loved traveling and road trips. He would get off work and pick up his grandfather James Montgomery (Bozo), and they would head to Mississippi for the weekend to visit family and friends. No matter if he was traveling alone or leading a convoy of cars he was going to be late. Willie B. was a faithful Soldier on the Christian Battlefield. He began serving the Lord and was baptized at an early age. As a child and young adult, he was a member of MT Sinai AME Church in Tchula, MS where he served as the Superintendent of Sunday School. When he moved to Flint MI, he joined Pentecostal Spiritual Church Flint, MI. While at Pentecostal Spiritual, he served as Superintendent of Sunday School. He would later join New Heaven MBC, where he would serve for over 40 years as Deacon, Trustee, and Treasurer. Willie B. Wilkes Sr. leaves a life full of memories to be cherished by: his loving wife for over 48 years Lillie M. Wilkes; daughter, Shirley Butts (Charles); sons, Willie B. Wilkes II (Tanisha), Frederick D. Wilkes (Sonya), and Kevin L. Wilkes (LaKevia); brother, George P. Wilkes (Gwen); sisters, Odessa Robinson, Diane Wilkes, Christine Hobson (Hosea), and Bobbie Jean Washington (Jimmy); 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that will be forever affected by his life.

Servies will be lived streamed at:

<https://youtu.be/EGctPhfkGdl>

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 4. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

FEB 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church
G-3184 W. Pierson Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Andrew & Paulette Reese remember the wonderful conversations. Talking about old times, eating watermelon and ice cream. We will always hold him and Lillie close to our hearts. We love you family!*

Andrew & Paulette Reese - February 05, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *My 2nd. DAD. You are a giant to me..so many memories at 119 W. Philadelphia. The epitome of what a true man of God is. When you prayed i always felt like you was talking directly to God. The support you gave my mother and helping her raise us will never be forgotten. Love you for life. To be absent from this earthly body is to be present with the LORD. You are now with your sister..*



Kenneth Collins - February 05, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Thank you for all that you represent in my life (love, faith, discipline). You have joined the great cloud of witnesses. RIH Willie B 🙏❤️*



Lisa Horne - February 05, 2022 at 07:29 AM

DC

“ *Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children - February 04, 2022 at 07:58 PM

LP

“ *My prayers and condolences are with you during this difficult time Pastor Fred and Sister Sonya Wilkes!*



Lynda Pitts - February 04, 2022 at 07:17 PM

EH

Worked with Willie at the Buick for many many years she also worked on my car's a couple of times about 2 months:-)

Earl Horton - February 08, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr..*



February 04, 2022 at 04:08 PM

RG

“ Fly High Willie B💜
Prayers to the Family💙



Roslyn Garrison - February 04, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ *"Blessed with the best Father-in-law"*

Sonya Wilkes - February 04, 2022 at 08:19 AM

DS

“ *Rev. Fred Wilkes and family I would like to convey my condolences. Praying for you and your family. GOD will never leave. Love you and Sonya.*
.....*Deidre Spight-Woodson*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - February 03, 2022 at 10:46 PM

MH

“ *Mary Holder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Mary Holder - February 03, 2022 at 10:26 PM

CF

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.

Calvin and Deborah Jones family



Calvin & Deborah Jones family - February 03, 2022 at 09:30 PM

CT

“ Connie Taylor-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.



Connie Taylor-Williams - February 03, 2022 at 07:50 PM

KC

“ Katherine Callaway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.



Katherine Callaway - February 03, 2022 at 07:36 PM

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“ "BIG TOM " AND JEAN ELBERT purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr..



"BIG TOM " AND JEAN ELBERT - February 03, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr..*



February 03, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Jacqueline Scott - February 03, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ *You will always be my FAVORITE BROTHER-IN-LAW.*



Chandra Smith-Hull - February 03, 2022 at 12:38 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to Rev. Fred and Sonya Wilkes and the entire family of Willie B. Wilkes. May God give you strength, peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.*



Betty Wesley - February 03, 2022 at 12:29 AM

FS

“ *Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Faye Starling - February 02, 2022 at 06:41 PM

DR

“ *Dennis And Rose Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Dennis and Rose Richmond - February 02, 2022 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ *Mr. Samuel Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Mr. Samuel brown - February 02, 2022 at 02:35 PM

MB

“ *May the Angel's of our lord watch over your family doing this time of sorrow.*

Mr. Samuel brown - February 02, 2022 at 02:31 PM

DR

“ *Dennis And Rose Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Dennis and Rose Richmond - February 02, 2022 at 01:24 PM

DR

“ *Dennis And Rose Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Dennis and Rose Richmond - February 02, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Shelly Poplar lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Shelly Poplar - February 02, 2022 at 09:38 AM

EC

“ *Our condolences and prayers to Rev. Fred & Sonya Wilkes and family.*



Earl and Diane Crowder - February 01, 2022 at 10:43 PM

PF

“ Our prayers are for the Wilkes family. May God comfort you in the coming days.

POSEY FAMILY - February 01, 2022 at 05:55 PM

DR

“ Demetrius And Kyrra Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.



Demetrius and Kyrra Richmond - February 01, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr..



February 01, 2022 at 09:50 AM

WL

“ Welton And Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.



Welton and Carolyn Lewis - January 31, 2022 at 04:40 PM

JR

“ *Jo Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Jo Richmond - January 31, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JR

“ *To the family, you have my deepest sympathy. May God help you through your sorry and grant you peace.*

Jo Richmond - January 31, 2022 at 04:17 PM

CC

“ *Carl & Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr.*



Carl & Brenda Calhoun - January 31, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Timothy Horne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie B. Wilkes Sr..*



Timothy Horne - January 30, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JB

“ *Deepest prayers and condolences to family of Mr. Willie Winkinson..*



joyce bah - January 30, 2022 at 04:28 PM