



Mr. Willie B. Winston

March 7, 1921 - October 14, 2013

WINSTON, Mr. Willie B. - Age 92, went home to be with the Lord peacefully, surrounded by his family, Monday, October 14, 2013. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr., officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and family will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Winston will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Willie Bernard Winston was born March 7, 1921 in Covington, Tennessee to parents William Winston and Maggie Dowell. Willie accepted Christ as a child and was a member of Bright Hill Baptist Church in Covington, Tennessee. Willie knew the Lord and the Lord knew him. As a young man, Mr. Winston moved to Portsmouth, Virginia, where he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944. While stationed there, he met and married the loved of his life, Beauford Jeanette (Evans) Winston. Mr. Winston was member of a select group of men being trained at Tuskegee in aircraft repair, but was assigned to active duty overseas before completing his training. After finishing his tour of duty and being Honorably Discharged from the Army, Willie moved his wife and new baby, Tex, to Flint, Michigan in 1946. He gained employment with General Motors Corporation and resumed his passion of machine repair reaching his goal as Master Machinist. During this union, five more children were born,

Wayne, Gary, Debra, Randy and Janice. Willie attended trade school at night and became a licensed TV/Appliance Repair Technician. He soon opened his business, "Winston's TV and Repair Service" while continuing his employment with GM. Willie declined opportunities to move into management with GM in order to spend more time with his family and grow his business.

Mr. Winston and his wife were determined to pay it forward and had long begun bringing and housing family members from the South here to Michigan to partake of the "American Dream." He continued to grow as a Landlord and was always generous and understanding of his tenants. Willie was indeed an ambitious, industrious, and extremely intelligent man. He traveled for GM to assist in the development of new line techniques and received significant accolades from GM for suggestions he submitted which were soon put into use in the factories. Willie lost the love of his life, Beauford, after 56 years of marriage on May 7, 2000. Mr. Winston finally retired from General Motors with 57 years of outstanding service. Willie loved spending time with his family, socializing, hunting at his cabin up north, riding his Harley, tinkering, reading, helping others and "coaching his Detroit Tigers."

Mr. Winston leaves to cherish wonderful memories: daughters, Debra Winston Roberts and Janice Winston (Kenneth) Brashears; son, Randy Winston, all of Flint; daughter of his heart, Mable Jones; 11 grandchildren, Rochella Fitzpatrick, Wayne Winston, Rapheal Irving, Elijah Winston and Dedra Roberts, all of Flint, Raynell (CoQueese) Brown of State Park, PA, Lynn Caldwell and Bernard Winston of Atlanta, GA, Paris, Racquel, and Terrance Fontanelle of Baltimore, MD; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Jennie Lee Stewart of Covington, TN; sisters-in-law, Almae Evans and Doreatha Evans, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom were special to him including loyal friends, John White, Robert Scott, Elmore "Moe" Stinson and Joyce Benton.

Mr. Winston was preceded in death by his wife, Beauford; sons, Tex, Wayne and Gary; parents; brother, Thomas Hill; and many other dear family members.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Marvin A Jennings, Sr., and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church Family for your many kindnesses. Dr. Elmahdi Saeed and staff of Hurley Medical Center, Professional Nursing Services Staff, Physical Therapist, Sam Kushvah, and caregiver, Lazarre Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
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Family hour

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie B. Winston*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Debra and family. Share and visit often the fond memories you have of your father. Hugs, love and blessings to you during this time and the days to follow. Look to God, He can ease your pain.*

Love, Cerese

Cerese Simpson Pennington - October 22, 2013 at 09:24 PM



“ *To the Winston Family, sorry for your lost, you are in our prayers*

Bruce & Roseann Jones

Roseann Jones - October 18, 2013 at 11:39 PM



“ *Debra so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers. I am currently, in Tennessee till Wednesday of next week, but will keep you and your family in my prayers through this.*

Pam Williams

Pam Williams - October 18, 2013 at 10:59 PM



AH

“ *My deepest condolence to a wonderful family...enjoyed the time I spent with your dad.*



Alesia Harris - October 18, 2013 at 07:29 PM

AH

“ *Alesia Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Winston*



Alesia Harris - October 18, 2013 at 07:27 PM

PE

“ *SO SAD TO HEAR THE LOSS OF UNCLE WILLIE. I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF FAMILY GATHERINGS AT HIS HOUSE WHEN GROWING UP IN FLINT. UNCLE WILLIE WAS ALWAYS A LAID BACK PLEASANT UNCLE. MY DEAR COUSINS DEBORAH, JANICE AND RANDY: SENDING MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AND WISH MY CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE ALLOWED ME TO BE THERE WITH THE FAMILY. MAY FAMILY AND FRIENDS GIVE THE FAMILY COMFORT AND PEACE DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME AND THE FAMILY HAVE BETTER DAYS AHEAD. LOVINGLY, PATRICIA EVANS-WILSON (NIECE)*



PATRICIA EVANS-WILSON - October 18, 2013 at 02:30 PM

AC

“ So sorry Deb, Jan and Randy. I have everlasting memories of Sunday afternoon's after church in the back yard churning that old crank style ice cream maker and later our Dad's listening to good jazz. Love & prayers, Ava

Ava Coffey - October 18, 2013 at 02:00 PM

KD

“ Kathy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie B. Winston



Kathy Davis - October 18, 2013 at 01:37 PM

KD

Deb,Jan, Randy Praying for you and your Family

Kathy Davis - October 18, 2013 at 01:38 PM

SL

“ Deb, Randy and Jan: Uncle Willie is resting better than he has ever. He has always been high spirited for as long as I can remember. He was will be missed and always loved. Thankful for the long healthy life he has been blessed with. Love you all. Cousins-Sandra, Ruth, Glenda and Robert Lynch (Aunt Ann and Uncle Ezra's children)

Sandra Lynch - October 17, 2013 at 10:03 PM

LC

“ To My Sisters Jan & Deb & My Brother
Randy,

I just want you all to know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers. Know that God did not make a mistake. Uncle-Dad is at peace and with Aunt Beauford, Wayne, Gary, Tex, Uncle Odie, My Dad, My Mom, Carolyn, & Gregory and a host of other family members.

He told me many years ago that he would be my dad as well and I cherish that. To all his grandchildren & great grandchildren hold on to all the memories that you shared with him. Cherish every laugh, every tear and the love that he had for ALL of us.

"RIP," Uncle-Dad and know that I will always remember the good times we shared and they were a lot. I Love You.

*Your Daughter
Linda Hill-Carney*



Linda N. Carney - October 17, 2013 at 10:49 AM

JW

“ Debra
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pray that we can do half as well mentally and physically as he did. You were a blessing to him this last year. He is in heaven with your mom, probably over the moon that the Tigers won last night.

*Love
Andy and Jan Wentz*



Jan Wentz - October 17, 2013 at 09:21 AM

RA

“ Renee White Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Winston



Renee White Allen - October 17, 2013 at 05:46 AM

BW

“ Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie B. Winston



Bernadette Woods - October 16, 2013 at 07:45 PM

BW

“ Debra I'am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father my prayers are with you and your family doing your hour of bereavement .

Bernadette Woods - October 16, 2013 at 07:45 PM

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the . Bible offers comfort to the grieving family. Please read in your Bible Psalms 34:18. May you find solace from this scripture.

Peggy Land - October 16, 2013 at 02:01 PM

LI

“ Dear Winston Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.

Lisa - October 16, 2013 at 01:08 PM