



Willie Charleston Jr.

NOV 26, 1942 - MAY 19, 2021



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Willie Charleston, Jr. was born November 26, 1942 to parents Bessie and Williest Charleston in Beulah, Mississippi both who preceded him in death, along with a brother; Tommy T. Brown and a son; Steven Charleston. He went to be with the Lord on Wednesday May 19, 2021 surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer.

Willie was raised in Chicago, Illinois where he attended Hyde Park High School. He was a good student and outstanding basketball player. Later Willie moved to Jackson, Michigan after the passing of his father with his mother at the age of 27 in 1969. He confessed Christ at Second Baptist Church under the late Reverend Polk Williams and later moved his membership to New Macedonia Church under Pastor Bennie J. Gibson until his death. He was employed by Conrail Railroad in 1970. Willie took a medical retirement in 1995 to take care of his granddaughter Tarae and later began babysitting his other grandchildren. Willie was a hardworking provider for his family all his life.

Willie married Sandra Kay Taylor on October 24, 1970 in Jackson, Michigan. During their 50 years of marriage, they raised four children.

Willie was always ready to entertain and never met a stranger. His wife called him Mr. Friendly. He was known in his neighborhood as Paw Paw. Willie liked watching sports, helping care for his grandchildren, washing his cars, taking care of the yard, and helping anyone he could.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories his wife; Sandra Charleston, four children of Jackson, Michigan; Anthony Charleston, Angela Holt, Christina (Anthony) Stewart, Sr., and Willie Charleston, III. eight grandchildren; Passion Gibson, Domanique Dreams, Antonio Dreams, Jasmine Charleston, Anthony Stewart, Tarae Keathley, Willie Charleston and King Charleston, and thirteen great grandchildren, through good times and bad times, they were a strong loving family. He also leaves a special



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cousin; Evelyn Strickland, and special friends; Henry Hardrick, Jimmie Williams, Pastor Bennie J. Gibson and Sherrie Campbell. Willie was deeply loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He will be deeply missed




Events


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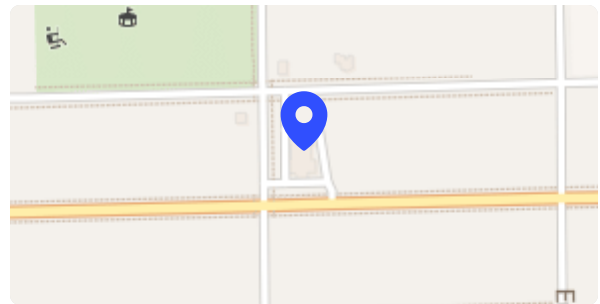
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Family Hour


 **Thursday**, May 27, 2021

 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Second Missionary Baptist Church**
304 E. Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203

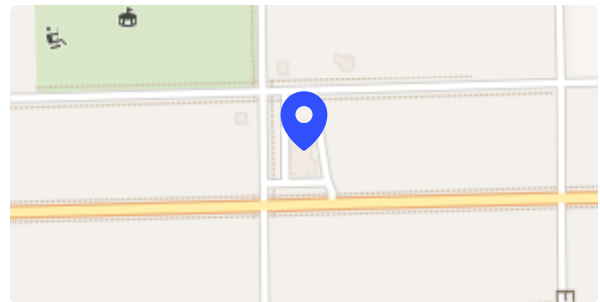


Funeral Service


 **Thursday**, May 27, 2021

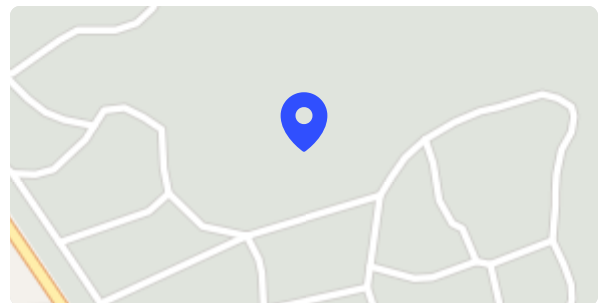
 11:00 AM ET

 **Second Missionary Baptist Church**
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Cemetery Details

 **Woodland Cemetery**
2615 Francis Street, Jackson MI 49203





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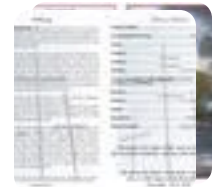
The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



May 26 at 9:05 AM



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary**.



November 2 at 11:14 AM



Belinda Oliver posted:

Sending Condolences to the Charleston family From the Oliver Family's we love y'all and stay strong Amen 🙏❤️

May 28 at 1:15 AM



Arlene Robinson And Family lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Sending my condolences to the Charleston family in the loss of your loved one. May your fond memories of Willie be a help as you go through these difficult times. Know that others care and are praying for strength and comfort for all of you.



May 26 at 7:09 PM



Catherine Robinson lit a candle in honor of Willie.

As the days continue to pass, I hope you find comfort and support in the people that surround you and the wonderful memories you carry in your mind and in your heart. My deepest condolences to you and the family. We loss a great man. Love always, Catherine Charleston-Robinson



May 26 at 8:27 AM



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LB

Lawanna Brown posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to the family, of the late Mr Charleston. Sending love, hugs and prayers, during this time of bereavement. May the Lord give you peace and strength, in the loss of your loved one. 🙏🙏🙏

May 26 at 6:24 AM

JP

Joyce Powell posted:

My condolences to the entire Charleston Family, In the loss of your loved one. R.I.P. "Willie" You fought a good fight. Praying for the Family.

May 26 at 5:53 AM

MM

Mary Marizette lit a candle in honor of Willie.

My sincere condolences to the family of the late Willie Charleston Jr. My thought and prayers are with y'all. May you find comfort and strength through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



May 25 at 2:33 PM

CB

Cheryl Bradshaw posted:

Our condolences to the Charleston family and friends. Praying for your strength as you prepare to celebrate a life well loved. Find comfort in knowing when Willie took his last breath on this earth he took his first breath in heaven. Love and hugs to each one of you.

May 24 at 6:19 PM

JC

Jasmine Charleston posted:

Grandpa I miss you like crazy!!! I miss your forehead kisses, I miss your voice, I miss your hugs I just miss it all grandpa! I haven't slept since May 19, 2021 3:11am! I've never experienced hurt like this ever in life I'm not ready to let you go and I don't think I ever will! Our conversations keep me going. Until we meet again Grandpa ❤️

May 24 at 7:47 AM



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WT

Willie Treadway posted:

Willie Charleston He was my best friend I gone to mix him. Sorry he is gone i Prayer for Charleston Family, Willie Treadway

May 22 at 4:42 PM

KN

Kymm Neal posted:

Sending many thoughts and prayers to the Charleston family. You will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️❤️. Kymm Neal (your former mail lady)

May 22 at 4:22 PM

BL

Brenda Lowder lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Sending my Condolences to the Charleston family. Rest in Peace Willie.

May 22 at 12:23 PM



GF

Gibson Family lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 22 at 10:06 AM



KG

Kay Garland-Gray And Dave Gray sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Charleston family.

May 22 at 8:20 AM



FF

From The Stewart Family sent a Blessed Heart to the Charleston family.

May 22 at 6:10 AM





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ST

Sabrina Taylor lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 21 at 10:57 PM



RM

Robert And Bettie Muray lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 21 at 4:54 PM



DF

Douglas W Foster lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 21 at 10:45 AM



DU

Dock & Debra Williams Underwood lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 20 at 1:06 PM



LF

Love, Sis. Teresa Gibson And Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.

In Loving Memory of Bro. Willie Charleston, Jr. , we send to his family our Deepest Sympathy to each of you. He fought a good fight until the very end. Bro. Willie closed his eyes to the pain, suffering and the troubles of this ole world and woke up in Glory. Now his sweet and gentle spirit is Resting in the arms of Jesus in Paradise.

Family know that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot Heal. Grief can be hard, heart are heavy, and those tears have fallen, but reassure that the Lord that you serve will wipe away those tears and give you the very strength during this most challenging and difficult time. Each of you have your own special memories of "Big Willie" that will linger forever in your Hearts. Sis. Sandra may the Lord continue to shower you with his love, and blessings, because you stood by him to the very end as a dedicated and loving wife. So now as you all gather together not to say goodbye, but to rejoice and celebrate a God fearing life well lived. Until you all shall meet again on the other side, May the Lord hold you in the palm of His Hands. Praying for you always.

May 20 at 7:30 AM





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Cathy Moore lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Willie was a great neighbor and friend such a wonderful person he is missed.

May 20 at 9:16 AM



Gloria Bicey lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 20 at 7:56 AM



Lisa Williams lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 20 at 7:30 AM





Media

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May 26 at 9:05 AM



SA

Sherry Avery May 27 at 7:16 AM

Well family...God saw it was time to give Willie his deserved rest from life through death to everlasting life. I am with you all in spirit and praying for your comfort until you are able to reminisce joyfully instead of with sorrow and mourning. Stay prayed up and remember the good times and conversations! Love you all!Cousin Sherry in Dallas



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the **Obituary** album.

November 2 at 11:14 AM

PALLBEARERS
 Alfred Gaudin, Harry Harbick, Lubbock Moore, Harold Foster, Harold Taylor, Bobby Taylor

FLOWER BEARERS
 Friends of his family

INTERMENT
 Westland Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
 We would like to express our heart felt appreciation to your family for the love and support you have shown us during this time of grief. Thank you for your love and support. Your thoughts and prayers were felt by us all. Blessings.
 -The Family of Willie Charleston, Jr.-

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO
 The Office of Johnson Funeral Home
 "Where Memories Live Forever"
 Johnson Chapel, 360 W. Douglas, Dallas, TX 75208
 Johnson Chapel, 3600 W. Douglas, Dallas, TX 75216
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 (214) 763-4000 or (817) 354-6300
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Services: November 26, 1942 - Sunday, May 19, 2021

In Loving Memory Of

Willie Charleston, Jr.

(Houston, May 22, 2021)
 Family Hour: 9:30-11:30 AM - Funeral: 11:00 AM

Second Missionary Baptist Church
 3004 Houston Street
 Dallas, TX 75216 - (972) 433-3300

Pastor: Ronnie J. Gibson, Pastor
 Pastor: Darius Williams, Past. Emer.

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I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
 John 11:25-26

Order of Service

Musical Prelude: _____ Musicians

Processional and Viewing: _____ Clergy, Family & Friends

Prayer: _____ Pastor Darius Williams

Scripture: _____ Minister

Scripture: "Old Testament" _____ Minister

Scripture: "New Testament" _____ Minister

Selection: _____ New Macedonia Church Choir

Acknowledgments, Cards, Telegrams: _____ Cheryl Bradshaw

Remarks: _____ Family and Friends

Selection: "Two Minutes Peace" _____

Selection: _____ New Macedonia Church Choir

Eulogy: _____ Pastor Bennie J. Gibson

Recessional: _____ Clergy, Family and Friends

Musical Postlude: _____ Musicians

*Through every stage of life, you've been my love.
 My beautiful soulmate, and my cherished companion.*

*The man who finds a wife finds a good thing,
 she is a blessing to him from the Lord.
 Proverbs 18:22 TLB*



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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