



Willie James Morgan

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On Thursday, March 28, 2024, Willie James Morgan was called from labor to reward. He was born in Gates, Tennessee on September 1, 1944, to the union of Lenter T. & Lucy Mae Virginia Morgan. Willie was the oldest son of five children. He accepted Christ at an early age. Throughout grammar school and high school, Willie worked with his father and grandfather picking cotton and learning hands-on; how to build/renovate homes. When he did not have a hammer in his hand, he played baseball. He will always be known as the young man who hit the baseball over the high school to win the championship in 1962; that same year Willie graduated from Halls Consolidated High School with a Building Trades Certification.

Willie grew up with and married “THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE” Laura (Lacy) Morgan on December 26, 1967. To this union 3 children were born, and they loved being a blended family of 7, to include Willie’s 2 older children. Seeking and wanting more for himself and family, they migrated to Jackson, Michigan in 1966. His faith journey led him to unite with Lily Missionary Baptist Church where he served faithfully until his death, under the leadership of Pastor James L Hines. Over the years, Willie served in various ministries of the church: usher, security in partnership with his wife, trustee, and food preparation for various church and mission center functions.

Shortly after arriving in Michigan, he began employment at The Malleable/Hayes-Albion Corporation/Harvard Industries in Albion, Michigan; as a General Laborer while enhancing his skillset to become a Heavy Lift Crane Operator. Making utilization of his Building Trades Certification while carrying on the family tradition, Willie maintained full time employment in synchrony with his own business “Willie Morgan Remodeling”. He was prominent for roofing, window and water heater installation, building decks, room additions, concreting driveways, etc. You name it, HE could do it! If he couldn’t, he would gracefully refer you to the most qualified candidate who could!



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Due to unforeseen circumstances related to his full-time position of 35 years, Willie was forced to make a career change and began working for the State of Michigan – Department of Corrections as a contingent Maintenance Worker.

With God's Grace along with enlightenment and career guidance from First Lady Elect Sis. Leontyne Hines, he received a permanent full-time position as a Regional Maintenance Worker. Willie obtained a multitude of certifications that enabled him to raise his classification ranking. He retired from this role after 20 years of service. When Willie was not being a full time employee or had a hammer in his hand, he enjoyed his 2 favorite hobbies: bowling and riding his motorcycles. In his bowling career, he participated in local leagues and in several out-of-state tournaments resulting in one perfect 300 game! In Willie's younger motorcycle riding days, he was a member of the Flint Eagles Motorcycle Club (Albion Chapter). In his more seasoned riding days, he became a member of the Boogie Down Motorcycle Club (Jackson Chapter). He along with his loving wife, Laura and friends have rode all over the continental United States. In his early 70's he rode all the way to California and back!

Never one to sit still, Willie later took up four new hobbies: FISHING, COOKING FISH, DOOR DASHING, and VOTING POLL WORKER! He found so much joy, happiness, and serenity sailing on the Seven Chain of Lakes in Jackson County, that he never bowled or rode his motorcycle again. His favorite food, was simply EVERYTHING! (With exception to his mother's homemade tri-layer coconut cake, that she would freeze and ship to him the next day, this tradition was carried on by his baby sister). Willie and his wife Laura also took great pride in throwing the biggest cookouts with an extensive menu; he enjoyed entertaining family and friends. Willie was no stranger, he became a friend to whomever he came in contact with. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Willie was preceded in death by: grandfather; Bennie Strayhorn, grandmother; Evie Strayhorn, Father; Lenter T. Morgan, Mother; Lucy May Virginia Morgan, brother; Joe Lenter Morgan, Daughter; Leigh Marchel Morgan, and Son; Dante Fernando Morgan.

Willie is survived by his Loving Wife of 56+ years Laura Morgan, Son: Derrick Quinn Morgan, Daughters: Juanita Evette Morgan and Danielle Koren Morgan. (4) Grandchildren: Shia Andrea-Kia Ann Capri Pitts, Cara Cierra Morgan, Derrick Antoine Morgan, and Darius James Morgan; (3) Great Grandchildren: Jordynn Alivia Pitts, Jaida Alexandria Pitts, and Layannah Daniel Morgan; (3) Sisters: Evelyn Joyce Carter, Dorice Loretta (Charles) Love, and baby sister Janice Aniece



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Morgan, Special Uncle Bennie Frank, a host of nieces and nephews. Special friends; J. Louis, Charles Estelle, and Eric Baldwin.



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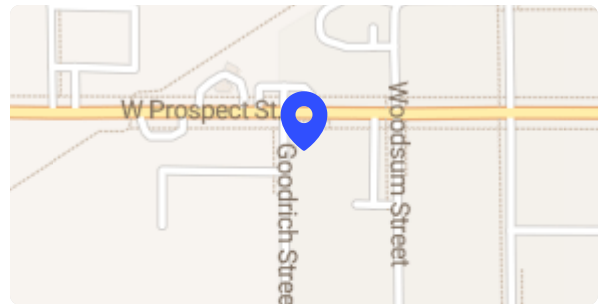
Visitation

Friday, April 12, 2024

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**The House of Johnson Funeral Home-
Jackson Chapel**

235 West Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



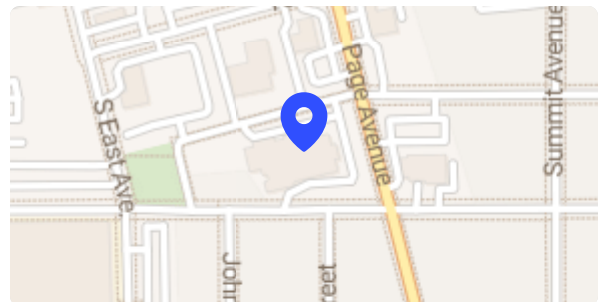
Family Hour

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Lily Baptist Church

1117 W.G. Wade Drive, Jackson MI 49202



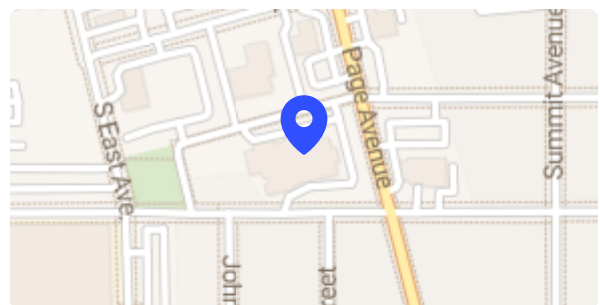
Funeral Service

Saturday, April 13, 2024

11:00 AM ET

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Tribute Wall

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CO

Cora posted:

I will always remember him and family. My deepest sympathy 🙏 praying for strength and comfort.

April 25 at 5:33 AM

CJ

Claudine Marie Jiles sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.



April 23 at 3:59 AM

BR

Bruce L Rockwell posted:

I worked Elections for the city of Jackson with Willie. What a nice gentleman he was. He was also very generous. May Willie James Morgan REST IN PEACE. Prayers to his family and friends-AMEN.

April 21 at 7:26 AM

RW

Rahmecia Wilmer lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Always a smile, kindness, and humor every time I crossed paths with Mr. Morgan. Blessings of Comfort to Mrs. Morgan, Dani, and family from Rahmecia, Terry Jr., and Terrasia. ☐



April 13 at 7:42 AM

JP

Julius & Willye Pigott lit a candle in honor of Willie.



April 12 at 7:24 AM

KF

Kimberly Morgan And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Morgan family.



April 12 at 6:18 AM



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SB

Sandra Bradford lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Sending love, comfort and peace to Laura and the entire family of Mr. Willie James Morgan, affectionately known as "Uncle & Aunt James and Laura." Our close family ties begin in Tennessee, and our families (the late Supt. Wayne Glynn and Martha Glynn Belcher) remained close after migrating to Michigan. We will always remember his quiet loving southern hospitality and his signature loving "grin." He was a man of dignity, class and respect." The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalm 145:18). As you walk through this time of grief, may you know that the Lord walks with you and He will comfort you. Rest in peace Uncle James. Sandra Croom Bradford and family!



April 11 at 8:06 PM

RS

Rose Carter Ballard And Carter Siblings sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Morgan family.



April 11 at 7:12 PM

TF

The Walker And Kirksey Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Morgan family.



April 11 at 11:33 AM

TF

The Walker And Kirksey Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Willie.



April 11 at 11:33 AM

TD

Thomas Davis lit a candle in honor of Willie.



April 10 at 10:10 AM



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Albert And Minnie Peterson sent a Serene Retreat to the Morgan family.

April 10 at 9:47 AM



Mary Sanders And Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Morgan family.

April 10 at 9:38 AM



Your Kentucky Morgan Families sent a Large Basket Garden to the Morgan family.

April 9 at 11:10 PM



Your Kentucky Morgan Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Willie.

April 9 at 11:10 PM



Sandra Croom Bradford & Carla Glynn Jones sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Morgan family.

April 9 at 12:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Morgan family.

April 8 at 4:49 PM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Morgan family.



April 6 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Morgan family.



April 3 at 8:15 AM



Howard & Barbara Cleveland planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Willie.



April 3 at 8:15 AM



Edwin Stemaly posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Good memories of Willie at the Malable.

April 3 at 7:12 AM



Earnestine Lacy April 3 at 10:26 PM

To Lora and children of Willie Morgan my heart is so broken at James passing.words cannot express the hurt.when I married your brother James said to me are you a city slicker I said no sir from that day I fell in love with Willie he loved lacy.he were our friend brother in law leader loved family kept us together cookouts holidays he kept us together.well James I will miss you saying Girl I want you to bake that red velvet cake.thank you sames we love you but God had need of you now rest brother in law.Earnestine Lacy and family.



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Morgan family.



April 3 at 6:14 AM



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JS

Joyce J Spicer lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Oh, so sorry to hear of this, Willie was a great gentleman and helped many in the community of Albion. He worked with diligence and quality while providing the best services. He performed many jobs for our family and I was looking forward to working with him in the future. He seemed to always be busy so I say to his beautiful wife my sincere condolences and may he rest in peace. Servant well done!

April 2 at 12:52 PM



SF

Sis. Teresa Gibson And Family lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Praying for each of you. May your Beloved now Rest in his new home in Paradise with Jesus. He will be surely missed, but his precious memories will linger on forever.

April 2 at 7:43 AM



AF

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

To the Morgan Family, Sending my heartfelt condolences to all of you in your time of sorrow. May the love of God surround you in the days ahead.

April 2 at 5:28 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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