



Mr. Willis ("Ben") Williams

August 7, 1921 - August 27, 2009

Mr. Willis ("Ben") Williams passed away peacefully, Thursday, August 27, 2009, at Heartland Healthcare Center, in Kalamazoo, MI, after a short battle with cancer. Mr. Williams was born August 7, 1921, in Okolona, MS, the son of Ben and Cornelia Williams. Mr. Williams accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Clark Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, in Okolona, MS. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Williams moved to Kalamazoo in 1953. He was employed at Brunswick, until his retirement in 1972. He attended Bible Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Butler. Mr. Williams loved playing bingo, and was an avid bingo player. Mr. Williams was also good at fixing things, from watches to radios. He enjoyed talking to his family about family tree history and shared stories about the military to his family and friends. He also enjoyed gospel music, especially gospel quartets. Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evetta Williams; a brother, Fred and a sister, Inola Jenkins. He leaves to cherish his memories: 2 loving, caring and devoted sisters, Mary Louise Walker of Kalamazoo, MI and Lois Ann Herron of Okolona, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Also, his Heartland Healthcare Center friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

SEP 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willis ("Ben") Williams



Harper Funeral Home - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Willis ("Ben") Williams

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Willis ("Ben") Williams

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Uncle Willis,

Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Sergeants Major Woodrow Jones##imported-end##

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“ THE LORD BLESSED US WITH OUR UNCLE FOR(88) BEATIFUL YEARS HE WILL BE TRULEY MISSED ..UNCLE WAS A VERY POLITE AND NICE MAN TO BE AROUND WE'LL MISS THE ALL THE FAMILY STORIES.....REST IN PEACE.....##imported-begin##THE ABBOTT'S##imported-end##

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“ I helped take care of Mr. Willis for the past 5 years. He has been there with me since I started at Heartland as a CNA, and later transferred to the Activity department. Willis was and will always be one of my favorites. He was a very sweet and caring man who never complained. Once I had my son every time I would see Willis he always asked me, "How's the little one?" He was always grateful and appreciative of what you did for him. He would always say "Thank you very much!" He will truly be missed and there will be a missing link at Heartland, but he will forever be in our hearts. To the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for letting me take care of Willis, it was a pleasure! God Bless.

Holly Patterson###imported-begin##Holly Patterson###imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 11:36 AM