



Willie Lee Campbell

July 29, 1947 - March 14, 2014

Mr. Willie Lee Campbell departed this life on Friday, March 14, 2014 at Kairos Dwelling. He was born on July 29, 1947 in Inverness, MS, the son of Henretta and Robert Campbell Sr. Willie moved to Kalamazoo, MI in 1957. He was a graduate of Central High School and served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Willie began his civilian career at the United States Postal Service and continued with the City of Kalamazoo where he facilitated many community programs and was instrumental in developing programs for the Northside of Kalamazoo. He enjoyed coaching baseball and volunteered with the Little League Baseball Association for several years. In 1972, he was united in marriage to his wife of 41 years, Sadie (Pippin) Campbell. He accepted Christ under the leadership of Pastor Mary Stewart of Temple Bethel House of God.

Willie was known for having many talents. He was an historian – he would accurately recall the facts and the dates of any event! He was a sports commentator – describing the plays of the games with true passion, especially while supporting all of his Detroit teams. He was an entertainer – he loved to dance and had his own signature dance move that his grandkids named “The Willie Dance”. But most importantly, he was Grandpa Willie – who picked up the kids from school, took them to where they needed to go, provided childcare, told them stories and made them laugh.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Henretta and Robert Campbell, Sr., and a sister, Emma Jean Campbell.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Sadie Campbell; son, Anthony (Monica) Campbell, daughter, Felicia (Robert) Cole; four grandchildren, Janice and Sade Campbell, Shàna and Robert Cole Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Khamanni Boyd and Zariyah Pratt all of Kalamazoo; two brothers Robert Campbell Jr. of Kalamazoo, Larry Campbell of Battle Creek; six sisters, Mary Helen Campbell, Mamie Campbell, and Loretta Campbell Bates all of Kalamazoo, Rachel Campbell of Minnesota, Barbara Covington of Georgia, and Rebecca (Randy) Campbell Spaulding of Florida; two special aunts Mary Stredrick and Doretha Nash of Illinois, two brother-in-laws James (Pauline) Pippin and Otha (Cheryl) Pippin, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park (Interment with Military Honors)

4037 South Westnedge
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
804 W. North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Harper Funeral Home - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Willie Lee Campbell

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Willie Lee Campbell

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Loretta Bates lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Loretta Bates - May 28, 2016 at 02:40 AM



Still missing you....Thus, I shall never forget you, dear brother...1LOVE

Loretta Bates - May 28, 2016 at 02:41 AM

LB

“ Loretta Campbell Bates lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Loretta Campbell Bates - November 30, 2014 at 08:44 AM

LB

“ My brother Willie and I became real close. I thank God for the time we shared together. You will be missed...Everyday you still come to my thoughts!!! Take your rest Willie Lee. God only takes the best for His Garden. RIH my brother. Please know we all will miss you.

Loretta Campbell Bates - November 30, 2014 at 08:41 AM



“ In remembrance of my (our) brother Willie Lee Campbell



In Loving Memory A lot of people passed away too early... Without a reason... When we look at the sky we like the thought that they look back at us. We remember them often... In the morning... In the night... When we look at the stars... A date... A song... A place... A smell... In memory of those who left us... to those gone but not forgotten!.. Also in Remembrance of our sister (Dee Dee Campbell) you're not forgotten.

Rachel Campbell - April 19, 2014 at 09:07 PM



“ Rachel Campbell lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Rachel Campbell - April 19, 2014 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rachel Campbell - April 19, 2014 at 07:55 PM

RC

“ To my brother Willie in remembrance of :
In Loving Memory A lot of people passed away too early... Without a reason... When we look at the sky we like the thought that they look back at us. We remember them often...
In the morning... In the night... When we look at the stars... A date... A song... A place... A smell... In memory of those who left us... Also in remembrance of our sister (Dee Dee Campbell)...to those gone but not forgotten!..



Rachel Campbell - April 19, 2014 at 07:53 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



loretta bates - March 28, 2014 at 09:41 PM

RR

“ Regina Russell lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Regina Russell - March 24, 2014 at 10:13 AM

MS

“ Martha Honey Sibley lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell



Martha Honey Sibley - March 21, 2014 at 08:50 PM



“ For Willie and Sadie Campbell and his wonderful family. Love and prayers from Becky (Campbell) Spaulding and Randy Spaulding.



Rebecca Campbell Spaulding - March 21, 2014 at 04:50 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell*



PATTERSON FAMILY - March 21, 2014 at 09:31 AM

LB

“ *Loretta Bates lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell*



Loretta Bates - March 20, 2014 at 09:22 PM

ES

“ *Dear sister Sadie Campbell, We, my family and I, share our deepest sympathy with you and your family. It is hard to lose a love one, but God always knows best. He will take care of you and your family in the absence of your love one. We pray that God will continue to give you strength, faith, and hope in Him. We love you and may God bless you. Yours in Christ, Elder Della Spurlock-Redding and family.*

Eldella Spurlock-Redding - March 20, 2014 at 04:56 PM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - March 20, 2014 at 03:17 AM



“ *Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Campbell*



Laverne Jones - March 19, 2014 at 12:40 AM