



Willie James Mitchell Jr.

July 29, 1973 - September 16, 2013

Willie James Mitchell Jr. departed this life suddenly September 16, 2013 at Borgess Medical Center. He was born July 29, 1973, in Kalamazoo, MI. He was a 1991 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School. Willie was baptized at an early age by his father, James William Mitchell Sr., who was the pastor of Lively Stone Apostolic Church.

Willie was employed at Western Michigan University and was also voted in as Vice President of the Union. He loved working at Western and being a part of the union at his place of employment.

Willie enjoyed fishing--so much that he could fish everyday if possible! He always said fishing helped him to relax and relieve stress. Willie loved people and was a friend to everyone that he met. He was a hard-worker and had an entrepreneurial spirit--working together with a close friend to start a small lawn care business. He was a wonderful son and we all loved him dearly.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a son, Willie James Mitchell III of Kalamazoo, MI; his parents, James William and Marian Mitchell of Long Beach, CA (formerly of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, MI); 2 sisters, Angela (Lawrence) Cegers and Tonya Kirk, both of Kalamazoo, MI; 1 niece, Yaniesha Kirk; 2 nephews, Yancey Kirk and Devon Mitchell of Kalamazoo, MI and a host of aunts, cousins and friends who loved him dearly.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Temple Church
3498 N. 26th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie James Mitchell Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Willie James Mitchell Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Shirley Bishop lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



shirley bishop - September 29, 2013 at 11:16 PM



“ *S Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



S Jones family - September 27, 2013 at 09:06 AM

SF

“ S. Jones & Family lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



S. Jones & family - September 27, 2013 at 09:03 AM

NS

“ I only knew Willie a short time while working at WMU. He was always a person of great character and enjoyed life to the fullest. Condolences his family he will be missed.

Nathan Stonerock - September 27, 2013 at 03:41 AM

DM

“ You were more than a friend you were my BROTHER. You had a very protective side to you that was like no other. I know that you are at rest, and I not only tell you in these words as I so often told you when you walked this earth. Thank You for Loving me.

Donna Martin - September 26, 2013 at 06:48 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gordon lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Kelly Gordon - September 26, 2013 at 06:28 PM

KG

In Loving Memory of my God Brother!

Kelly Gordon - September 26, 2013 at 06:29 PM

LJ

“ Sorry for your loss of your son, brother, father, friend, Will will surly be missed. Praying for the Mitchell Family!

Laverne Jones - September 26, 2013 at 03:45 PM

SC

Condolences to the Mitchell family..Will will b truly missed..

Shantone Davis Couthen - September 27, 2013 at 09:12 PM

SB

“ Skip Bladen lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Skip Bladen - September 26, 2013 at 11:53 AM

YU

“ When my office was located in Faunce Student Services I had many opportunities to talk with Will about his work and family. I send heartfelt wishes of comfort to Will's family. His smile, presence and smooth working style made our office space a brighter place to be for staff and students. Thank you will. Your work and time with us was appreciated.

Yvonne Unrau

Yvonne Unrau - September 26, 2013 at 09:35 AM

KT

“ Will "Junie" Mitchell it seems like yesterday that you were just telling me not to move and keep your boys from you. I miss you so much and me and the boys will always love you, keep you in our hearts and cherish you forever. Miss you Will!

Kenyana "Peanut" Thompson - September 26, 2013 at 08:58 AM

DF

“ *Denise Peake & Family lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Denise Peake & Family - September 26, 2013 at 08:24 AM

SU

“ *Angie*
So sorry for your loss. WOW he looks just like you. No doubt you are related. Only met him once but knowing you, I know he was a sweet man. You and your family are in my thoughts as you having been processing this and the months to come.
God Bless
Susan

Susan - September 26, 2013 at 07:50 AM



“ *Angela Stacy lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Angela Stacy - September 25, 2013 at 10:41 PM

GC

“ *Gigi Coleman & Jamel Coleman lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Gigi Coleman & Jamel Coleman - September 25, 2013 at 08:33 PM

KT

“ Will, I can and will carry you as more than a best friend. You are a great man and no one has the ability to fill those shoes. I could count on you for anything but what I will miss the most is your honest words. You wouldn't sugar coat anything and that's what I love most. The boys and I will forever love and remember Uncle/Daddy Will.

Kenyana "Peanut" Thompson - September 25, 2013 at 07:09 PM

BP

“ Barb Phillips lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Barb Phillips - September 25, 2013 at 05:56 PM

DK

“ My Thoughts and Prayers to Babbette and the family.

Debbie Kline - September 25, 2013 at 05:53 PM

RM

“ Robert M. purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of Willie James Mitchell Jr..



Robert M. - September 25, 2013 at 05:12 PM

MR

“ *Michelle Ray lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Michelle Ray - September 24, 2013 at 05:10 PM

CM

“ *Carol Mountjoy lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Carol Mountjoy - September 24, 2013 at 02:03 PM

TR

“ *Will was my Buddy and I will always Luvv him, Im more sorry for ur loss.I will never forget him and always luvv him. Treva*

Treva - September 24, 2013 at 12:31 PM

CW

“ *My heart goes out to the Mitchell family Will was a big brother to me... As well as Tom I just want to say that I was blessed to have both of them as big brothers and the Whitfield family is praying and Will is never gone or will he be forgotten...he still lives upon us...*

curtis whitfield - September 24, 2013 at 11:07 AM

WD

“ *Rest in peace Willie.*



Warren Dandridge - September 24, 2013 at 10:22 AM

LJ

“ *Will was one of the coolest, funniest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I will cherish forever our friendship and all the good times and laughs we shared over the years. My heart is hurt more than words can describe. Godspeed ma boy.*



LaToya Jones - September 24, 2013 at 05:47 AM

SC

“ *To Elder And Sis Mitchell, words could never express the sadness felt at this time, but may GOD BLESS YOU WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF STRENGTH FOR THIS TIME;*



SHARON & WILBUR CHAPMAN - September 23, 2013 at 11:48 PM

HC

“ *To the Mitchell family, May God comfort & give you peace. Sylvester & Herberta*



Herberta Carver - September 23, 2013 at 05:48 PM

SC

“ So sorry for your loss, may GOD grant you strength. Sharon Lee Chapman

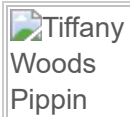
sharon chapman - September 23, 2013 at 05:46 PM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Karest Willis-Brown - September 23, 2013 at 12:44 PM



“ 21 Jump St!!! You always had a smile or pleasant word. You will be missed.



Tiffany Woods Pippin - September 23, 2013 at 06:41 AM

DC

“ Diayhnnne(DeeDee) And Jaidyn Carver lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Diayhnnne(DeeDee) and Jaidyn Carver - September 22, 2013 at 08:31 PM

DC

“ *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord! My heart and prayers go out to the family... "weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning" Will he will truly be missed, he had a good heart and was a genuine person. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers, let me know if I can do anything.*

Diayhnnne(DeeDee) and Jaidyn Carver - September 22, 2013 at 08:30 PM

PW

“ *Pam Wine lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Pam Wine - September 22, 2013 at 04:32 PM

VB

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



vicky burns - September 22, 2013 at 09:48 AM



“ *Jeanette Evans lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Jeanette Evans - September 21, 2013 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ James Burch lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



James Burch - September 21, 2013 at 11:25 AM



“ Angela Stacy lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Angela Stacy - September 21, 2013 at 01:55 AM

PR

“ You will be missed

Phyllis Robinson - September 21, 2013 at 01:34 AM

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Phyllis Robinson - September 21, 2013 at 01:34 AM

SJ

“ Stephanie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Stephanie Johnson - September 20, 2013 at 05:21 PM

DD

“ Donna DeVries lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Donna DeVries - September 20, 2013 at 03:12 PM

CS

“ Willie will be very much missed .

connie slater - September 20, 2013 at 01:54 PM

A1

“ AFSCME Local 1668 lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



AFSCME Local 1668 - September 20, 2013 at 12:08 PM

DC

“ The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Will you will be missed so much, I thank God that I was blessed to have such a great friend in you. Never judging and always keeping it real. To the family..."weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning." Will was a great friend and I/ we will miss him. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Until we meet again my dear friend, memories, laughs and crying all at the same time...love you.



Diayhne(DeeDee) and Jaidyn Carver - September 20, 2013 at 11:54 AM

GM

“ *Gloria Moon lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Gloria Moon - September 20, 2013 at 11:10 AM

GL

“ *Gloria lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



Gloria - September 20, 2013 at 11:09 AM

LD

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Will. I will miss his coming into our office for visits. I have a habit of nicknaming people I know and because of his bald head, I had nicknamed him "Kojak". Will was like a big gentle giant, with a warm personality and a heart for people. It saddened me to hear of his passing, but when a soul is required in heaven, we must go. He will be sorely missed.*
Luacia Dixon



Luacia Dixon - September 20, 2013 at 10:28 AM

SG

“ Shirley Greer lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Shirley Greer - September 20, 2013 at 10:16 AM

DS

“ Denise & Sean Scott lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Denise & Sean Scott - September 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM

TR

“ Traci lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Traci - September 20, 2013 at 09:23 AM

HH

“ Our heart was saddened to hear of the passing of Will he was a part of our family since meeting our son at DHL we will miss seeing him out front waiting to go fishing with Von Will you will be greatly missed.
Mr & Mrs Herbert Higgins



herbert higgins - September 20, 2013 at 09:05 AM

MM

“ Margaret Magallon lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



margaret magallon - September 20, 2013 at 04:54 AM

LJ

“ Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Laverne Jones - September 20, 2013 at 04:19 AM

KH

“ Great guy..we hit it off from the start way back in high school. Praying God's comfort for the family.

Khalimah - September 19, 2013 at 07:47 PM

NY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nyrie - September 19, 2013 at 07:40 PM



I remember that day lol I will too miss my dear friend...prayers going up for the family to have strength R.I.P Will

Martin Shelley - September 25, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss Will was a amazing young man. He cared about people and he touched many lives. I will miss cooking him breakfast in the mornings at work.

margaret magallon - September 19, 2013 at 06:02 PM

GH

“ Gwen Holmes lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



Gwen Holmes - September 19, 2013 at 03:49 PM

JD

“ May you all be comforted in this time of need.



Joyce Dixon - September 19, 2013 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ Shirley lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.



shirley - September 19, 2013 at 01:25 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Willie James Mitchell Jr.*



arlene Buchanan - September 19, 2013 at 12:57 PM