



Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen

August 13, 1946 - July 15, 2018

****NOTE: FUNERAL TIMES & LOCATION LISTED BELOW****

Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen, lovingly known as “Momma Dean” departed this life peacefully on Sunday, July 15, 2018. She was born August 13, 1946, the first child of the late William Abbott Sr. and Mary Louise Walker in Okolona, MS. She moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan with her parents when she was four years old. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Second Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, under the leadership of Rev. Warfield. She later joined Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Mabry Gardner, where she sang in the choir. Willie attended Lincoln School and later graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. She was employed for many years in the healthcare field.

Willie loved to use the best gift God gave her and that was singing. She was the founder of the Heavenly Angels Quartette. She also was a member of the Silveraires and The Gospelettes.

Along with using her gift of singing, Willie enjoyed cooking for her family and friends.

In 1963, Willie moved to Racine, WS with her husband, Thomas Allen who preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Desirae Mullen; her father William Abbott Sr.; her stepfather, Woodrow Walker; grandparents, Cornelius Williams and Robert Sample; mother-in-law, Trully B. Farr; father-in-law, Homer Lee Mullen; godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Slaughter; four brothers, William and Robert Abbott and Albert and Earnest Walker; 3 sisters, Jonell Abbott, Shirley Ruth Lezine, and Mary Katherine Crouthers; 2 nephews, Daemond Burns and Lazell Abbott; and 1 great granddaughter, Gabrielle, 3 brother-in-laws, Ed Mullen, Andrew Mullen both of Racine, WS and John Wilson of Milwaukee, WS; and one sister-in-law, Madie Beatrice Riley of Racine, WS.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Mary Louise Walker; husband, Romer Lee Mullen; 8 children, Gayla, Sheila, Romie (Jamila), Anthony, Terriell (Valerie), and Lavonda Mullen all of Kalamazoo, MI; Rochelle Mullen of Racine, WS and Lacresha Mullen of Nashville, TN; two brothers, Charles (Lorraine) and Michael (Valerie); 3 sisters, Doris Abbott and Minnie Gordon and Barbara (Archy) Crouthers of Okolona, MS; 31 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren that were dear to her heart: Daquarion Allen and Aunautica Boyd; 2 aunts, Aretha Abbott and Mayballene Blackmon; and Louis Herron of Okolona, MS; 2 sister-in-laws, Joann Wilson of Milwaukee, WS and Lillie Mullen of Racine, WS and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends, which includes her special friends who live in Mobile, Alabama. Also, Sabrina Marshall, who took time to give special care for Willie.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JUL 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *To the Mullen & Abbott family, sending my Love, Condolences, & Prayers*❤️

Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ *Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *My condolences to The Abbott & Mullen Family*💕

Crystal Bell - September 15, 2018 at 07:46 AM

SM

“ Sabrina Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Sabrina Marshall - July 25, 2018 at 06:43 AM



“ Jayjay Cicotte lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Jayjay Cicotte - July 24, 2018 at 08:26 PM

BJ

“ Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Bari Brown Jr - July 24, 2018 at 12:09 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Dallas Boards and family - July 24, 2018 at 11:14 AM

TM

“ *Timmie McElrath lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Timmie McElrath - July 24, 2018 at 10:43 AM

CP

“ *Cerita Plair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Cerita Plair - July 24, 2018 at 10:34 AM

CP

I like to send my condolences to the Mullen family from the Plair family sorry to hear about your loss but, God called her home to be with him Dean pain is gone forever and God love her first may God continue to shine his light on the family and give them comfort and peace of mine May God Bless the family at this time of need. She was a good singer whom she share her voice with Mr. Plair and his group. The Plair family

Cerita Plair - July 24, 2018 at 10:41 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Mignon Vincent - July 24, 2018 at 03:43 AM

HE

“ Sending our most deepest condolences to:

Mrs. Willie Mae Mullen Family.

*We love you all! "Keep looking toward the hill,
for which cometh your help"!!!*

She's singing in the heavenly choir now.... Love all!

*The Moore Family: Rev. Wilbert Moore, Betty Moore, Tammie
Moore Barnes, Helen Moore Randle and Nicole Moore McDaniels.*



Helen - July 24, 2018 at 12:44 AM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Willie Dean Mullen*



Lola Streeter - July 23, 2018 at 07:39 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Pauline Gardner - July 23, 2018 at 02:20 PM

FA

“ *Brenda Tye & Family (Florida)*



FayeMorris - July 23, 2018 at 02:06 PM

GA

“ *Gayle Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Gayle allen - July 23, 2018 at 10:12 AM

GA

“ *Gayle Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Gayle allen - July 23, 2018 at 10:11 AM

NG

“ *NATASHA GREEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



NATASHA GREEN - July 23, 2018 at 07:15 AM

RG

“ *Renaforde Owens Jr-Atlanta GA lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Renaforde Owens Jr-Atlanta GA - July 22, 2018 at 02:51 PM

LM

“ *Lillie Mullen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Lillie Mullen - July 22, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Karest Willis Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Karest Willis Brown - July 22, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *rip mama dean* 🍷🍷



Darquarion Allen - July 22, 2018 at 01:33 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen.*



July 21, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ *Cathy Dobbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Cathy Dobbs - July 21, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Niec Y Orr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Niec y Orr - July 21, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *Charles And Lorraine Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Charles and Lorraine Abbott - July 21, 2018 at 03:48 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Mark G. Justice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Rev. Mark G. Justice - July 21, 2018 at 01:09 PM

BF

“ *Bridgette Tye And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*




Bridgette Tye and Family - July 21, 2018 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ *Tye Family(Racine) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Tye Family(Racine) - July 21, 2018 at 12:22 PM


Yolanda
Nisey

“ *The Smile, the laughter, the singing, the life, We Love You, RIHP..sincerely..MaryJean. Thelma, Patricia, Main & Nisey.*



Yolanda Nisey - July 21, 2018 at 12:03 PM

WF

“ Sang Dean, 'cause I know that's what you're up there doing 😊
R.I.H



Wendy Fields - July 21, 2018 at 07:47 AM

MR

“ "Rest in Peace" Dear sweet Mrs. Mullen...



Marie and ReaShaad - July 21, 2018 at 05:12 AM

TF

“ The Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



The Walker Family - July 20, 2018 at 10:53 PM

LM

“ Lisa Morris - Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Lisa Morris - Moore - July 20, 2018 at 08:40 PM

LW

“ *Lola Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Lola Woods - July 20, 2018 at 07:37 PM

CW

“ *Chiquona Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Chiquona Walker - July 20, 2018 at 06:55 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Selena Walker - July 20, 2018 at 06:25 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Selena Walker - July 20, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ *That was my grandmother I will always miss her she was loved by everyone who knew her rip MoMA dean*



Jonell Allen - July 20, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Kevin Dunigan - July 20, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ *Tanya Abbott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Tanya Abbott - July 20, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ *mama dean i will alway love you and you still in my heart and i know you in a better place love you great great grandson quay and rest in heaven*

Darquarion Allen - July 20, 2018 at 03:14 PM

OF

“ *Odie & Michelle Dancer Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Odie & Michelle Dancer Family - July 20, 2018 at 01:31 PM

AR

“ *Allean Rancifer-Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Allean Rancifer-Lewis - July 20, 2018 at 09:57 AM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Helen Word - July 20, 2018 at 06:28 AM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS&FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS&FAMILY - July 20, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen.*



July 19, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ *Candace Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Candace Allen - July 19, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *Lola Woods
I will always Love you Dean*



Wonda Clark - July 19, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ *Wonda Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Wonda Clark - July 19, 2018 at 08:41 PM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Lola Streeter - July 19, 2018 at 07:15 PM

AS

“ *Alexia Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Alexia Snell - July 19, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ *Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Lucile Johnson - July 19, 2018 at 05:38 PM

GS

“ *Gaila Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



gaila smith - July 19, 2018 at 04:24 PM

BJ

“ *Bonnie Jonesbrandon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Bonnie jonesbrandon - July 19, 2018 at 04:23 PM

GS

“ *CLAUDIA SMITH &FAMILY*



gaila smith - July 19, 2018 at 04:22 PM

TM

“ *Troy&Kathy murray*



Troy&Kathy murray - July 19, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ *Tanya Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Tanya Abbott - July 19, 2018 at 02:59 PM

JT

“ Jessica Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Jessica Taylor - July 19, 2018 at 02:19 PM

JA

“ Jerry And Tina Avery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Jerry and Tina Avery - July 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM

TH

“ Tanya Hollin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Tanya Hollin - July 19, 2018 at 09:21 AM

VA

“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



Victor & Margo Anderson - July 19, 2018 at 06:31 AM

JD

“ *Juanita Perry and Daughters purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen.*



Juanita Perry and Daughters - July 18, 2018 at 09:54 PM

MF

“ *Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Mattie Fields and Family - July 18, 2018 at 09:00 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Earline Fields - July 18, 2018 at 08:57 PM

RW

“ *Reyond & Jeanetta Walker-Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Reyond & Jeanetta Walker-Hamilton - July 18, 2018 at 06:55 PM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Willie Dean Mullen



Betty Ford - July 18, 2018 at 03:36 PM

GS

“ George And Gwen Smith lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen



George and Gwen Smith - July 18, 2018 at 01:33 PM

BA

“ BarbaraPhillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Willie Dean Mullen



BarbaraPhillips - July 18, 2018 at 01:05 PM

LJ

“ Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Willie Dean Mullen



Laverne Jones - July 18, 2018 at 12:13 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



PATTERSON FAMILY - July 18, 2018 at 10:23 AM

JD

“ *JoAnn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



JoAnn Dixon - July 18, 2018 at 08:49 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - July 18, 2018 at 07:14 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



The Daniel Family - July 18, 2018 at 07:13 AM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Minister Flora Walker - July 18, 2018 at 07:02 AM

LP

“ *Aunt Dean you will be truly missed Rest In Heaven*



LaKeysha Pratt - July 17, 2018 at 10:09 PM

AL

“ *My condolences to the family.*
Alice

Alice - July 17, 2018 at 09:11 PM

AL

“ *Alice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Alice - July 17, 2018 at 09:08 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Dean Mullen*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - July 17, 2018 at 08:02 PM