



Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White

August 23, 1937 - December 23, 2015

Mr. Willie L. "Joe" White went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. He was born September 1, 1937 in Prairie Point, Mississippi, the son of the late Sherrod and Emma Bell White.

Joe accepted Jesus as his personal Savior at an early age. He moved to Kalamazoo in 1961. He was employed with Interfaith Homes for over 25 years as a Night Manager. Later he was employed at the Harper Funeral Home as Funeral Associate/Driver.

Joe was a family man. He loved his family immensely, doing things with his children as often as he could. He loved waiting on and working diligently for the Lord. Joe's life was dedicated to helping and praying for as many people as he could.

His favorite activities were: fishing, cooking, and spending time conversing with young people to help in guiding them with a hope that they would find the right direction in life. He also enjoyed bowling and was a member of the TNBA league for over 20 years, during which he once bowled his highest game of 298! He will greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by six brothers: Wilford, Cleophus, Sherrod Jr., Amos Sr., David, Rev. Nathaniel White Sr., and one sister, Isabell Stevenson.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 24 years, Bertha M. White. His legacy will continue to live on in his children: Geneva (Henry) Bates Sr. of Grand Rapids, MI; Willie (Janet) of Toledo, OH; Laurie of Atlanta, GA; Jerry (Sandy); Rodney (Karol) and Serena all of Kalamazoo, MI. He also leaves to cherish his memory: brother, Robert (Minnie) White of Kalamazoo, MI; four sisters, Quince (Willie) Tate of Prairie Point, MS; Mard Nabors, Ida Ruth Newman and Augusta White all of Kalamazoo, MI; 27 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, in addition to the many nieces, nephews, other family members, friends and the many associates that he befriended during his lifetime. Also, a REAL true friend, John Davis, who he's known for many years.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

A Homegoing Celebration

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Harper Funeral Home - January 02, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Elizabeth Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Elizabeth Tucker - July 03, 2016 at 05:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Tucker - April 15, 2016 at 04:49 PM



I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH UNCLE JOE! GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.

Elizabeth Tucker - July 03, 2016 at 05:21 AM

MJ

“ Myra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Myra Jones - February 02, 2016 at 12:29 PM

ET

“ Elizabeth Coleman Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Elizabeth Coleman Tucker - February 01, 2016 at 11:29 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Earline Fields - January 04, 2016 at 03:51 PM

KB

“ *Mr. White has been apart of my life my entire life.. Growing up in Patwood giving him a hard time, to laughing and picking with him about him having on Sunday socks pulled up to his knees with shorts on. He was a loving and caring man and I'll never forget him and the role that he played in my life. R.I.P Mr. White Gone but never forgotten*

Kizzy Bradford - January 04, 2016 at 02:31 PM

LA

“ *To the family of Mr. Willie (Joe) White. Our prayers and thoughts are with you on this day! May you embrace God's comfort and love even more during your time of sorrow. Much Love, Larence and Sherry Anderson.*



Larence Anderson - January 04, 2016 at 08:05 AM

BF

“ To the family of Joe White: We are so saddened by the passing of Joe. He was a wonderful, loving, and kind man. He had a contagious smile that would brighten any situation. Our memories are many and span over decades, but our most recent memory was just this summer when we saw him at church; there he was with that beautiful smile! He will be sorely missed. May God's love strengthen you during this time of loss, and may you be comforted in knowing that you'll see him again in glory!!!! "Look to the hills from which cometh your help". We love you and are praying for you.
The Barnes family..(Meshach, Darrah, Arva, & Benita)



Barnes Family - January 03, 2016 at 10:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 03, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - January 02, 2016 at 10:56 PM



“ *Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



ramona lumpkin - January 02, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ *A praying man, we will miss uncle Joe.*



Janet White - January 02, 2016 at 10:12 PM

MW

“ *Ms Flora Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Ms Flora Walker - January 02, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Lillie Cotton - January 02, 2016 at 06:22 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Edith Gardner - January 02, 2016 at 02:44 PM

WJ

“ *William And Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



William and Laverne Jones - December 31, 2015 at 08:57 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Modean Reeves - December 30, 2015 at 07:30 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Modean Reeves - December 30, 2015 at 07:27 PM

MR

Ourr prayers are with your Family at this time. May God give you strenght

Modean Reeves - December 30, 2015 at 07:28 PM

MR

From Hattie Head and Family. A long time neighbor and Friend will be missed by all.

Modean Reeves - December 30, 2015 at 07:33 PM



From Sylvester and Herberta Carver. RIP My Dear friend, our prayers go up for you and your family.

Sylvester Carver - January 01, 2016 at 12:29 PM

SC

From Sylvester and Herberta Carver. RIP Our dear friend, our prayers go up for you and your family.

Sylvester Carver - January 01, 2016 at 01:09 PM

WW

“ WC And Alicia White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



WC and Alicia White - December 30, 2015 at 06:10 PM

BP

“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Barbara Phillips - December 30, 2015 at 04:50 PM

JK

“ Joannie Kyles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Joannie Kyles - December 30, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White.



December 30, 2015 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ *THE PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



THE PATTERSON FAMILY - December 30, 2015 at 10:44 AM

TP

“ *THE PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



THE PATTERSON - December 30, 2015 at 10:44 AM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the White family. Joe was a wonderful bowler and we had so much fun with him.*



Mary Johnson - December 30, 2015 at 08:49 AM

CW

“ *Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Carolyn Walker - December 29, 2015 at 08:38 PM

MS

“Michelle Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Michelle Snell - December 29, 2015 at 05:07 PM

CF

“Charlene & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Charlene & family - December 29, 2015 at 01:10 PM

MW

“Michael & Barbara Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Michael & Barbara Watson - December 29, 2015 at 11:44 AM

JE

“Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Jo Ann Embrey - December 29, 2015 at 11:27 AM

CM

“ *May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding.*



Charise McPherson - December 28, 2015 at 06:15 PM

KS

“ *Karl White Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Karl White Sr - December 28, 2015 at 05:15 PM

BH

“ *Birletta Bean Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Birletta Bean Hardeman - December 28, 2015 at 05:08 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Boards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Dallas Boards - December 28, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Karest Willis-Brown - December 27, 2015 at 11:17 PM

AF

“ *Arlene Buchanan And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Arlene Buchanan and Family - December 27, 2015 at 10:09 PM

RW

“ *RJ&Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



RJ&Anita wilkerson - December 27, 2015 at 08:12 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Boards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Dallas Boards - December 27, 2015 at 07:44 PM

HT

“ Hazel Tellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Hazel Tellis - December 27, 2015 at 05:16 PM

NB

“ Nancy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Nancy Buchanan - December 27, 2015 at 02:51 PM

BH

“ Birletta Bean Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Birletta Bean Hardeman - December 27, 2015 at 12:19 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White



Pauline Gardner - December 26, 2015 at 12:14 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie L. ("Joe") White*



Alma Snell - December 25, 2015 at 10:10 PM