



## Arthur Williams, Sr.

April 16, 1927 - January 19, 2015

Deacon Arthur Williams, Sr. passed away on January 19, 2015 after a lengthy illness at the age of 87 years. He was born April 16, 1927 in Birmingham, Alabama to Isaih and Emma Williams, who preceded him in death.

Deacon Williams was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He moved to Saginaw, MI in 1951. He was one of the founding and lifelong members of Prince of Peace Baptist Church in Saginaw, MI, starting under the leadership of Rev. K.M. Merkerson. He was later ordained as a Deacon of Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church and actively served as an instructor for the Sunday School and Laymen. Later, under the leadership of Pastor Robert B. Corley, Jr., he actively served on the Board of Deacons. Deacon Williams was employed and retired from the General Motors Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant, where he served as a Committee Man, and was a member of UAW Local 668.

One of his greatest enjoyments was sports, especially baseball. He used to practice with the great Willie Mays. He participated in the Golden Gloves Boxing competitions in Chicago, IL, later moving on to win an undefeated championship in Saginaw, MI. He enjoyed people and anyone that came into his space. Everyone was known as “Stick”, which he said meant, “Stick Together”.

Deacon Williams married twice in his lifetime. His first marriage was to Lula

Mae (Sams) Williams, who preceded him in death but left him to cherish seven sons: Ezzard C. Williams, Darnell L. Williams, Arthur (Irene) Williams, Jr. of Lawrenceville, GA, Esper (Jacklyn) Williams, Rundy L. (Debra Jones) Williams, Warren E. (Sharon) Williams and Tyrane (Pearline) Williams, all of Grand Rapids, MI. His second wife of 38 years, Willie Louise (Lake) Williams, also preceded him in death but left him to cherish five stepchildren: Georgel L. Wilson, Lathan L. (Kimberly) Wilson, Jerome (Regina) Wilson, Lucille (Austin) Hicks and Brenda K. (Charlie L.) Wilson-Dillard, all of Saginaw, MI.

Deacon Williams leaves behind one brother, Napoleon Williams, Sr.; and two nieces that he and his siblings have raised, Cathaline "Bitty" Williams and Catherine "Fat" Williams. He was blessed to have 17 grandchildren, Sonia Payne, Stacey Conway-Pritchett, Twana Williams, Darnell Williams, Jr., Arthur Williams III, Adrain Williams, Warren Williams, Jason Vaughn, TaMeshia Vaughn, Marcell Williams, Sharonda Williams, LeKeyshia Williams, Michelle Williams, Rundy Jr., Esper Jr., Yvonne Smith and Jasmine Smith; 22 step-grandchildren, Jawhan Hardy, whom he raised, Tasima L. Johnson, Tanya L. Wilson, Tequila Holloway-Cornelious, Shalon Wilson, Bobby, Benny, David and Curtis Harrell, Janice Harrell-Merriweather, Tarnisha Jackson, Johni Allen, Fashonta Coleman, Kenny Brown, Jr., DeAngelo Trice, Marcel L. Wilson, Kemothe J. Green, Jericia Wilson, Austin Orange, Kori J. Wilson and Katlyn Williams; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a very dear niece and two nephews, Loretta King, Clarence (Louise) Williams and Raymond Hicks. Deacon Williams also leaves behind, a dear daughter-in-law, Linda Lambert; five sisters-in-law, Doris Sams of Birmingham, AL, Jeanette Sams and Peoria Sams of Chicago, IL, Josephine Neal and Janie Ferguson of Saginaw, MI; one brother-in-law, David Lake of Chicago, IL; very dear neighbors and friends, Abbey (Sophia) Guzman, Carlos (Gloria) Garcia, and Milton Gates of Grand Rapids, MI; and many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Williams and Darnell L. Williams; one grandchild, Twana Williams; siblings, Rose Mae Williams, Lloyd Williams, Bernice Williams, Esper Williams, Zettie Belle Williams, Catherine Williams, Isaiah Williams, Jr. and Luther Williams, his twin brother; many aunts and uncles; one son-in-law; 11 sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 at Prince of Peace Baptist Church, 725 North 24th Street. Pastor R.B. Corley, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present for a family hour from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JAN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Baptist Church  
725 North 24th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - January 30, 2015 at 08:54 AM

AR

*What a beautiful tribute to your Dad!!! These will be memories to hold on to and cherish for a lifetime! God bless you and your family, and may Mr. Williams rest in perfect peace!!!*

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**AJ Robinson** - February 11, 2015 at 08:31 PM

TW

*my dad*

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**tyrane williams** - February 12, 2015 at 02:21 PM



*My GOD-FATHER rest in peace Daddy Arthur I love you*

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**Michael Jacobs** - May 05, 2015 at 08:57 PM



*Great*

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**Frank Johnson** - March 17 at 02:46 AM



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**Arthur Williams** - March 03, 2015 at 06:17 PM

MB

*A lovely and priceless picture of your parents. The showing of true love. <3*

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**Mrs.Debra Bryant-McFadden** - April 03, 2015 at 12:25 PM

TW

“ *Tanya Wolson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**tanya wolson** - January 31, 2015 at 05:51 PM

MB

“ *Mrs.Debra Bryant-McFadden lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Mrs.Debra Bryant-McFadden** - January 31, 2015 at 12:38 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Jeanette Champion** - January 29, 2015 at 09:42 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - January 24, 2015 at 11:06 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Parham-Daison lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Cynthia Parham-Daison** - January 24, 2015 at 09:31 PM

TC

“ *Trent Conway lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Trent Conway** - January 24, 2015 at 11:11 AM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Barbara Kemp-Lauria** - January 24, 2015 at 10:46 AM

KH

“ *Kunitha Hicks lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Kunitha Hicks** - January 24, 2015 at 10:11 AM

SL

“ *My condolences to the Williams family! I remember one of the last times talking with Pop was in Bham at Bitty house when I was in college. He was a very kind man! Rest in Peace and you can finally meet the other Lockett's in heaven while watching over us.*

*Shauntae Lockett-Lewis*

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**Shauntae Lockett-Lewis** - January 23, 2015 at 03:13 PM

BF

“ *You'll be truly missed! Love you Pops!*



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**Bev Gibbs & Brown Family** - January 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

RJ

“ Regina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.



Regina Johnson - January 23, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ Gwen Jones lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.



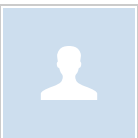
Gwen Jones - January 23, 2015 at 10:27 AM

TW

“ A GOING HOME BLESSING TO MI FATHER  
ALL THE YEARS OF GOOD WITH THE BAD  
JUST KNOW HE TOOK CARE OF ALL US  
AND MORE YOU WILL BE MISS I LOVED  
YOU SO MUCH BYE BYE FOR NOW



TYRANE WILLIAMS - January 23, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur Williams, Sr..



January 23, 2015 at 09:37 AM

GO

“ Gail Herring Oliver lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.



Gail Herring Oliver - January 23, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Arthur Williams - January 22, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Arthur Williams - January 22, 2015 at 09:21 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



**Gwen Conway** - January 22, 2015 at 02:10 PM

LM

“ *Surely Mr. Williams you'll be missed by all who had the opportunity to meet you. We'll be praying for your family & relatives as well. R.I.P. From the Martin Family*



**Larry Martin** - January 22, 2015 at 02:07 PM

TD

“ *Big Daddy we will miss you dearly. Adrian cried when I gave him the news and asked "Why did Big Daddy have to go with God". I told him God loved him more but we will see him again. RIH Your grandson Adrian Williams & his mother Thelma Davis*



**Thelma Davis** - January 22, 2015 at 11:08 AM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



**Yvonne Corley** - January 22, 2015 at 08:56 AM

MW

“ I Love my BigDaddy He Was A Great Man and Grandfather I wouldn't ask for a New One, May His Soul Rest In peace and He will forever Live in my Heart...  
His Granddaughter , Michel-le Williams

Michel-le Williams - January 21, 2015 at 09:00 PM



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Arthur Williams - January 21, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ 5 files added to the album New Album Name



Arthur Williams - January 21, 2015 at 07:07 PM



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**Arthur Williams** - January 21, 2015 at 07:05 PM

SG

“ *Shalea Green lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Shalea Green** - January 21, 2015 at 06:23 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Mosella Reed and Family** - January 21, 2015 at 05:51 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Michelle Blair and Family** - January 21, 2015 at 10:23 AM

CW

“ *Charles Adrian Williams lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Charles Adrian Williams** - January 21, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JJ

“ *Jamie And Raymond Hicks, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Jamie and Raymond Hicks, Jr.** - January 21, 2015 at 08:52 AM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**Dona Austin-Bigby** - January 21, 2015 at 08:13 AM

AR

“ *Alice J. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.*



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**alice J. robinson** - January 20, 2015 at 06:22 PM

AR

*Your family is in my thoughts and prayers...RIHeaven Mr. Williams.*

alice J. robinson - January 20, 2015 at 06:24 PM

KH

*Uncle Arthur, was the best uncle anyone could have. He was more like a father figure to me. Uncle Arthur, you have made it to the pearly gates. Now you can find the rest of the sticks up there until we meet again rest in peace. I LOVE YOU ALWAYS WILL.*

Kunitha Hicks - January 24, 2015 at 10:08 AM



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Arthur Williams - January 20, 2015 at 05:13 PM

RW

“ RITA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams, Sr.



RITA WILLIAMS - January 20, 2015 at 01:25 PM