



## Marshall Williford

July 27, 1944 - December 29, 2008

Family hour will take place at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Renaissance Baptist Church, 1535 S. Warren Ave., with the funeral commencing at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Calhoun will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Williford passed away December 29, 2008 at the age of 64 years. He was born July 7, 1944 to the late Rose Ella and James Fort, Sr. He resided in Saginaw, MI. He retired in 1996 from General Motors after 32 years of service and was a member of UAW Local 455. He attended Renaissance Baptist Church where he was Asst. Superintendent of Sunday School and Head Deacon. He was ordained as a Deacon in August of 2001. Mr. Williford was past superintendent of Sunday School at Bethel A.M.E. Church for 30 years. He enjoyed spending time with the Lord, reading his Bible, fishing, doing crossword puzzles, traveling and playing with his babies that he helped raise, Ja'Daya, David and NeAsia Favorite. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Katie "Sweet Pea" Liddell Williford; children, Marsha Quiney of Saginaw, MI, Maxine (Patrick) Fuller of Birmingham, AL, Monica (Tommy) Wallace of Birmingham, AL, and Tracey Thomas of Bay City, MI; one stepchild, Rudy Liddell; 14 grandchildren, Celeste Quiney, Courtney Jackson-Quiney, Alexander Fuller, Jeannine Williford, Julianna J. Williford, Jordyn Wallace, Tracey Thomas, Jr., Eddie Thomas, Demottwon Thomas, Samuel Thomas, Brandon Thomas, Damonta Thomas, Delicious Thomas and Brandy Thomas;

one great-grandchild, Jada Williford; sisters, Dorothy (James) Peacock of New Jersey, Rosie L. McZee of Saginaw, MI, Joyce N. Mason of Saginaw, MI and Virginia (James) Whitson of Arlington, TX; brother, James (Macy) Fort; favorite sister-in-law, Willie M. Anderson of Flint, MI; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends, including godsister, Eva Poindexter; godchildren, Billy and Sharita Smith, Jordan Youngblood and Anthony Smith; and special friend, Rev. John Rincher.

# Tribute Wall

DT

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**Dexter Thomas** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Dexter Thomas** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I AM SORRY TO HERE ABOUT MARSHALL,HE WAS A STAND UP GUY.HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO FISH,AND NOW I LOVE TO GO WITH MY KIDS.I KEEP MY CAR CLEAN MARSHALL,JUST LIKE YOU DID.SEE YOU AGIN IN THE EVER AFTER.

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**Clois Chucky Bell** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Monica and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I didn't know Mr. Williford, but I know you and your mom and he must have been a fantastic dad and husband to rear a beautiful family like yours. My prayers are with you.

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**Nicole McKethern Lewis** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Wow this was a shock to my whole family especially my father. We saw Marshall or as I always heard my father call him "Arkansas" almost everyday. It's a wonderful thing to see that God is still in the changing business, God never give up on us even when we have given up on ourselves. Last time I saw Mr. Marshall, Saginaw Valley Baptist District was having service at his church and he was outside in the cold conducting traffic for everyone, with a smile as usual. After everything was over that nite he made sure that I got into my car and got home safe. (we live around the corner from each other)  
Love ya Katie Jean & Tracy

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**Michelle Stewart** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“We are sorry to hear about the loss of your Father and Grandfather. Mr. Mr. Williford was my Sunday School Superintendent at Bethel, were he kept us all in line and provided positive Bible teaching. In times like these lean not on your own understanding but turn to God, who can heal and comfort. We love you all and will talk to you soon. May God Bless you and keep you in our prayer!!

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**Karen White** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“IT IS GOOD TO SAY "THANK-YOU" TO THE LORD, TO SING PRAISES TO THE GOD WHO IS ABOVE ALL GODS. CONTINUE TO THANK THE LORD FOR THE EARTHLY LIFE THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO SPEND WITH YOUR DAD AND KNOW THAT HE WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN A GLORIOUS PLACE, SITTING A THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. WE LOVE YA'LL

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**CHON JONES & CHANDRA JONES-POPE** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the family my prayers are with you just remember that the Lord is your strength and your comfort. If there is any thing that I can do I am just a phone call away. I love you all!!!

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**Stehanie Ford** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ TO MONICA AND FAMILY.I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR FATHERS PASSING,SURELY I WOULD HAVE CAME TO THE FUNERAL HOME TO PAY MY RESPECT TO YOU AND THE FAMILY IF I HAD KNOWN IN TIME.IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT TO SEE YOU,BUT AS YOU KNOW GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME,AND ALL THE TIME GOOD IS GOOD,YOU ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE HAD YOU DAD FOR AS LONG AS YOU DID,THAT WAS A BLESSING WITHIN ITSELF. LOVE YOU GIRL,BE STRONG AS YOU ARE,GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS GRANMASTER NELL

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**DONELLA** - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM