

Rev. Will Henry Branch

August 9, 1920 - July 12, 2013

Rev. Will H. Branch passed away on Friday, July 12, 2013 at his home at the age of 92 years. He was born August 9, 1920 in Arcola, MS to James and Rubie (Hale) Branch. He came to Saginaw, MI on June 14, 1942. Rev. Branch was employed at the General Motors Malleable Iron Plant, retiring in 1973 after 32 1/2 years of service. He was a member of UAW Local #455. He had also been employed at the Heavenrich clothing store.

Rev. Branch accepted Christ at the age of 36 years. He served faithfully in the Male Choir, on the Trustee Board and was called to the ministry in 1961. He became Pastor of the Corinthian Baptist Church for 9 years and 7 months, after which he returned to Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1996. He was a member of the Board of Directors for OIC. Pastor Branch was a graduate of the America Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS). He did jail ministry for many years as well as conducted prayer and bible study. He enjoyed reading the bible, telling people about God's word, Detroit Tiger baseball, shopping, and being well dressed.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, two sons and one daughter, Leroy Branch (Levetty), James Branch (Pat) and Willa Branch-Marselis (Jeffrey); five stepchildren, Pat Williams, Tammy Winn, Min. James O. Johnson, Jr., Terri Johnson and Dahbu Dahbu; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Betty Branch and Leota Mae Shields, both of Milwaukee, WI and

Alice Fay Robinson of West Memphis, AR; many nieces and nephews; one daughter-in-law, Ann Davis of Westmont, IL; and many other close relatives and friends, including a special friend, Margell Moore and devoted friends, Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Pell Malone and Robert Moe Woods.

Rev. Branch was preceded in death by his wives, Rose L. Branch and Essie May Branch; Willie Branch, Jr. (Tyrone Davis), stepson, James Little; parents, James and Ruby Branch; brother, James Branch, sisters, Claudia Branch, Audrey Lee Nathaniel and Jane Evelyn Brown, brother-in-law, Dave Feltson; and sister-in-law, Irene (Cooper) Branch.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 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>

Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church
721 Johnson Street
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *R.I.P: Rev. Branch!*



Joselyn Jordan - August 02, 2013 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Barlow lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Joyce Barlow - August 02, 2013 at 11:22 AM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



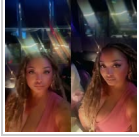
Derrell martin - July 21, 2013 at 08:45 PM

SV

“ *Shelva Veal lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Shelva Veal - July 19, 2013 at 12:49 AM



“ *My great grandad was a great man and touched the lives of many. I know he is at peace and resting in heaven with his father God. I pray for my family to have have strength like he did and would want us to have to get through. Remember him as great person he was to u and take that good memory with you forever.* ”

Sparkle ShaNell - July 18, 2013 at 06:52 PM

GL

“ *Gloria Little lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch* ”



Gloria Little - July 18, 2013 at 12:49 PM

SF

“ *Stacey Marshall & Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch* ”



Stacey Marshall & Family - July 18, 2013 at 12:14 PM

VJ

“ *Vera Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch* ”



Vera Jones - July 18, 2013 at 11:54 AM

JK

“ *Jking lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Jking - July 17, 2013 at 04:35 PM

JP

“ *The Phillips' family send the prayers from our hearts to the Branch Family.*

janet phillips - July 17, 2013 at 03:04 PM

AM

“ *Alma And Mozella sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Alma and Mozella - July 17, 2013 at 02:31 PM

K(

“ *Kellee Garrett (Marshall) lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Kellee Garrett (Marshall) - July 17, 2013 at 01:17 PM

DT

“ DENECHO TURNER lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



DENECHO TURNER - July 17, 2013 at 11:15 AM

TF

“ The Mathews Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rev. Will Henry Branch.



The Mathews Family - July 17, 2013 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ The Mathews Family purchased the Comfort Foods Gourmet Gift Basket for the family of Rev. Will Henry Branch.



The Mathews Family - July 17, 2013 at 10:44 AM

BM

“ BARBARA ANN FRIERSON MORRIS lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



BARBARA ANN FRIERSON MORRIS - July 17, 2013 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Sue Surles-McDole - July 17, 2013 at 10:01 AM

RV

“ Robert (Bobby) And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Robert (Bobby) and Linda Veasley - July 16, 2013 at 08:38 PM

DD

“ Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Debra Dillard - July 16, 2013 at 06:11 PM

DD

God bless you all family. He will be the strenght you need in your time of sorrow. Stay strong. Mrs. Lottie Williams,Ms. debra Dillard.

Debra Dillard - July 16, 2013 at 06:13 PM

NB

“ Norris&Barbara Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Norris&Barbara Brown - July 16, 2013 at 12:17 PM

JG

“ Jerome/ Pat Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Jerome/ Pat Graham - July 16, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Linda Troutmon - July 16, 2013 at 10:50 AM

WJ

“ WAYNE&CHRIS JERNIGAN lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



WAYNE&CHRIS JERNIGAN - July 16, 2013 at 10:18 AM

ED

“ *Emma Donald lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Emma Donald - July 16, 2013 at 09:53 AM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Yvonne Corley - July 15, 2013 at 10:30 PM

RB

“ *Rev. & Sis. E.W. Bothuel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Rev. & Sis. E.W. Bothuel - July 15, 2013 at 08:33 PM

EV

“ *Evelyn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Evelyn - July 15, 2013 at 12:58 PM

LI

“ Dear Branch Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18, Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians4:7)

Lisa - July 15, 2013 at 10:47 AM

HJ

“ Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - July 15, 2013 at 07:54 AM

DC

“ Doretha Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch



Doretha Cheatom - July 13, 2013 at 08:24 AM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Walsezetta Bennett - July 13, 2013 at 12:19 AM

W"

“ *To my god sister Willia Mae & the boys, what can I said that god dad lived a great life! When I heard about his passing I was at peace. Of course we will miss him on earth but heaven gain a great man. God Dad, I know you're okay you are among the saints now. You know I love my Cadillac like you did, & boy you had some sharp ones(smile). This is not goodbye, but I'll see you later, all you Zionite have a glorious good time! You work hard & preach the gospel & you meant that thing! So from labor to reward, well done thy faithful servant.*

Love you, your godson, Elder Peter Cooper, Dallas, Texas

William D. Cooper "Peter" - July 12, 2013 at 06:21 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Deborah Williams - July 12, 2013 at 06:02 PM

RM

“ *Robin Martinez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Robin Martinez - July 12, 2013 at 03:55 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Will Henry Branch*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - July 12, 2013 at 08:34 AM