



Thurman Willis

October 21, 1949 - February 15, 2013

Sunrise: October 21, 1949

Sunset: February 15, 2013

Thurman Willis, our beloved Husband, Father, Grand Father, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Friend went home to be with the Lord on February 15, 2013. Thurman was born October 21, 1949 in Yazoo City, Mississippi to the late Cleother Willis, Sr. and Mary Bell Willis. The family moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1954. He graduated from Buena Vista High School in 1968. He was employed by Saginaw Steering Gear and retired after 33 years of service.

Thurman is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, JoAnn Browder Willis, and his loving children, Joseph Gibbs Willis and Kelly (Damon Sr.) Whitney; brother, Cleother (Ethel) Willis of Hattiesburg, MS; sister, Delorise (John Sr.) Hammond of Houston, TX; and sisters-in-law, Lynda Willis of Grand Rapids, MI and Ida Willis of Yazoo City, MS. He adored his grandchildren, NaKeisha (Porter Sr.) Bledson, DeCreshia Donald, Quantisha Smithers, Evann Ruffin, Damon Whitney Jr., Jasmine Whitney and Ashtonn Thurman Whitney; and seven great-grandchildren.

He had several special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and a very special cousin, O.D. Grays.

Thurman was preceded in death by his brothers, Ivory Willis and Halbert Willis.

Thurman had a friendly personality, he loved spending time with his family, he loved to laugh, he loved fishing, playing cards and he never met any strangers.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013 at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, 2615 Williamson Road. Pastor Otis Washington will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at 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

FEB **21**. 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

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Messiah Missionary Baptist Church
2615 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thurman Willis



Browne's Mortuary - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Loving brother, missing your voice and these words”See you later. I don't like to say good-bye. Take care of yourself, Sis”. Brother, I'll never forget you. You were special, always and forever, Sis❤️.

Delorise J. Willis-Hammond - October 21, 2023 at 09:04 PM

EF

“ Elaine Houston And Family lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis



Elaine Houston and family - March 19, 2015 at 09:58 PM

EF

Brother-in-law gone but not forgotten, rest well.....

Elaine Houston and family - March 19, 2015 at 09:59 PM

MP

“ A great guy. He will be truly missed



Michael Pratt - February 26, 2013 at 06:50 AM

JH

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

John Hammond - February 21, 2013 at 08:10 PM

KH

I will forever miss my Uncle Thurman... You are always in our hearts..

kimavoni harris - November 14, 2015 at 01:17 PM

DH

My brother, Thurman, was very loving and protective of his family. I miss you so much dear brother. ❤️❤️❤️🙏

Delorise Hammond - November 01, 2020 at 08:56 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - February 21, 2013 at 07:43 PM

SW

“ *Sam & Doretta Williams lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Sam & Doretta Williams - February 21, 2013 at 04:19 PM

AI

“ *Aleris International Inc. lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Aleris International Inc. - February 21, 2013 at 10:30 AM

YF

“ *Your Aleris Family purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Thurman Willis.*



Your Aleris Family - February 21, 2013 at 10:28 AM

TF

“ Tyler Family lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis



Tyler family - February 21, 2013 at 01:08 AM

DH

Still great and loving memories, Brother love you, Sis

Delorise Hammond - November 17, 2023 at 11:43 AM

AP

“ Angela Price-Donald lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis



Angela Price-Donald - February 20, 2013 at 07:49 PM

BG

“ Brenda Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis



Brenda Gibbs - February 20, 2013 at 05:30 PM

HG

“ Henry Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis



Henry Gibbs - February 20, 2013 at 05:27 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Thurman Willis.*



February 20, 2013 at 10:57 AM

AH

“ *Alice Hunt lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Alice Hunt - February 20, 2013 at 10:52 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Mary Lawrence - February 20, 2013 at 01:10 AM

TL

“ *I will miss you Pops!!! You knew me longer than I knew myself, God bless and rest your soul.*

Tasha Larry - February 18, 2013 at 07:24 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Sandra Coleman - February 18, 2013 at 06:07 PM

EM

“ *Earline McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Thurman Willis*



Earline McDaniel - February 18, 2013 at 05:12 PM

DK

“ *My Prayers are with the family. Rest in Peace Bro. Thurman!*



Deacon Larry Kemp - February 18, 2013 at 02:01 PM

LJ

“ *In my Father's house are many homes. I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come for you, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.*



Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr - February 18, 2013 at 12:44 PM