



## Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis

April 16, 1953 - June 17, 2021

Willa Mae (Branch) Marselis, beloved mother, sister, aunt, and god-mother went home to be with the Lord on June 17, 2021 at the age of 68 years. She was born on April 16, 1953 in Saginaw, Michigan to the parents of Rev. Will H. Branch and Essie Bee Williams.

Willa attended Longstreet, Central Jr., Saginaw High School, and graduated in the "Class of 71". She became a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church at the age of four years. She was a member of the Caring Hands Ministry, a Sunday School teacher, worked with Puppet the Ministry, served as Vice-president of the Senior Nurses Guild and a member of the Kitabu Book Club. She was employed at St. Mary's (Ascension) Hospital, and worked in medical records until her illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Willie Branch and Ras Marselis, Jr. (Candi). Willa loved her grandsons and they loved her dearly, Scotty, Tevin and Kevin Branch and Dar'quarius McCulloh; great-grandchildren, Harmony, Taylor A'Marlee, Tevin, Jr., KyMani, Xzavier and Kadence Branch, Anthony Parish and Anylia; one brother, Jimmy Branch (Ava) of Omaha, NE; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Levetty Branch of Saginaw and Mrs. Ann Davis of Chicago, IL; special aunt, Mrs. Kathrine Feltson Graves; a host of nieces and nephews too many to name them all; special sisters-in-love, Carol Shivers, Freddy Mae Marshall, Theresa Lamar, Beverly Hill, Tina Fisher, Terri and Pat

Williams, Debra Austin and Dona Bigby. Godchildren is the name we have to name, Andre Thomas, Khah'l Garrett, LeMonica Lee, Erica Shivers and Jennifer (Hayes) Jones; a very, very special friend, Mr. Jeffrey Tyler.

Willa was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Will Branch and Essie Bee; step-moms, Essie May and Rose L. Branch; two brothers, Willie Branch, Jr. "Tyrone Davis" and LeRoy Branch and uncle, Dave Feltson.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Covenant HealthCare Nurses, Sara S., Faith, Amanda, Liz, Emily and Emily.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Browne's Mortuary** - June 24, 2021 at 10:47 AM

AP

*Job well done.*

**Alberta Pruitt** - June 24, 2021 at 12:20 PM

PF

*A word truest from God for a woman of God!!  
Patty*

**Patty Fowkles** - June 25, 2021 at 03:13 AM

LI

“ *LindaKing, BostonMA lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**LindaKing, BostonMA** - July 04, 2021 at 09:54 AM

LB

“ *Linda King, Boston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



Linda King, Boston - July 04, 2021 at 12:43 AM

LB

“ *Linda King, Boston,MA lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



Linda King, Boston,MA - July 04, 2021 at 12:41 AM

MD

“ *Ms. Cherilyn And Leah Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



Ms. Cherilyn and Leah Davis - July 03, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *Cheryl Fentress-Nash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - June 28, 2021 at 12:37 PM

DA

“ Dwight/Shalanda Akins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Dwight/Shalanda Akins** - June 28, 2021 at 07:41 AM

HD

“ Condolences to The Branch and Marselis Family. Willa, was my classmate 1971, she was always pleasing with a beautiful smile. May God Bless and Strengthen the Family.



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**Hazel Jackson Durham** - June 27, 2021 at 11:32 PM

VJ

“ Val J lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Val J** - June 27, 2021 at 05:55 PM

CJ

“ As I sit in my home watching Sis. Willa home going I want to truly sent my prayers and condolences to her children Ras Willie, and family I could just see the pain and sorrow that's in their hearts" I am a witness that God is able to heal your pain, he knows what you're going through. It's hard right now and it will take time but it will come. You have lost the most precious person in your life's! don't let your ego get in your way of trying not to cry, scream anything at that moment do it. It is part of a healing process. don't give up on him because he surely not to give up on you. God loves you he will comfort you during this most difficult time. Again my prayer's are with you.



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**Cynthia Johnson** - June 26, 2021 at 11:43 PM

RD

“ Rev Robert D Jones. Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Rev Robert d Jones. Detroit** - June 25, 2021 at 11:17 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Dorothy Price-Omar** - June 25, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ One of my favorite aunties, I was always crazy Robyn to her we had many good laughs, and some tears too, very wise woman loved everyone and man she throw down in that Kitchen especially when she made peach cobbler for me. I know she is in a better place but she will be missed by so many. Fly high auntie

Robin Martinez - June 25, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - June 25, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Doris Jones - June 24, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - June 24, 2021 at 09:11 PM

MA

“ Rest peacefully godmother and watch over us.  
You will forever be in our hearts.



Megan Anderson-Walker - June 24, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JH

“ Judy Holloway-Mayes lit a candle in memory  
of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Judy Holloway-Mayes - June 24, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ The Gaddis family sends prayers and sympathy  
for the Willa's entire family.



Pierre Christopher-Peter - June 24, 2021 at 06:23 PM

MJ

“ Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Marilyn Johnson - June 24, 2021 at 06:10 PM

SJ

“ Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Shirley Jones - June 24, 2021 at 05:24 PM

CM

“ Crussandra Mims-Ivy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Crussandra Mims-Ivy - June 24, 2021 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ Corey Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Corey Hatchett - June 24, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CH

“ Clhris Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Clhris Hatchett - June 24, 2021 at 11:43 AM

CH

“ Clarence Hatchett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Clarence Hatchett - June 24, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MM

“ Mary Mims sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Mary Mims - June 24, 2021 at 11:42 AM

MH

“ Mary Hatchett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Mary Hatchett - June 24, 2021 at 11:41 AM

PM

“ PHARRINGTON MAXEY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



PHARRINGTON MAXEY - June 24, 2021 at 10:59 AM

RD

“ Rosie Diggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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Rosie Diggs - June 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM

SW

“ man I'm gonna miss you Aunt Willa!!! praying for my family right now.... give my grandad a big kiss for me.



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sparkle williams - June 24, 2021 at 09:11 AM

HM

“ Hazel Milam purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.



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Hazel Milam - June 24, 2021 at 08:55 AM

LA

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Sister Levette Branch and connecting families on the loss of your loved one; We pray that God's grace will keep you in perfect peace as you celebrate the life of "Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis". We will keep you all lifted in prayer.



*Larry/Linda Adams-Church family!*

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**Larry/Linda Adams** - June 24, 2021 at 08:44 AM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Linda Troutmon** - June 24, 2021 at 07:53 AM

LW

“ LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS** - June 24, 2021 at 07:16 AM

PC

“ Priscilla A Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Priscilla A Craig - June 24, 2021 at 01:43 AM

DV

“ Debbie Voltz lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Debbie Voltz - June 24, 2021 at 12:50 AM

KG

“ Auntie!!!! This is a hard pill to swallow. You will be truly missed. I now have no one to say “Why are you up and out in this store so early.” Only to hear your laugh. I love you and keep watching over us.



Kellee Garrett - June 23, 2021 at 11:41 PM

BH

“ Sending my deepest condolences



Betty Holmes - June 23, 2021 at 11:26 PM

PF

“ Pam Richardson And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Pam Richardson and Family** - June 23, 2021 at 11:21 PM

PF

“ Ms.Willa you came to my mom funeral. We thank you. We love you. R.I.H. You will be dearly missed.

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**Pam Richardson and Family** - June 23, 2021 at 11:19 PM

NW

“ Nedra Ann Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Nedra Ann Williams** - June 23, 2021 at 11:17 PM

ML

“ Margaret LaShore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Margaret LaShore** - June 23, 2021 at 10:33 PM

MG

“ *My Deepest Condolences To The Family  
Praying For Strength ❤️  
Love Mary J Givan-Gage and Family  
Aka " Pumpkin "*



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**Mary J Givan-Gage** - June 23, 2021 at 09:32 PM

EG

“ *So very sorry to see your picture at Browns  
my sister my friend you was truly a wonderful  
person to be around class of 71 ❤️❤️ You so  
much my condolences to your family*



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**Evelyn Hardy Garrett** - June 23, 2021 at 08:42 PM

RT

“ *Rachida Tucker lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Rachida Tucker** - June 23, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DL

“ *A great woman that took over as a mother for after my mother  
passed and I was held accountable just as Willie and Jr. You will be  
sadly missed*

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**Donald Lockett** - June 23, 2021 at 07:11 PM

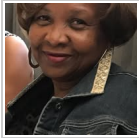
JD

“ *Judith Dittmar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**judith dittmar** - June 23, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peggie Crews-Lucas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Peggie Crews-Lucas** - June 23, 2021 at 03:48 PM

DR

“ *Dinatria Rainey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Dinatria Rainey** - June 23, 2021 at 03:15 PM

CJ

“ Ras and Will may it give you comfort to know other's share in your grief. Sometimes life throws us many bad obstacles, but when we lose someone we love so very much. She is resting in peace" She left you in the flesh but she will always remain in your hearts and spirit. Remember the joyful times and laughter you all shared together .God will always give you comfort during the most difficult times. God Bless You Always.Prayers and condolences for you and the family.



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**Cynthia Johnson** - June 23, 2021 at 02:48 PM

AK

“ Al Kelly lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Al Kelly** - June 23, 2021 at 02:09 PM

LD

“ My sister, my friend. We go back to continuation school where you were pregnant with Willie and I with Antoine. I thank you for taking me under your wings when I knew no one or nothing at 15. Who would have known that a couple of years later, we would buy our 1st home across the street from you. We shared our entire lives together including the “Lynnwood Block Party.” We will carry on in your honor. Truly loved and already missed.  
Lillian Davis and family

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**Lillian Davis** - June 23, 2021 at 01:34 PM

GB

“ To the Family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis:

*She was such a kind and considerate woman who never met a stranger . . . we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Rose Chandler  
and Gwen Bowman*



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**Gwen Bowman** - June 23, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JF

“ JERNIGAN FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**JERNIGAN FAMILY** - June 23, 2021 at 12:04 PM

PL

“ I Met Ms.Willa From Coming Into Walmart On Broadway We Instantly Became Friends, She Was The Most Sweetest & Loving Lady I Known.  
We Just Share Of Her Atlanta Trip And She Had A Great Time. She Will Be Dearly Miss My Heartfelt Condolences Is With Her Entire Family Because I Knew How Much She Love You All...  
Rest On Queen I Love You Ms.Willa❤️

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**Pam Little-Brooks** - June 23, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SC

“ *Silva A Casey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Silva A Casey** - June 23, 2021 at 10:48 AM

"O

“ *"OC" purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.*



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**"OC"** - June 23, 2021 at 08:32 AM

VM

“ *Veronica McClain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Veronica McClain** - June 23, 2021 at 07:36 AM

LW

“ *RIH Godmama and to my brothers Ras and Willie I will keep you both lifted in prayer love you both.*

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**Leshonda Wilson** - June 23, 2021 at 01:48 AM



“ *Verna Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Verna Howard** - June 22, 2021 at 11:51 PM

LM

“ *Larry & Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Larry & Pamela Monroe** - June 22, 2021 at 10:25 PM

LV

“ *Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Linda Veasley** - June 22, 2021 at 10:20 PM

YW

“ *My friend always had a smile on her face. I still remember my cabbage that you cook for me. You are so beautiful and had a heart of Gold. I will always remember you. You will be missed. Rest my friend*



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**Yvonne Weathers** - June 22, 2021 at 10:02 PM

TF

“ *THE HUFF Family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.*



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**THE HUFF Family** - June 22, 2021 at 10:01 PM

AF

“ *Arthur Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Arthur Family** - June 22, 2021 at 09:01 PM

YS

“ *James and Yovonne (Carla) Starks*

*Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world." [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]"*  
*John 16:33 AMP*



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**Yovonne Starks** - June 22, 2021 at 08:50 PM

TK

“ Trina Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Trina Kaiser - June 22, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.



June 22, 2021 at 08:32 PM

MW

“ Extending our prayers and condolences to the families of our beloved sister Willa Marselis. Praying that the Lord will comfort and keep you during these difficult times. Sister Willa always had a beautiful smile and a word of encouragement, she will be missed.



Marvin & Sara Walker - June 22, 2021 at 07:43 PM

JE

“ Jackie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Jackie Edwards - June 22, 2021 at 06:02 PM

EJ

“ *Endora Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Endora Johnson** - June 22, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.*



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June 22, 2021 at 03:56 PM

DS

“ *Dora Shaw-McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Dora Shaw-McDole** - June 22, 2021 at 03:52 PM

DB

“ *My prayers!! are with Willa Mae family, we grow up together in the old neighborhood....Martha Longstreet School Area. She was a very kind person her personality never changed.*



*Doris Battle..*

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**Doris Battle** - June 22, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ Arthur Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Arthur Williams - June 22, 2021 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ My condolences to the family, Willa was a beautiful person. I met Willa at Zion Baptist church. Song in the choir together. No matter where you see Willa she had that million dollar smile. I going to miss her and the talks we had together. Linda Buckley Bolton



Linda Bolton - June 22, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.



June 22, 2021 at 01:06 AM

IS

“ InezHinton Summerall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



InezHinton Summerall - June 21, 2021 at 10:30 PM

HT

“ Howard & Yvonne Tate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Howard & Yvonne Tate - June 21, 2021 at 10:23 PM

TF

“ The Reese Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



The Reese Family - June 21, 2021 at 09:58 PM

RB

“ My friend I'm gone miss u coming in goodwill shopping and we had some good laughs together wow I'm lost for words such sweet lady I remember when I got dizzy and u grab me and hold on to me help me get thru so caring I'm gone miss u Willa Mae rih my friend I'm glad god sent u to help me out 🙏 for the family 😭



Regina Boone - June 21, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis.



June 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Yvonne Sanders** - June 21, 2021 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ Our long time family friend... Rest up Ms Willa 🤍



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**Darlene Jones** - June 21, 2021 at 06:52 PM

ET

“ Willa when you called me you told me you were alright thanks for the call sis I am going to miss you rest well until we meet again your sis Emma



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**Emma Taylor** - June 21, 2021 at 05:47 PM

DI

“ Diane(Burns)Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Diane(Burns)Blackmon** - June 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM

SO

“ *Serita Oates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Serita Oates** - June 21, 2021 at 05:14 PM

LT

“ *Sending condolences to the family and friends of my classmate and friend. Willa fought a good fight and she finished her course. Now she has entered into eternal rest. She will truly be missed by those who knew and loved her. Praying that God give you all peace, strength and comfort in knowing He will never leave nor forsake you in your time of sorrow. RIP Willa* 💕💕



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**Lorraine Bond, Plano, TX** - June 21, 2021 at 04:47 PM

TW

“ *Teresa & Theotis Wilcoxon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Teresa & Theotis Wilcoxon** - June 21, 2021 at 04:31 PM

NH

“ *Noland & Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Noland & Karen Heath** - June 21, 2021 at 03:24 PM

LD

“ *Lenora Durham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Lenora Durham** - June 21, 2021 at 01:17 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Helen Scott** - June 21, 2021 at 10:29 AM

PC

“ *Willie & Ras Jr I wish I could be there with you both. Still praying. Peter*

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**Peter Cooper** - June 21, 2021 at 10:19 AM

Dena  
Pruitt  
Austin

“ *Ms. Willa was a friend and fighter. Her smile and words of encouragement will never be forgotten.* ”



Dena Pruitt Austin - June 21, 2021 at 09:55 AM

AL

“ *Aunt Willa I will definitely miss your infectious laugh. I love you. "Niki"* ”



Andrea Laury - June 21, 2021 at 09:39 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis* ”



Michelle Blair - June 21, 2021 at 09:27 AM

MC

“ *Marilyn C.Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis* ”



Marilyn C.Sawyer - June 21, 2021 at 09:02 AM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Patricia Williams - June 21, 2021 at 08:58 AM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Deborah Morris-Williams - June 20, 2021 at 11:46 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss



April Bothuel - June 20, 2021 at 08:50 PM

BF

“ Our sincere condolences to Willa’s family. She was much loved by so many.



Bishop Ron & Lady Georgette Frierson - June 20, 2021 at 07:21 PM

RS

“ *To the Family of such an incredible Woman. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Ms Wilma was a very kind and compassionate Woman whom I will truly miss. Grace and Peace unto you All God Bless*



**Roy & Rosalind Stewart** - June 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Lestina Fisher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Mrs. Lestina Fisher** - June 20, 2021 at 03:46 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McMillan-Hargrow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Barbara McMillan-Hargrow** - June 20, 2021 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ *Shirley Smith-Holmes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Shirley Smith-Holmes** - June 20, 2021 at 01:45 PM

SS

“ Sending my condolences to Willa's family. Willa had a beautiful spirit and a beautiful smile. We were childhood friends from Martha Longstreet School and played together on 2nd street and Weadock. Back then we used the full name "Willa Mae." We remain friends thru the years and she will always have a special place in my heart. Rest easy my beloved friend.

*Shirley Smith-Holmes*

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**Shirley Smith-Holmes** - June 20, 2021 at 01:44 PM

TJ

“ Trina V. Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Trina V. Jackson** - June 20, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Ras, we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom will be missed. We love you.  
*Alpierre & Tanya Wingard* ❤️



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**Tanya Wingard** - June 20, 2021 at 11:57 AM

MA

“ Prayers to Ms Willa's family. Such a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul. RIP



Mary - June 20, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DT

“ Denecho Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Denecho Turner - June 20, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MJ

“ Marie Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Marie Jones - June 20, 2021 at 06:36 AM

SC

“ SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



SONA Carruth - June 19, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RS

“ *Condolences and prayers to Willa's family. God Bless!!*



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**Regina Smith-Johnson** - June 19, 2021 at 11:16 PM

PC

“ *Willia Mae, I would of never thought that you would be departing so abruptly. You have left a void in so many people lives now we must adjust our mind & heart to say goodbye for now. No more pain or breathing issues now you can walk the streets of healing and continue the relationship with family members & friends gone before you. Rest easy my friend until we met again. Peter Cooper Orlando Florida*



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**Peter Cooper** - June 19, 2021 at 09:33 PM

PU

“ *Pumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Pumpkin** - June 19, 2021 at 07:08 PM

CW

“ Rest Easy Willie Mae my Friend 🌸



Charles Williams - June 19, 2021 at 07:02 PM

DL

“ Another angel has gotten their wings. Fly high Momma Willa & to my brothers Ras & Willie prayers to u & love u guys.



DeAundre Laury - June 19, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JW

“ Prayers and hugs to Will and Ras and family. It's rare to find a Willa in life---her positivity, smile, and tenacity. She will be sorely missed at Zion. Rest well, Sis. Bev, Jimmie and Barb



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - June 19, 2021 at 05:58 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Brenda Jones - June 19, 2021 at 05:17 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Brenda Jones** - June 19, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KG

“ *Katherine&Samuel Graves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Katherine&Samuel Graves** - June 19, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Elizabeth Hudspeth** - June 19, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



**Lorraine Bond-Riley** - June 19, 2021 at 03:58 PM

MT

“ Margo Tyus sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Margo Tyus - June 19, 2021 at 03:05 PM

HW

“ Sorry for your lost. Willa was a survivor for such a long time. She will be missed. My prayers are with her family and Zion Church family.



Hazel Wilson - June 19, 2021 at 01:49 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Brenda Jones - June 19, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AF

“ Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - June 19, 2021 at 01:05 PM

HB

“ Helena/Bill Badger sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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Helena/Bill Badger - June 19, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DM

“ Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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Deon Mayes - June 19, 2021 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ Our prayers and condolences to Willa's 2 handsome sons, Will and Ras. We are here for you just like your mother was for everyone else. RIH Willa, you will be truly Missed



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Larry & Marilyn Bowman - June 19, 2021 at 11:59 AM

VJ

“ Vera Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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Vera Jones - June 19, 2021 at 10:38 AM

NL

“ *Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Nola Levelston** - June 19, 2021 at 10:27 AM

LF

“ *Larry Polk & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Larry Polk & Family** - June 19, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JW

“ *James Winston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**James Winston** - June 18, 2021 at 11:55 PM

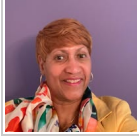
YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Yvonne Corley** - June 18, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ Rest well, Willa.



Theonas Barry - June 18, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ You Will Be Missed Dearly Aunt Willa Mae 🙏❤️



Lakeshia “Nikki” Johnson - June 18, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ Willa, rest well my sister. Your wonderful spirit and beautiful smile will be with us always. Your strength and courage were a true inspiration.



Derrell Martin - June 18, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Diane & Willie Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Diane & Willie Bond - June 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM

DT

“ Deacon John And Lillian Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Deacon John and Lillian Thomas** - June 18, 2021 at 09:15 PM

DT

“ We will miss her beautiful smile and comforting spirit.



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**Deacon John and Lillian Thomas** - June 18, 2021 at 09:12 PM

LS

“ Lillie Strong Lit a Candle in memory of Ms. Willa Marselis



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**Lillie B. Strong** - June 18, 2021 at 08:33 PM

JK

“ Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Janice Kemp-Anderson** - June 18, 2021 at 08:21 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & Family sent a Virtual Gift in Memory of Ms. Willa Marsalis*



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**Lillie B. Strong** - June 18, 2021 at 07:47 PM

EF

“ *Eric Buts & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Eric Buts & Family** - June 18, 2021 at 07:27 PM

JA

“ *J J Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**J J Akins** - June 18, 2021 at 07:25 PM

AM

“ *R.I.H. Ms Willa! Thank you for loving my mom and I and treating us as family. We will miss you SO much! Give my Big Ma a HUGE hug for me!*

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**Ashley McCray** - June 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

LR

“ *Lloyd And Carolyn Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



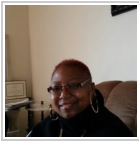
Lloyd and Carolyn Riley - June 18, 2021 at 07:13 PM

MG

“ *To the family i am so sorry to hear this sad news my Deepest Condolences to you All praying for strength God Bless you All 🙏❤️ Love Mary J Givan-Gage aka Pumpkin*



Mary J Givan-Gage - June 18, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Latrice Chandler Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



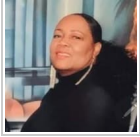
Latrice Chandler Williams - June 18, 2021 at 05:59 PM

WC

“ *Wendy Christian lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



Wendy Christian - June 18, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Shantay Triplett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Shantay Triplett** - June 18, 2021 at 05:55 PM

CL

“ *I am sorry for your loss Look to the Hill which cometh your help all your help comes from God Weeping my endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning from Carolyn Lindsey*

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**Carolyn Lindsey** - June 18, 2021 at 05:53 PM

DG

“ *Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Delphine Greene** - June 18, 2021 at 05:48 PM

JO

“ *JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**JoyReeves** - June 18, 2021 at 05:45 PM

OW

“ Oscar And Alice Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Oscar and Alice Wilson - June 18, 2021 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ Shelva Scott-Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Shelva Scott-Veal - June 18, 2021 at 05:03 PM

SC

“ RIH Willa



Sandra Coleman - June 18, 2021 at 04:25 PM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Barbara Land-Jones - June 18, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Debra Austin - June 18, 2021 at 02:48 PM

LD

“ LILY M DIXON sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



LILY M DIXON - June 18, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Dale Mitchner - June 18, 2021 at 02:31 PM

PF

“ Pat Frazier lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



Pat frazier - June 18, 2021 at 01:05 PM

DT

“ We are going to miss her beautiful smile and comforting spirit. She was just a wonderful woman to see and to be around.



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**Deacon John and Sis. Lillian Thomas** - June 18, 2021 at 01:01 PM

VT

“ Veronica Toby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Veronica Toby** - June 18, 2021 at 12:58 PM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - June 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ Our prayers and condolences to Willie and Ras. We are here for you just like your mom was always here for others. RIH Willa



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**Marilyn & Deacon Larry Bowman** - June 18, 2021 at 11:23 AM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**dennis and gail porter** - June 18, 2021 at 10:52 AM

RS

“ *Prayers of Strength, Grace & Mercy are extended unto the Family. God Bless you all.*



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**Roy & Rosalind Stewart** - June 18, 2021 at 10:38 AM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Corliss Dawkins** - June 18, 2021 at 09:33 AM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and close friends. Willa was just a beautiful soul with a big heart.*



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**Janet F Phillips** - June 18, 2021 at 09:31 AM

RM

“ May the Lord God comfort Willie and Raz at this most difficult time, I thank God for allowing me to know and love my sister Willa she was an extraordinary beautiful person and I will miss her tremendously, I never liked getting a notice that she will need a nurse because although she only allowed me to be her homecare nurse it meant she has been sick in the hospital but we worked together to get her back healthy again, I will miss her calling me to let me know who and where the bargain sales were. In Jesus name I pray for peace, serenity and endurance for the children and family of Willa, she will be truly missed. Loved her so much, God Bless. Love, Rosalind McCray RN, sister in Christ and friend.

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**ROSALIND MCCRAY** - June 18, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DR

“ Deacon Carl And Rosemary Ruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Deacon Carl and Rosemary Ruth** - June 18, 2021 at 08:32 AM

AL

“ Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Annie Lowery** - June 18, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ *Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Margie Baty Lawrence** - June 18, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Yvette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Yvette Hopkins** - June 18, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ *Kunitha Hicks-Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Kunitha Hicks-Peterson** - June 18, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Denecho Turner** - June 18, 2021 at 07:02 AM

JA

“ To the family, please forgive me, my heart aches so bad, I spelled my Sister's last name wrong. I know it's Marselis. May God's blessings continue to bless the entire family. Nothing but love for the family. ❤️



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**J J Akins** - June 18, 2021 at 05:56 AM

JA

“ To the entire Family of Sis. Willa Marsalis, you all have my deepest condolences. May the God of all comfort strengthen the family. My Sister in Christ will definitely be missed at Zion. We love y'all ❤️ JJ Akins and Family



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**J J Akins** - June 18, 2021 at 05:44 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Brenda Jones** - June 18, 2021 at 04:07 AM

TA

“ Just doesn't feel real that you're gone Aunt Willa....you'll definitely be missed. Sending prayers and condolences to my family and the many friends.



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**Tremo Akins** - June 18, 2021 at 12:55 AM

LW

“ *Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Louis Weems** - June 17, 2021 at 10:12 PM

MB

“ *So sorry ,words are incomplete right now. I've known Willa for many yrs. She was a very true to the fact women. And her laughter made me laugh. R.i.h.*

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**Malina calhoun barlow** - June 17, 2021 at 09:31 PM

DD

“ *My sincere condolences to Ms. Willa's family. May you find comfort in knowing others greive and are here for you. God bless family.*



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**Debra Dillard** - June 17, 2021 at 08:51 PM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Denecho Turner** - June 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis*



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**Bobbie Turner** - June 17, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CW

“ *Sincere sympathy to Willa's family. I will miss her dearly. She was such a strong fighter. Continually overcoming illnesses. But this day God said enough Complete healing her. God thank you for the days you gave me with Willa Marselis.*



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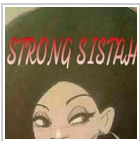
**Connie Wingard** - June 17, 2021 at 08:05 PM

AP

“ *My most sincere condolences to Willa's beloved sons, family, church family and friends. My heart is broken. I will certainly miss her bright spirit. What a wonderful friend. She kept informed on Kroger's sales. (our private joke). Love you much my friend, RIP.*

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**Alberta Pruitt** - June 17, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the family of Ms. Willa. It was a great pleasure meeting her. I will miss our talks and the love we had for each other*



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**Jackie Johnson** - June 17, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ Auntie...where do I begin...you have been a strong part of my life and I will always cherish the talks and the love that you have shown me and my mothers..get your well deserved rest...I love you and will miss you deeply..R.I.H Aunt Willa 🥹🥺🙏

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**Tyrese Welch** - June 17, 2021 at 06:48 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Dona Austin-Bigby** - June 17, 2021 at 06:35 PM

VJ

“ Vera Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Mae Branch Marselis



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**Vera Jones** - June 17, 2021 at 06:34 PM