



## Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke

March 12, 1940 - June 15, 2020

Mr. William Theodus Duke, affectionately known as "WT", began his earthly journey in life on March 12, 1940 in Forester, Arkansas, the son of Mattie B. Tate and Theodus Marsh. He gained his eternal wings and entered the kingdom of Heaven on Monday, June 15, 2020 at the age of 80 years.

William relocated to Saginaw, Michigan with his family at a young age. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a 1958 graduate of Saginaw High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army, receiving an Honorable discharge for 2 years of service. He then began employment with General Motors and retired after 38 years of faithful service.

On June 14, 1982 William joined Alma B. Davis-Thirkill in holy matrimony, she survives him. "WT" was a faithful member of New Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Eddie Jackson. He enjoyed all sporting events and especially loved spending time with his family and friends. With his humorous wisdom, he always kept it real. Always seeing the positive in every negative situation, his encouraging words would light the darkest of days. His wonderful, loving presence will be truly missed by all who've known and loved him.

He leaves to celebrate his legacy his devoted wife of 38 years, Alma B. Duke; one daughter, Remell J. Duke of Atlanta, Georgia; four sons, William T.

(Tiffany Gossett) Duke II and Alex J. Duke both of Saginaw, Michigan, Reginald and Rodney Miller both of Atlanta, Georgia; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Carol (Robert) Kelly of Hooks, Texas, Elvia L. Mills and Joyce A. Jones, both of Saginaw, Michigan; one brother, Randall Rivers of Saginaw, Michigan; five special sisters-in-law, Phyllis Sharper, Alesia Richardson, Alexis (Dennis) Moore, Alysia (Leroy) Smith and Holly (Reginald) Jordon; one special brother-in-law, Victor Davis; two god-daughters, Lashell and Rachelle Young; several nieces, nephews and cousins, including his special cousins, Herman Scott and William Jones; numerous friends including special friends, Tyrone Bryant, Rudy Patterson and Carl Williams.

“WT” was preceded in death by his grandparents, William Tate, Tempie and Joseph Duke; mother, Mattie B. Orr; father, Theodus Marsh; two brothers, Keith Richardson and John Sharper; one sister-in-law, Janie Rivers; three brothers-in-law, Frank Mills Eddie V. Jones and Joseph Davis; mother and father-in-law, Josephine and Alex Davis.

The family of William T. Duke wishes to express sincere thanks to the devoted and caring staff of Covenant Healthcare Harrison, Pastor Eddie Jackson and the New Friendship Baptist Church family, the staff of Evans & Browne's Funeral Home and everyone who offered kind words and loving condolences.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home. 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. A private funeral service will be held. Pastor Eddie Jackson will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - July 09, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JM

“ *Alma so sorry for your lost will be praying for you and your 🍷 you have my love and understanding at this time. If in need call me 318 9465130.Be blessed*

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**Jo Ann Magee-Everett** - July 09, 2020 at 11:01 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl D Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Cheryl D Moore** - June 26, 2020 at 05:11 PM

RJ

“ *Rev Robert D Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Rev Robert d Jones** - June 24, 2020 at 11:39 AM

EP

“ *Elverna Ponder lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Elverna Ponder** - June 24, 2020 at 10:46 AM

DS

“ *Alma and family you all have my sincerest condolences. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*



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**Deandrea Tinker Smith** - June 23, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ *Deacon Charles And Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Deacon Charles and Dale mitchner** - June 23, 2020 at 05:31 PM

DM

“ Deacon Charles And Dale Michener lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



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**Deacon Charles and Dale Michener** - June 23, 2020 at 05:26 PM

BD

“ Dear Alma and family,  
My heart and prayers go out to you. I was so very sorry to Hear about William. He must of been a wonderful man because he has a wonderful family. I'm sorry that I never knew him, but getting to know you Alma, and Will was my pleasure. I pray you will find comfort in knowing that our Lord has taken William into His loving arms and taken him home. He will always be missed, but will remain in your hearts and minds until you all join him again. God Bless.  
Love. Beth Dishaw

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**Beth Dishaw** - June 23, 2020 at 02:22 PM

RC

“ God bless you Alma and the all the family members of my big brother "Duke." I played in the house on Wadsworth as a little kid with Johnnie, I remembered Randy from Wadsworth Street, but I met Duke when I hired in for G.M. He had a real passion for family, friendship and life. I'm going to miss you my friend. Rest easy.  
Pastor W. F. Casey

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**REV. WILLIE CASEY** - June 23, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BM

“ Bessie McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Bessie McKandes - June 23, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ Alma, you and your family have my sincere condolences and prayers.

*hazelgarth@yahoo.com*



Hazel Garth - June 23, 2020 at 12:59 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley - June 22, 2020 at 08:39 PM

YJ

“ Our heartfelt condolences❤️Prayers Love Horace and Yolanda Johnson



Yolanda Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 04:52 PM

EJ

“ On Behalf of the New Friendship Baptist Church family we would like to send our deepest sympathy to the Duke family. We will continue to pray for you all continued strength. May God blessings be with you all.

*Pastor Eddie Jackson*

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**Eddie Jackson** - June 22, 2020 at 04:19 PM

TP

“ Alma, you and your family have my sincerest condolences.



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**Tonya Pilgram** - June 22, 2020 at 04:11 PM

AL

“ My condolences and prayers to the family.



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**A. Jeffrey LaValley** - June 22, 2020 at 03:33 PM

NN

“ Rest up uncle Duke 🙏  
Love your niece NeeNee from flint

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**NeeNee Nunn** - June 22, 2020 at 01:59 PM

RL

“ *My condolences to the Duke family.*



Roberta Lewis - June 22, 2020 at 12:34 PM

AN

*a wonderful funny guy he will surely be missed, my prayers to the family Ann*

ann - June 22, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke.*



June 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM

TB

“ *May you be encouraged and uplifted May god comfort you and your family as you are going through. Teckner brown*



Teckner Brown - June 21, 2020 at 06:23 PM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Vyethel Kemp Peterson** - June 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JD

“ *Janice Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Janice Dorsey** - June 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM

LS

“ *Linda Stidhum lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Linda Stidhum** - June 20, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ *Mary Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Mary Stokes** - June 20, 2020 at 09:10 AM

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**Mary Stokes** - June 20, 2020 at 09:05 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Barbara Land-Jones** - June 20, 2020 at 06:38 AM

MD

“ *Alma and family our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May our Lord of comfort be with you.*  
*Berta L. Davis and Family*



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**Marquetta Davis** - June 20, 2020 at 12:37 AM

JT

“ *John And Lillian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**John and lillian Thomas** - June 19, 2020 at 11:31 PM

JT

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John and lillian Thomas - June 19, 2020 at 06:39 PM

GM

“ Gary Manning lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Gary Manning - June 19, 2020 at 03:16 PM

GM

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Gary Manning - June 19, 2020 at 03:12 PM

VS

“ Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Vermell Sangster - June 19, 2020 at 01:20 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Annie Lowery - June 19, 2020 at 11:18 AM

OW

“ Oscar Kimberley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Oscar Kimberley Williams - June 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LR

“ Lloyd And Carolyn Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



lloyd and carolyn riley - June 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

RN

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Father, brother and my friend. May God bless and keep all of you at this time. He was such a joyful and pleasant person and I am proud to have known him. Take your rest dear friend. Praying for the family. Von and Rose Nickleberry



Rose Nickleberry - June 19, 2020 at 08:47 AM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - June 19, 2020 at 05:38 AM

LE

“ LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



LUCY ERBY - June 18, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JC

“ Sending Our Thoughts and Prayers to Duke's Family. Local 467 Brother and Sister.

Jack and Cris Coon - June 18, 2020 at 09:29 PM

TE

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to you and your family Sis we are here for you.... from Ezell family



Tamica Ezell - June 18, 2020 at 08:54 PM

LR

“ Sending my condolences to you and family..  
*Sis Linda Robinson*



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**Linda Robinson** - June 18, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Scott Bliss** - June 18, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JS

“ *Jerry L. Banks Sr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Jerry L. Banks Sr.** - June 18, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LC

“ *Larry Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Larry Campbell** - June 17, 2020 at 11:54 PM

SH

“ *Sonny And Freddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Sonny and Freddie Hodges** - June 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BW

“ *Our sincere condolences to you Alma and to your sons. Cherish the memories...Hugs*



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**Beverly & Jimmie Westbrook** - June 17, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LC

“ *Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Larry Conway** - June 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JO

“ *Joyreeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke*



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**Joyreeves** - June 16, 2020 at 07:54 PM

BM

“ Bishop Allen Monegan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Bishop Allen Monegan - June 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

BM

“ Bruh Duke was a great man and friend to me and my family when I pastored Burk Memorial Church of the Nazarene back in the eighties. No great love than this that a man would lay down his life for a Friend 🙏 That was W. T. Duke.  
Rest well from your labor! well done thou go and Faithful Servant Well done ❤️🙏 Be encouraged family God is still in control! We love you all ❤️❤️❤️ Bishop Allen & Sandra Monegan and Family Monegan, Phoenix Arizona.

Bishop Allen Monegan - June 16, 2020 at 12:31 PM

IM

“ Iveory Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Iveory Morris - June 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM

LB

“ Our deepest condolences to Alma and your 2 sons. our neighbor will truly be missed. RIP Mr. Duke



Larry & Marilyn Bowman - June 16, 2020 at 09:44 AM

CP

“ Cynthia Polk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Cynthia Polk - June 15, 2020 at 09:37 PM

HS

“ Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. William T. "W.T." Duke



Helen Scott - June 15, 2020 at 08:22 PM