



William Swilley

October 18, 1928 - December 17, 2006

Family Hour will be held at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2006 at Wolverine State Baptist Headquarters, 615 S. Jefferson Avenue. Bishop Bobbie Davis will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Spiritual Israel Church, 120 S. 5th St., on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue.

William E. Swilley, our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 17, 2006. He was born on October 18, 1928 in Panola, AL to William and Lula Swilley. He was a member of Spiritual Israel Church for over 50 years. He retired from General Motors in 1985 and from the Saginaw School District in 2004. He leaves to cherish his memory, seven children, James, David (Mattie) Swilley, Jacqueline Prescott, Lovette Swilley, Yvonne (Harry) Hubbard, Steffond (Deadra) Swilley and Tyrone Swilley; 19 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Joyce Swilley (David) Barnes; many nieces nephews, other relatives and special friends, Henry Sweeney and Bill Burley. William was preceded in death by his wife, Essie Mae Swilley, parents, two sisters, Lovie (Freddie) Williams and Azalee (Jessie) Claiborn, three brothers, Joe (Leola) Swilley, Theodis (Mamie) Swilley and James I. Swilley. The family would like to express special thanks to Hoyt Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Covenant VNA Hospice, Ida B. Prince, Temeco Payne, RN and Britney Roberson, CNA.

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *To The Swilley Family. So sorry to hear about the lost of your loved one. May GOD keep his arms of protection around you.*

Pauline (Smith) Jones - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *To the family we are here for you in your time of need. Sorry to hear about Uncle William. He was a great man and everyone knew him. He will truley be missed but never forgotten. He has that specail place in everyone's heart that we will never let go. Uncle William we love you and Rest In Peace. And to all of our Family we love you and we are here for you.*

Love The Cameron Family

Ricky & Diane Cameron - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *To the family- I love you all and am saddened to see that another of our wonderful elders have departed. However, I know that the Lord and His angels were there to guide Uncle William in his transition into the Lord's arms. I will always remember him as a very wise, caring, committed man who lived with the utmost integrity. He displayed true love and concern for his family and he was a man of his word. I will miss him and never forget his positive contribution to my life and the community. I will keep you all in my prayers. Be Blessed...*

Erica Swilley- James - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *To the Family -May you find comfort in the sorrow that you bear, knowing that there are many hearts that cares.*

Mr. & Mrs. Winston Crosby - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *my prayer goes out to all the family rembert always to keep god frist in your lives he will see you thew any and every thing you are going thew .keep the faith*

calvin p mcfarland - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

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mrs dale brooks mitchner and family - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *I was very sadden to hear about the passing of your father.Mr. Swilley was was like a father to the neighbor,who wouldnt hestitate to straighten us kids out and tell our parents. He will be well missed. our love and prayers .*

Pamela mcGill - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Mr. Swilley will be greatly missed. I knew him mostly from SHS during the years of '85 to '88. He was always a very generous and kind man. Definitely someone whom you hate to see leave and go home.*

My prayers go out to his family some whom I know personally. May God continue to Bless You all and be with you.

Brenda Bradley-Beckom

Brenda Beckom - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ *May the peace of God rest upon the family, friends, and *** who were in some way touched by the life of Mr. William E. Swilley during this time of bereavement and sorrow*

Nicholas Overstreet - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *I WAS VERY SADDEND TO HEAR A BOUTTHE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER MR SWILLEY CLASSING OF 70 YOU WILL BE MISS.*

Robbie Overstreet - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *May the Lord be near at this sorrowful time- may his love , his word and his presence bring you comfort and peace of mind
Praying for you*

Reverend A. Carl Prince - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I am sorry about the lost of your father MAY GOD BLESS you all.*
Love
Mary

Pastor Scott Bliss - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Family of The late Mr. William E. Swilley: We The Jones family extend our deepest sympathy on the homegoing of your grandad/father. Mr Swilley. His smile and laughter and joy he gave to others will be greatly missed. I will always remember him at the window at Sagiaw High when he sold all that candy to me. He always greeted us every lunch time with that warm smile and always told us to keep studying and to keep our head up when we were feeling down. Lovette, David, James, You are family to us and know that if there is anything we could not hesitate to ask. Lovette, you know that I (Dorris) is your girl and you can call on me anytime. My number is 989 755-1706. My number is 989 755-4073 (Landis). "To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord". The book of Proverbs reads. "Weeping may endure for a night but your joy cometh in the morning" and read 1 Cor. 15, 56-58. "I tell you a mystery, we will not all sleep, but we will be changed, in the twinkling of an eye, at the shout of the last trumpet and the dead in Christ shall rise first, incorruptible and we that are left behind shall be caught up in the air to meet the Lord." There will be no more death and crying. My prayers will and have always been for you and your family and I'll see you soon. It's gonna be all right. I know how you all loved your dad/grandad/ but God loved him more so he chose to call him home saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, Come now and take your reward reserved for you before time for all eternity". Again, On behalf of me, Dorris, Melvin, Stephen, Laverne, Matthew, and The Entire Jones Family We extend our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to all of you in this time of bereavement. This has been a hard past 2 yrs for you guys, but God is able and true to his word to get you all through this, but you must trust in him. For the time is short and the harvest is ripe as we await the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So get yourself ready so you can see your loved one when the Day approaches for no man knows the hour or the day when our Lord will return so be on watch and get yourself ready. ok? If you don't know Jesus as your personal saviour. Accept him now. He loves you and died that we all might have eternal life. This world is temporary but his is eternal, that's why he said, "In my fathers

house are many mansions and I got to prepare a place for you , If it wasn't so I wouldn't have told you and if I go to a place ahead of you then I will come back for you. You know the place to where I'm talking about."

Again, Keep your head up and trust in the lord.

We Loved you but God loves you more.

*With deepest Sympathy Orlando(JuicyNotes/Capp) Jones. Dorris,
Melvin and The entire Jones Family*

December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Uncle William I will remember you best for when I was about 8 or 9 years old and me and moma came Saginaw to visit grandmom and Uncle William came over on his motorcycle and you took me for a ride and moma told me to hold on to william real good and moma said you better not drop my baby so seeing that Uncle William took me for a ride around Saginaw it was fun but I was scared too and the messed up part was that my sinus were bothering me but when Uncle William brought me back I forgot about my cold. I love u but god loved u best

april swilley - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GW

*“ I knew Mr. Swilley while attending Saginaw High, he was a well respected man and did everything he could to help the students. I know he will be sadly missed.
May God be with you in your time of need.*

Genise Weston - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ MR. SWILLEY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING PERSON TO WORK WITH AND WOULD HELP IN ANYWAY HE COULD. MYSELF AND MY FAMILY ARE KEEPING ALL OF YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS.

JOAN CRAWFORD-SANGSTER - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Yvonne and Lovette and family,
You have my deepest sympathy. I'll always remember Mr. Swilleys' smile and sense of humor. God bless you all.

Diana (Willa Maes' friend)

Diana R. Simpson - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

C"

“ To the Swilley, sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Swilley was a good man and everyone knew him. He will truly be missed but NEVER forgotten. He has that special place in everyone's heart that we will never let go. Mr. Swilley we love you and Rest In Peace - u were like a "grandfather" to all of us. And to Dimetri - U are still "My brother", I miss u and us hanging out together. Me and the boys send our love to you, Jackie and the rest of the family - I'm here for you if you just need to talk (like old times).
Love Rainy, Cameron and TJ.

Cecilia Webb "Rainy" - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ With heart felt sympathy, we are saddened to hear of the passing of William. He was well known and respected. He will be remembered and continue to live on in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The (Mt.Morris) Swilley Family.

Kimberly Swilley Manley - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ We are very very sorry for the lost so I just want to say god bless you & your family in wish you a happy merry christmas in a happy new year!!!

Love, Helen Bailey & Family

Helen Bailey&Family - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To the Swilley Family, I just wanted to say I'm deeply sadden by the loss of your father. Please accept my warmest sympathy and prayers to the entire Swilley Family. Mr. Swilley will always be remembered as kind and loving man that many of Saginaw High School students looked up to as a mentor and orginial godfather of the Saginaw community. May God keep you in his loving arms during your time of sorrow. Love to you all.

Christopher Allen Crisp - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the entire Swilley Family I am so sorry to hear of your lost. May God strengthen and keep you all through this bereavement time. Your father, brother and grandfather was a wonderful man.

Jennifer A. Brown - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM