



Willie E. Allen

August 25, 1922 - November 10, 2012

Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at the age of 90 years. He was born on August 25, 1922 in Ruleville, MS. He was the oldest of nine children born to the late Estella (Burgess) and Cephus Allen.

Willie was married to India Norwood in Marion, Arkansas in 1942; she preceded him in death on March 24, 2000. Mr. Allen came to Saginaw, Michigan in 1953. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army having served during WWII. He retired from the Chevrolet Grey Iron in 1982 and was member of the U.A.W. Local #668. He joined the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in 1956. Willie loved fishing, barbequing, watching baseball, and travelling. He loved to talk with all those that he came in contact with. His most favorite past time was cooking and sharing his perfected prime rib cuisine with others.

His memory will be cherished by, four daughters, Idell (Chris) Chaffer, Gennetta (Mark) Thomas, both of Saginaw, MI, Wilenda (Gilbert) Jones of Fort Wayne, IN, Sandra (Kevin) Richard of Belleville, MI; one god daughter, Shelia McBride; ten grandchildren, Mark (Carla) Thomas, Christopher (Gina) Chaffer, Michael (Sharie) Thomas and Matthew Thomas, all of Saginaw, MI, Alexis Chaffer, AnJanette Chaffer, Lisa Jones, all of Belleville, MI, Gilbert Jones Jr., Ft. Wayne, IN, Kevandria and Kevin Richard of Belleville, MI; two

sisters, Delia Olison and Lou Ella Matlock, both of Los Angeles, CA; two sisters-in-law, Lena Mae Franklin, Memphis, TN, Delores McLemore- Allen, Detroit, MI; twelve great-grandchildren, Lance, Ashley, Mark (A.J.), Teayarra, Matthew II, Cameron, Amber, and Paris Thomas, Chrystal Harrison, Indiya Turner, Keznie and Kamaya Jones; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Allen was preceded in death by one daughter, Leatha L. Allen; brothers, John Henry and James Thomas Allen; sisters, Ora Bell Sample, Adella and Leatha Gayles, and Savannah Love and a great-granddaughter, Marlese Thomas.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2012 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 N. 6th Street. Rev. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present to greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 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

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
1114 North 6th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Browne's Mortuary - November 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *RoseMary Sanders-Nelson lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



RoseMary Sanders-Nelson - December 20, 2012 at 06:38 AM

SP

“ *Sherry Price-Greer lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Sherry Price-Greer - December 20, 2012 at 06:33 AM

SW

“ *Starr Curry Watley lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Starr Curry Watley - November 26, 2012 at 08:11 AM

BC

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss and I thought of a scripture in God's Word the bible found at John 5:28,29. It says in part," Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life. I hope you find this just as comforting as I did in times of mourning.*

Betty Curtis - November 20, 2012 at 06:47 PM

ND

“ *Allen Family,
Praying that the Lord will hold you close and comfort you through the days ahead and that you will find comfort in family and friends.
God Bless and God Keep you.
Nancy L. Davis*

Nancy L. Davis - November 16, 2012 at 01:06 PM

RT

“ Allen Family;

From the beginning of time there are things that our Creator has kept secret from us, things we cannot comprehend. For now, we see things imperfectly as if in a rose-colored mirror. But a day IS coming when God will wipe away all tears from our eyes and we will be able to see everything completely.

Take comfort in knowing, God gives more grace when the burdens grow greater. His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, and His power has no boundary.

*Rev. Paul & Ernestine Tolliver
Pensacola, FL*



Rev Paul & Ernestine Tolliver - November 15, 2012 at 09:44 PM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen



Leah O'Daniels - November 15, 2012 at 07:23 PM

MD

“ Marquetta Davis lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen



Marquetta Davis - November 15, 2012 at 08:59 AM

MD

Wilenda, Gennetta, and the Allen Family our prayers and thoughts are with you. May our Father of comfort give you peace at the difficult yet joyous time. Joyous, yes, for you know your father is in the presence of God and at rest.

*Sincerely,
Grover and Berta L. Davis
Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church*

Marquietta Davis - November 15, 2012 at 09:05 AM

GW

“ *Gloria (Dodie) Williams lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Gloria (Dodie) Williams - November 14, 2012 at 09:35 PM

GW

*I was only four and Calvin was five when we moved next door to you. We were two little kids who had already lost our dad and you stepped in and took us under your wings. You never turned your back on our family and you continued to be a dad to Calvin in spite of all his adult challenges. I will never forget how you always use to say "come on in and have some food". You will always hold a special place in my heart.
Dodie*

Gloria (Dodie) Williams - November 14, 2012 at 09:48 PM

IC

“ *Irma Chism lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Irma Chism - November 14, 2012 at 06:52 PM

MI

“ *Even though you're gone I find comfort in knowing you aren't in pain anymore. I pray that you will keep an watchful eye over us, teaching our rights and wrongs. To me, you seemed as though you were an older Steve Erekil when you wore your pants up high, I love you.*

*Love Your Great Grandson,
Matthew Thomas II*

Matthew Thomas II - November 14, 2012 at 05:54 PM

TT

“ *I'll never forget how me and Matt would laugh when we were little about how you wore your pants up to your neck.. I love you and I will never forget you*

*Love your great-granddaughter
Teayrra Thomas*

Teayrra Thomas - November 14, 2012 at 05:42 PM

SC

“ *Sis. Chris Jernigan Sincere Condolences lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



sis. Chris Jernigan sincere condolences - November 14, 2012 at 09:40 AM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Willie E. Allen*



Walsezetta Bennett - November 13, 2012 at 05:35 PM