



Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.

August 22, 1953 - October 23, 2021

Mr. Willie “Sweet Dog” DeBardelaben, Jr. was born August 22, 1953 in Saginaw, Michigan to the proud parents of Willie, Sr. and Johnnie L. (Benson) DeBardelaben. He passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the age of 68 years.

Willie was a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Michigan. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a graduate of Saginaw High School where he was a standout football player for “The Mighty Trojans”.

He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from Central State University. Mr. DeBardelaben was formerly employed at Schaefer & Bierlein and he made a great impact on the youth while working at the Saginaw Juvenile Detention Center. He enjoyed grilling, cooking, playing Dominos, sports and going to the casino. He was the life of the party.

To cherish many memories he leaves, three children, Tawanda Lockett, Sioux Falls, SD, Anita DeBardelaben and Willie DeBardelaben III, both of Saginaw, MI; his significant other, Rosemary J. Gipson of Saginaw, MI; 11 grandchildren, Scottie, Shantell, DeQuentin and Aaron Lockett, Travontis Richardson, Champigne Galvin, Quentin Ridley, Jr., Vera, John, Christopher and Joseph DeBardelaben; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Annette (Lewis) Williams; one brother, Donald DeBardelaben; two aunts, Minnie Benson and Rosie White, both of Alabama; one uncle, Clifford Benson, Tampa, FL; four nieces; eight nephews; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. DeBardelaben was preceded in death by one son, Quentin Ridley; a granddaughter, Chynna Thompson; his parents, Willie and Johnnie DeBardelaben; siblings, Eddie Benson, Barnard and Patrick DeBardelaben and Rosemary (DeBardelaben) Allen.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Covenant Medical Center-Harrison and Evans & Browne’s Funeral Home.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Genevieve Benson will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48607
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<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - November 05, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DM

“ *Darlene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Darlene Moore - August 22, 2022 at 03:36 PM

AD

“ *Miss you Unc.*



Antony J Debardelaben - November 05, 2021 at 06:37 PM

EG

“ *Evelyn Hardy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Evelyn Hardy Garrett - November 05, 2021 at 08:59 AM

DD

“ Dennis And Hazel Durham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Dennis and Hazel Durham - November 04, 2021 at 09:09 PM

PM

“ My dear sweet cousin I am truly going to miss you, but I know I will one day see you again! God be with you Willie Jr. 🙏

Patty Mitchell - November 04, 2021 at 07:13 PM

CD

“ Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Corliss Dawkins - November 04, 2021 at 06:28 PM

GB

“ GLORIA BLACKMON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



GLORIA BLACKMON - November 04, 2021 at 02:09 PM

GB

“ GLORIA BLACKMON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



GLORIA BLACKMON - November 04, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JW

“ Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Jean Willis - November 04, 2021 at 01:16 PM

GB

“ GLORIA BLACKMON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



GLORIA BLACKMON - November 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM

VJ

“ Victor&Stella Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Victor&Stella Johnson - November 04, 2021 at 10:19 AM

JR

“ Will miss you Willie D. We had lots of good times. Jimmy Reed

Jimmy Reed - November 03, 2021 at 04:19 AM

GB

WILLIE JR. I AM GOING TO MISS U TREMENDOUSLY. WOW, BEEN AROUND THE FAMILY, LOVING THE FAMILY SINCE 1968, WHEN YOUR SISTER ANNETTE AND I MET EACH OTHER AT GRADUATION PARTIES. YOUR COOKING WAS AWESOME. THAT SMILE, PERSONALITY, AND FRIENDLINESS WAS ONE OF A KIND. RIP WILLIE JR. GOD KNOWS BEST.

GLORIA BLACKMON - November 04, 2021 at 12:13 PM

MW

“ Maurice&Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Maurice&Marie Washington - November 02, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DH

“ *Deborah Herndon-Guerrero lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Deborah Herndon-Guerrero - November 02, 2021 at 06:48 PM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Linda McClain Veasley - November 02, 2021 at 07:30 AM

 Adele Johnson

“ *Adele Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Adele Johnson - November 02, 2021 at 12:41 AM

TB

“ *Theonas Barry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Theonas Barry - November 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM

OW

“ *Oscar And Alice Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Oscar and Alice Wilson - November 01, 2021 at 01:40 PM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Linda Troutmon - November 01, 2021 at 10:06 AM

B-

“ Barbara McMillan -Hargrow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Barbara McMillan -Hargrow - November 01, 2021 at 01:28 AM

FH

“ Fay Hemphill-McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Fay Hemphill-McKinnie - October 31, 2021 at 07:32 PM

AM

“ Aretha Hairston/ Rosa McNair sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Aretha Hairston/ Rosa McNair - October 31, 2021 at 06:53 PM

MF

“ Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Mosella Reed & Family - October 31, 2021 at 01:26 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Gwen Bowman - October 31, 2021 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ *TomekiaWillis & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



TomekiaWillis & family - October 31, 2021 at 09:32 AM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Rita Williams - October 31, 2021 at 05:58 AM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



rochelle brewer - October 29, 2021 at 11:13 PM

LO

“ *Lit a candle in memory of.Mr..Debardeladen*



Loretta - October 29, 2021 at 08:35 PM

RD

“ Rev Robert D Jones, Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Rev Robert d Jones, Detroit - October 29, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ Jerry L. Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



jerry L. banks - October 29, 2021 at 07:02 PM

TB

“ Tokey Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Tokey Burks - October 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM

NT

“ Nola Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Nola Taylor - October 29, 2021 at 04:48 PM

BD

“ Betty Daily lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Betty Daily - October 29, 2021 at 02:30 PM

IF

“ *Ida Helton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Ida Helton and family - October 29, 2021 at 12:24 PM

S)

“ *Lite a candle for Willie Jr. A friend from years ago. Thoughts and Prayers from Sandra and James Tate, The Moungers*

Sandra Tate (Mounger) - October 29, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JW

“ *Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Jean Willis - October 29, 2021 at 10:58 AM

CR

“ *Carl & Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Carl & Rosemary Ruth - October 29, 2021 at 09:40 AM

WH

“ *Walter/Dorothy Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Walter/Dorothy Harris - October 29, 2021 at 09:13 AM

CM

“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - October 28, 2021 at 10:53 PM

L.

“ L.D.Frierson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



L.D.Frierson - October 28, 2021 at 05:28 PM

BC

“ Betty Cliatt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Betty Cliatt - October 28, 2021 at 03:45 PM

LT

“ Linda Troutmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Linda Troutmon - October 28, 2021 at 01:32 PM

CW

“ Cynthia Winston-Hood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Cynthia Winston-Hood - October 28, 2021 at 12:45 PM

MG

“ Milton Goss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Milton Goss - October 28, 2021 at 11:02 AM

MD

“ Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Mr&Mrs William Doxie - October 28, 2021 at 10:05 AM

JW

“ James Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



James Winston - October 28, 2021 at 12:06 AM

DH

“ Dennis & Jerry Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Dennis & Jerry Hall - October 27, 2021 at 07:16 PM

BF

“ Bishop Ron & Lady Georgette Frierson



Bishop Ron & Lady Gee Frierson - October 27, 2021 at 05:39 PM

OJ

“ Don I am so sorry to hear of the lose of your brother you have my deepest condolences



Otis Jackson - October 27, 2021 at 03:34 PM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Walsezetta Bennett - October 27, 2021 at 01:29 PM

CT

“ Cynthia&Sheldon Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Cynthia&Sheldon Tillman - October 27, 2021 at 12:57 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Vicki Bradley - October 27, 2021 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Jean Willis - October 27, 2021 at 11:37 AM

TO

“ Tomekiawillis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Tomekiawillis - October 27, 2021 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ Dale Brooks Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Dale brooks mitchner - October 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM

NR

“ Nedra Riley-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Nedra Riley-Williams - October 27, 2021 at 12:56 AM

SB

“ Shellie Jackson Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Shellie Jackson Bell - October 26, 2021 at 08:02 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Larry Martin - October 26, 2021 at 07:13 PM

SL

“ Stephanie Louis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Stephanie Louis - October 26, 2021 at 05:13 PM

LA

“ Letha Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Letha Adams - October 26, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ To the family, you all have my condolences for the loss of your love one Willie. Annette, I pray for comfort and strength at this difficult time. Family be strong in the Lord.



DIANE BLACKMON - October 26, 2021 at 06:22 AM

DM

“ Debop !



Derrell Martin - October 25, 2021 at 10:33 PM

LR

“ LLOYD AND CAROLYN RILEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



LLOYD AND CAROLYN RILEY - October 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ Debo, my friend, classmate (71) and brother. There was none other like you. Champion athlete, genuine good hearted person and as real as they come. You could always bring a smile or laughter at the right time and was always as tough as they come. Rest well on high my brother and Thanks for the vote of confidence and being a soldier in the struggle!!



Derrell Martin - October 25, 2021 at 10:10 PM

BM

“ Barbara McMillanHargrow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Barbara McMillanHargrow - October 25, 2021 at 09:10 PM

FH

“ Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Freddie Hodges - October 25, 2021 at 08:53 PM

AF

“ Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - October 25, 2021 at 08:08 PM

RB

“ My sincere condolences to the DeBardelaben family, Willie you will definitely be missed, your laughter, silliness and fun loving spirit will be missed. Thank you for smiles brother-in-law

💔💔💔 Love you, Rosette

Rosette Blakes-DeBardelaben - October 25, 2021 at 07:12 PM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes-DeBardelaben sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Rosette Blakes-DeBardelaben - October 25, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Louis Weems - October 25, 2021 at 07:02 PM

WR

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - October 25, 2021 at 05:46 PM

EF

“ Eugene Blair & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Eugene Blair & Family - October 25, 2021 at 05:45 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - October 25, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DJ

“ *Doris Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Doris Jones - October 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Joanie Williams - October 25, 2021 at 10:14 AM

PR

“ *Going to miss you Willie been neighbors for forty-five years all of the good time we shared in driveway talking sports life and many other things. Rest Well*

Pastor Ernest Reed - October 25, 2021 at 09:43 AM

JN

*God bless Willie's family old school football at the high.
Pastor James Nelson*

James Nelson - October 25, 2021 at 05:19 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Ernest Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie DeBardelaben, Jr.*



Pastor Ernest Reed - October 25, 2021 at 09:39 AM

LH

My condolences go out to the Debardelaben family

Loretta Tucker Hendrix - October 30, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LH

My condolences go out to the Debardelaben family

Loretta Tucker Hendrix - October 30, 2021 at 06:40 PM