



Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris

September 24, 1922 - November 6, 2021

Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris transitioned from his life here on earth to his “Heavenly Home” to receive his crown on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the age of 97 years. The son of Ella Mae Harris and Lorenzo Bell. Willie C. was born September 24, 1924 in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Willie received his early childhood education in the states of Alabama and Ohio. In later years he was raised and educated in Saginaw, Michigan. He attended Central Middle School and Saginaw High School. Before graduating high school, Willie joined the United States Army and served 3 1/2 years. While serving his country he married Ruth Bell, during this time, three sons were born. Upon his discharge, he began his legacy working at General Motors–Grey Iron Foundry where he began his career with the United Auto Workers. He served as Financial Secretary for Local #668, then as Region 1D International Representative until his retirement in 1988.

Willie met and married the love of his life, Dorothy B. Peebles and from this union they were blessed with two children. They were married for 65 years, and together they raised four children.

Willie was baptized and attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church during his early years of life. He later joined and became a dedicated, loyal member of Bethesda Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP, and

belonged to various organizations and clubs. Willie enjoyed sports. He was an avid golfer, softball player and bowler. He spent many happy days and years involved in these activities and traveling with his family.

Willie was a devoted husband and father. He was a hard worker and an inspiration to his family. He made them laugh, provided support and comfort when they needed, made them feel safe and secure and gave the best advice. He always did his best and for that love and dedication he will be forever loved and remembered by his family for many generations to come.

Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy; children, Jackie Peebles, Saginaw, Walter (Diane) Peebles, Pine Bluff, AR, Gary T. Harris, Los Angeles, CA, Linda (Arthur) O'Neal, Saginaw, Stephen (Carolyn) Harris, Sherman, TX; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Harris, California; special chosen daughter, Norma Russell, Saginaw; grandchildren, Symora, Keya, Gary, Alea and Alonna, California, Octavia and Asia, Florida, David and Tiara, Saginaw, Percy Texas, Boyd, Darius, David, Marcus, Jeanetta and Loretia, North Carolina; a host of grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Barbara Davis and family, Tulsa, OK; brother-in-law, Wilmer Grayson, Mobile, AL; nieces, Sharon Clark, Phoenix, AZ and Wendy Griffin, Louisville, KY; nephew, Tyrone Grayson, Mobile, AL; many other relatives and friends, including James Richmond, O.C. Anderson, Margaret Williams and Shirley Williams.

Willie C. was preceded in death by his mother, Ella Mae (Sis); father, Lorenzo; sons, Michael, and Boyd; sisters, Isabella and Clara; brother, James and son-in-law, Earl.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Greg Johnson will officiate with interment in Forest

Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601.
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.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Browne's Mortuary - November 19, 2021 at 10:46 AM

DH

Gone but never forgotten. Granddaddy Willie love you .from the Boyd p Harris family

David harris - November 13, 2023 at 09:28 PM

IH

“ I think this is my grandfather, I am Iris my father is Darrell, and my grandmother Gladys Armstrong has also passed. someone, please get in touch with I have been searching for my family. (312)485-0530

IRIS D Harris-Morgan - July 19, 2024 at 07:50 PM

NM

“ Natalie McLaurin-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Natalie McLaurin-Johnson - November 23, 2021 at 09:37 AM

FF

“ From the Hulett Family. purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris.



From the Hulett Family. - November 18, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris.



November 18, 2021 at 09:38 AM

WR

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - November 18, 2021 at 06:11 AM

CB

“ Cynthia L Bruce-Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Cynthia L Bruce-Taylor - November 17, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Yvette Wofford - November 17, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ Joyce Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Joyce Neal - November 17, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ Fay Hemphill-McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Fay Hemphill-McKinnie - November 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Joanie Williams - November 17, 2021 at 11:04 AM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Toni Johnson-Smith - November 16, 2021 at 09:33 PM

MW

“ Maurice And Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Maurice and Marie Washington - November 16, 2021 at 04:40 PM

CP

“ Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Carrie Polk - November 16, 2021 at 03:46 PM

RR

“ Ricardo Reyes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Ricardo Reyes - November 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM

AH

“ *“He lead not only with his own interest but also with the interest of others”.*

Aaron Holden

Aaron Holden - November 15, 2021 at 11:18 PM

LH

“ *Lois Holiday sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Lois Holiday - November 15, 2021 at 11:18 PM

DR

“ *My heart goes out to the entire Harris and O’Neal Family.Love you all.Rest In Peace Mr. Harris, What a great man. Such a gentle spirit.*



Diana Rockett - November 15, 2021 at 06:51 PM

DR

“ *My heart out to the entire Harris and O’Neal family love you all Rest In Peace Mr.Harris such a gentle spirit*



Diana Rockett - November 15, 2021 at 06:38 PM

CJ

“ Condolences and prayers Mrs. Dorothy Harris and family, I was shock to see that Mr. Willie had gotten his wings and went on home to glory, We don't know when the storm of life will come raging that's when we need god to give comfort and peace Mr. Harris will truly be missed by those whom knew and loved him, Again may you find comfort and peace during this most difficult time, From the Cynthia Johnson & Family



Cynthia Johnaoncynhisjohnson35@gmail.com - November 15, 2021 at 02:10 PM

WH

“ Walter/Dorothy Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Walter/Dorothy Harris - November 15, 2021 at 09:45 AM

HA

“ Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Harris - November 15, 2021 at 09:44 AM

BL

“ *BL Little Family lit a candle*



BL Little - November 14, 2021 at 05:18 PM

SH

“ *From Sam and Kim Harrold*



Sam&Kim Harrold - November 13, 2021 at 10:31 PM

WH

“ *William & Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



William & Freddie Hodges - November 13, 2021 at 08:53 PM

NL

“ *Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Nola Levelston - November 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM

JS

“ To the Harris family, you are in my prayers thoughts and prayers in your time of bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Harris became a dear friend years ago and have remained an important part of my family. The many laughs at the bowling alley are etched in my memory. Mr Harris will truly be missed. RIH and may God continue to be with the family. Love you all my extended family.



Janie Surles-Cork - November 13, 2021 at 12:27 PM

TS

“ Tyronza And Diane Snowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Tyronza and Diane Snowden - November 13, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Shirley Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Shirley Cooper - November 13, 2021 at 07:14 AM

AH

“ Aaron and Daisy Holden purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris.



Aaron and Daisy Holden - November 12, 2021 at 08:30 PM

IC

“ PRAYING FOR THE HARRIS FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME 💕🙏💕🙏💕



IRMA CHISM - November 12, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris.

November 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM

BC

“ Billy & Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris



Billy & Karen Cork - November 12, 2021 at 10:43 AM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Linda McClain Veasley - November 09, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Elizabeth Hudspeth - November 09, 2021 at 02:46 PM

HA

“ *Harold, Barbara & Keara Artis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Harold, Barbara & Keara Artis - November 09, 2021 at 01:24 PM

NS

“ *Nolan & Earleen Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Cleveland Harris*



Nolan & Earleen Smithers - November 09, 2021 at 11:22 AM

RP

“ *My Heartfelt condolences go out to the Harris Family. The Harris/Patterson Families have been united for 4 generation. Mr Harris was very instrumental in my UAW leadership appointment. He reminded me often to serve the people. So many memories, he will be missed. Thanks for the ride.*



Rudy and Shontell Patterson - November 08, 2021 at 08:24 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in peace. James Dancy and Brenda Jones*



Brenda Jones - November 08, 2021 at 11:34 AM