



Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes

February 18, 1930 - May 30, 2022

Mrs. Willie Belle "Madea" Rhodes-Greene Ferguson, affectionately known as "Madea" entered this world on February 18, 1930. Madea was born in Columbus, Georgia to the late Bobbie Lee (PaPa) Blutcher and Earline Turner. Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and great-great-great-grandmother went home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2022 surrounded by her grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Willie Belle moved to Saginaw, Michigan at an early age. Willie was a cook at Tony's Restaurant for many years. Willie Belle enjoyed spending time with and taking care of her grandchildren and many others throughout the years. We (the grandkids) knew we could find Madea in the kitchen cutting up french fries and preparing them just the way we liked. Willie always had a small vehicle such as a Chevrolet or Pinto which we would all pile in and hold on tight except Marnike, she was known to fall out of the car frequently. Her face would light up the room when the family was around. We thank God for all the memories we have.

Mrs. Willie Belle Rhodes leaves to treasure many memories one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret (Pastor Charels) Roots, Saginaw, MI; one son, William (Marcia), Saginaw, MI; 24 grandchildren, Venita Cousins, Saginaw, Robert Mayo, Atlanta, GA, Fatima Mayo, Marnike (Rev. Randall) Hardy, Arthur Mayo,

all of Saginaw, Yusuf Mayo, Chicago, IL, Tarsha (Raymond) Grissom, Saginaw, Dontae and Kyle Rhodes, Raymond Foster, Jessie, William D., Zachery and Darrius Rhodes, Actavious (TaTa) Rhodes, Damarcus Anderson, Korrey, Torrey and August Rhodes, William (Rocky) L. Rhodes, Brandon Dugan-Rhodes, Devonte D. and Jasylin Rhodes. Willie Belle also leaves to cherish her memory 55 great-grandchildren; 30 great-great-grandchildren; six great-great-great-grandchildren.

Willie Belle was preceded by her father, Bobbie Blutchter; her mother, Earline Barnes; loving husband, Willie D. Rhodes; one daughter, Elizabeth Anderson.

We, the family of Willie Belle Rhodes, "Madea" had such a wonderful time with her. It's hard to say goodbye, so we won't. We will see you again. We love you!

Family Hour 10:00 AM Thursday, June 9, 2022 from the Chapel of Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Charles Roots will officiate. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Browne's Mortuary - June 09, 2022 at 10:31 AM

WR

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - June 14, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Joanie Williams - June 11, 2022 at 02:53 PM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Janice Ruffin - June 10, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Sandra Dillard - June 10, 2022 at 06:38 AM

VJ

“ *Vicky Patterson Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Vicky Patterson Jones - June 09, 2022 at 02:55 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Cheryl Cooper - June 09, 2022 at 01:44 PM

SD

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to Margaret and family. You all are in heart thought and prayers. I have some beautiful memories as child being over to her house as a child and adult...do t ask for nothing you not going to eat because man you were in trouble😭 she treated us like family so you know I/we were in trouble too🙏🏻👤♀ Rest in Heaven Madea....kiss and hug my momma and daddy💜💜💜



Sabrina Donald - June 09, 2022 at 11:06 AM

TM

“ Tanya Myles-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Tanya Myles-Wilson - June 09, 2022 at 08:50 AM

TM

“ Not my memories as I was the youngest of my 7 siblings. Madea would watch my siblings and the Mayo siblings (that was a lot) and they often speak of Madea telling them. STOP SMACKING THAT GUM!!! I wasn't born yet that's how far back our family go. I'm really gonna miss not going on 25th to see her and her beautiful hair and smile. Love you Madea

Tanya Myles-Wilson - June 09, 2022 at 08:48 AM

LB

“ Rest in peace Madea you will truly be missed🌷❤

Louis A Brown - June 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM

NT

“ Nola And Charles Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Nola and Charles Taylor - June 08, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes.



June 08, 2022 at 04:45 PM

RP

“ Roy White and Royce Ann Porter purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes.



Roy White and Royce Ann Porter - June 08, 2022 at 02:16 PM

BT

“ BOBBIE TURNER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



BOBBIE TURNER - June 08, 2022 at 02:13 PM

DO

“ *Dot. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Dot. - June 08, 2022 at 02:12 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Virginia Johnson - June 08, 2022 at 01:07 PM

KC

“ *To Yusuf and Tarsha I am sorry for your loss. May God comfort you. I liked the quote in the Obituary, not saying goodbye but see you again. I sad thar to my ex grandmother when she passed away. Knight love you both. Kay Tafel Curry and Allen Curry Jr*

Kay Tafel Curry - June 08, 2022 at 12:47 PM

TR

“ *T. RIVERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



T. RIVERS - June 08, 2022 at 12:20 PM

TR

“ *T. RIVERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



T. RIVERS - June 08, 2022 at 12:00 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Melissa Taylor - June 08, 2022 at 12:00 PM

GC

“ *Gwen&Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Gwen&Larry Conway - June 08, 2022 at 11:58 AM

FH

“ *Fay Hemphill-McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Fay Hemphill-McKinnie - June 07, 2022 at 09:48 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes*



Mosella Reed & Family - June 07, 2022 at 09:42 PM

LJ

“ *Praying for the family*



Leon Jackson - June 07, 2022 at 10:19 AM

MA

“ *Madea ; my grandmother will be missed! I have so many memories of her! When she was driving she would pull up to our house and blow her horn at least seven times. Lol Or when we called her she would always answer (Willie) ! 🥹❤️❤️❤️*

Marnike - June 06, 2022 at 07:21 PM

CM

“ *Our DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILIES..... THE CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH NURSES MINISTRIES*

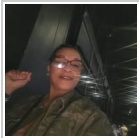
Canaan Nurses Ministries - June 06, 2022 at 06:55 PM

HB

“ Dearest Margret ,Rhodes, Roots ,Mayo n extended Family please know You n Yours are in My Prayers. Ms. Willie Belle was a Loving woman.
I remember Her when our Family lived on 5th street. Sending Love Always. Helena n Bill Badger 🙏🙏❤️



Helena/Bill Badger - June 06, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ Tarsha Grissom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Tarsha Grissom - June 06, 2022 at 02:52 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Gloria jones - June 06, 2022 at 12:42 PM

AN

“ My condolences goes out to the Rhodes Family. Madea, you will truly be missed, but never forgotten.



Ann - June 06, 2022 at 12:41 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Gloria jones - June 06, 2022 at 12:41 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Gloria jones - June 06, 2022 at 12:37 PM

CS

“ Connie J Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Connie J Sanders - June 05, 2022 at 05:30 PM

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“ Connie J Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Connie J Sanders - June 05, 2022 at 05:29 PM

YC

“ Yashica Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Yashica Campbell - June 05, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you Sister Margaret (Pastor Charles E. Roots) and entire family of Mother Willie Belle Rhodes.
Deacon Scipio (Rosa) Williams

RosaRosa Williams - June 05, 2022 at 07:07 AM

CH

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Rhodes and Root families during thievery difficult time. Love the MAISE and Hamilton families.



Cynthia Maise Hamilton - June 04, 2022 at 12:37 PM

CH

“ The Maise and Hamilton families are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Rhoades. We extend our condolences and deepest sympathy. God bless you during this time of sorrow. 🙏



Cynthia Maise Hamilton - June 04, 2022 at 12:11 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Maise Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Cynthia Maise Hamilton - June 04, 2022 at 12:06 PM

BW

“ Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences to the family, extended family and friends 🙏❤️
😭 May God comfort each and everyone of you 🙏



Bernice Williams - June 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

KS

“ Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Kathy Shaw - June 04, 2022 at 01:55 AM

SO

“ OUR FAMILY ARKS AND CARRUTHS HAVE KNOWN MRS.WILLIE BELLE ALL OF OUR LIVES AS SHE WAS FRIENDS WITH PARENTS SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED....THE CLARK AND CARRUTH FAMILY



SONACARRUTH - June 03, 2022 at 07:02 PM

JS

“ Jackie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Jackie Sanders - June 03, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DD

“ My condolences to the family. I remember her as a member @ Mt. Nebo.
R.I.P. mother Rhodes



Debra Dillard - June 03, 2022 at 12:27 PM

FG

“ Madea meant so much to me, words can never express. Ok like most people had a dad but I had grandma who stood in the gap. I am forever grateful. My heart is so heavy but I know she's walking around heaven jumping and shouting. I'll see you again. Thank the Lord for her life and the things you taught me 💕💕💕💕

Fatima Mayo. granddaughter - June 02, 2022 at 08:59 PM

TQ

“ Tanya Quiroz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Tanya Quiroz - June 02, 2022 at 02:09 PM

AC

“ Anderson Children lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



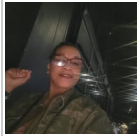
Anderson Children - June 01, 2022 at 04:09 PM

AL

“ Thank you Madea for sharing your love with our family! We love you but God loves you MOST! William/Alice Rich and family.



alicefayerich - June 01, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Madea, you will truly be missed. You were my second mom. Nothing will ever replace this void. Love you always. My only comfort is that you are no longer in pain.



Tarsha Grissom - May 31, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Sendin Prayers up for her Family..... Love yall Mikko



Missmikko Johnson - May 31, 2022 at 04:35 PM

JH

“ James And Brenda Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



James and Brenda Harris - May 31, 2022 at 06:34 AM

SF

“ Sherrie Williams & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Sherrie Williams & Family - May 30, 2022 at 10:25 PM

SF

“ Sherrie Williams & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie "Madea" Belle Rhodes



Sherrie Williams & Family - May 30, 2022 at 10:24 PM

AC

Anderson family

Anderson Children - June 01, 2022 at 04:08 PM