



Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"

March 8, 1941 - January 10, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle was called home by the Lord on Friday, January 10, 2025. Willie Matthews was born March 8, 1941, in Shady Grove, Alabama, to the late Ollie and Ella Francis Matthews.

Willie attended school at Helicon High School in Alabama. He moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1960 where he began working at Michigan Bean. He later met the love of his life, Antoinette Mathews, who he married in 1964. He began working at General Motors Saginaw Metal Casting in 1966 until he retired on November 1, 1998. He was a member of UAW Local 668. Willie was a member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church where he later joined the Heavenly Hands Kitchen Ministry and was nicknamed "Chicken Man".

Willie loved fishing, hunting, and especially drag racing at Ubly, Lapeer, Detroit and Tri-City Dragways' and was known as the Saginaw Soul Shaker. After retiring, he enjoyed gardening and cutting his grass 3 times a week. His greatest passion was his family. Willie had a great sense of humor, loved helping people and was a true man of his word.

Mr. Willie Matthews leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Antoinette Matthews; children, Brian and Kecia Matthews, all of Saginaw, MI;

grandchildren, Skyy (Daniel) Jackson, Tre' (Keyshonna) Fife-Matthews of Saginaw, MI, Brian Jr. and Bri'Angela Matthews of Oklahoma City, OK; great grandchildren, Jaiden and Arrington Matthews of Oklahoma City, OK, Princeton Matthews of Victorville, CA and Alaya Fife-Matthews of Saginaw, MI; daughter-in-love, LaTangela Matthews of Dallas, TX; sisters, Eula Mae Merritt of Troy, NY and Delores Matthews-Smith of Decatur, GA; brother-in-law, Wilbur Mathews of Saginaw, MI; god sisters/brother, JoAnne and Diane Langston and Vernon (April) Langston of Texas; goddaughter, Kim (Barrett) Glover of Redford, MI; two special nieces, Chandra Howell of Saginaw, MI and Robyn Mathews of Leroy, MI who he raised from ages 8 and 6; nieces, Sylvia Venson of Troy, NY, Devona (Michael) Matthews-Floyd of Grand Rapids, MI, Veronica Mathews, Dione Colvin, Denise Mathews and Marquita Hill, all of Atlanta, GA, Katrice Humphrey of Saginaw, MI and Crystal (Eric) Hackney of MI; nephews, Kenneth Ike (Yvonne) Merritt of New York City, NY, Darrick (Karrie) Matthews of Carrollton, MI and Billy (Wendy) Phillips of Long Beach, CA; cousin Bubba Stringer and family and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends; Willie Frank (Corol) May of Detroit, MI, Willie "Dawg" Hollis, Billy (Linda) Thomas, Allen Brooks, Robert (Gloria) Hughes, Joanne Bloom, John (Shirley) Sangster, Tony Sangster, all of Saginaw, MI, Dock (Deb) Underwood of Jackson, MI and Robert Yancy of Grand Rapids, MI.

Mr. Matthews was preceded in death by parents, Ollie and Ella Francis Matthews; sister, Emma Grace Collier; brothers, Douglas, Willie James, Ollie D., Benthard and Larry Matthews; sister-in-law, Gwendolyn Mathews; brother-in-law, Leonard Mathews.

The family would like to express special thanks to granddaughter, Skyy (Daniel) Jackson, Great Lakes Rehab Center, Covenant Cooper, Alicia McLaren, Sharon Chatman, Cassandra "Bam" Collier, Mary (Steve) Williams, Terrance (Kisha) Myles and the GFL family, Mark Oates, Al Brooks, Brady

Mahone Jr., Robert Brossard, Darrick Lewis, the Genwright family, Jerome Sangster, All American Muscle Car Club, The Doyen Family, The Bay City Rollers, The Be Cool family, The Tri-City Dragway family, Dr. Desmon R. Daniel, Genesee County DHHS and the Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church family

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Joshua M. Daniels, Host Pastor and Dr. Desmon Daniel will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place on Friday at the funeral home 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
1114 N 6th Ave
Saginaw,, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jerrold Rance Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



jerrold rance sr. - March 17, 2025 at 09:08 AM

JL

“ *Jenise Lewis* ”

My condolences to you Mrs. Matthew and the your family.



jenise lewis - February 20, 2025 at 08:24 AM

BJ

“ *Buford Gaiter Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Buford Gaiter Jr - February 04, 2025 at 09:20 AM

TB

“ *Toni Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Toni Brooks - January 30, 2025 at 08:24 PM

AG

“ He was a great guy, he was always smiling, always friendly. He will surely, surely be missed. My prayers go out to you and your entire family. May God be with you and your family always. - Ann Watts Guster

Ann Watts Guster - January 28, 2025 at 02:11 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Larry Martin - January 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TP

“ Tim Prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Tim Prince - January 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM

DB

“ Deandya Simmons and De'Yanna Burks love you always❤️



Deandya Simmons & De'Yanna Burks - January 25, 2025 at 11:17 AM



*From your two special nieces, we will miss you very much.
Love always Chan and Robyn 💕💕*

Robyn Mathews - January 27, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SH

“ *SH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie
"Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



SH - January 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM

AM

“ *Andre' Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Andre' Martin - January 25, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Kathy Shaw - January 25, 2025 at 06:57 AM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



IRMA CHISM - January 24, 2025 at 03:08 PM

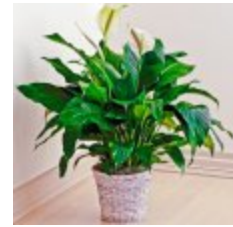


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".

January 24, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



January 24, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SW

“ To Tony and all extended family members, I pray the Lord will comfort and strengthen you during these difficult times. 🙏



Sara Walker - January 24, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JH

“ To the Matthew family may God be with you all. From Joan Holmes and family.



Joan Holmes - January 24, 2025 at 10:32 AM

EJ

“ Esther JBenson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Esther JBenson - January 23, 2025 at 11:06 PM

SC

“ SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



SONA Carruth - January 23, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JF

“ Jerome Buckley Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Jerome Buckley Family - January 23, 2025 at 11:42 AM

WH

“ *Walter/Dorothy Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Walter/Dorothy Harris - January 23, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Doloris Mixon - January 23, 2025 at 08:15 AM

KW

“ *Kerry And Debby Walker-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Kerry and Debby Walker-Thompson - January 22, 2025 at 11:42 PM

DF

“ I had the pleasure of Meeting Mr. Matthews because I served in military with his son Brian. We connected on cars and a love of them. When I met Mr. Matthews it was a instant connection. I had a opportunity to sit with his family for several hours and we talked about a range of things. Mr. Matthews you will be dearly missed. Your Legacy lives on through those who love you.

To the Family continue to keep the faith and your mind and thoughts on the guidance of your faithful leader.

Your friend
Darrick Lewis

Darrick Lewis Friend of the family - January 22, 2025 at 10:31 PM

BM

“ Barbara Mathews sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Barbara Mathews - January 22, 2025 at 05:16 PM

SW

“ Sending love and prayers to the Matthews family 🤍🙏



Stefanie Wood - January 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CF

“ Cynthia Tipton and family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



Cynthia Tipton and family - January 22, 2025 at 02:35 PM

CT

“ Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Cynthia Tipton - January 22, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KP

“ Katrice Philips-Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Katrice Philips-Humphrey - January 22, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BT

“ Brenda Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Brenda Tucker - January 22, 2025 at 12:09 PM

KP

“ To know Uncle Ned was to LOVE HIM! I have soooo many good memories as well as laughs with him! Til we meet again 🙏RIH 💙

Katrice Philips-Humphrey - January 22, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JB

“ Jacqueline Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Jacqueline Brown - January 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LM

“ Our prayers and deepest condolences to my family on there great loss! Love the Tucker and McCall family



Lisa McCall - January 22, 2025 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ Lisa McCall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Lisa McCall - January 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM

AO

“ Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Arnenia Odum - January 22, 2025 at 08:16 AM

FT

“ Felicia Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Felicia Thomas - January 22, 2025 at 08:11 AM

BW

“ Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Beverly Walker - January 22, 2025 at 06:45 AM

CS

“ Charles And Sophronia Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Charles and Sophronia Sparks - January 22, 2025 at 01:37 AM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Delta Hawkins - January 21, 2025 at 11:39 PM

BH

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to the families. May God give you strength.* ”



Barb & Elaine Hollis - January 21, 2025 at 09:50 PM

ST

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Matthews family* 🙏🙏🙏 ”



Shantay Triplett - January 21, 2025 at 09:48 PM

GB

“ *Gwendolyn White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Gwendolyn White Bowman - January 21, 2025 at 09:44 PM

ET

“ Erika Trevino purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



Erika Trevino - January 21, 2025 at 08:11 PM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Ernestine Martin - January 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences are extended to Kecia, the family and friends of Mr. Matthews. May God give you the strength and comfort during your time of sorrow. Sending love and hugs to you Kecia.



Jammaya Williams - January 21, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TO

“ Toya, Judy, Barb, Kwenji, Johnny purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



Toya, Judy, Barb, Kwenji, Johnny - January 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TO

“ Toya, Judy, Barb, Kwenji, Johnny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".

Toya, Judy, Barb, Kwenji, Johnny - January 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM

GL

“ To Ann and family, extending my sincere condolences to you during your time of sadness. May God give you peace and comfort.



Glendorah Lawrence - January 21, 2025 at 03:26 PM

TR

“ Sending love and prayers.....Uncle Ned will be missed.



Toni and Tink Riley - January 20, 2025 at 06:34 PM

AT

“ We send our deepest condolences to our family, Praying for strength and peace's at this time and always. Take your rest cousin Ned, God called you home saying job well done. The Tucker family from STL Rodney, Duna and Lil Rodney Love you all to life and always praying for you all 🤔🤔🤔❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Armelda Tucker - January 20, 2025 at 03:51 PM

LK

“ Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Larry Kemp - January 19, 2025 at 04:22 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Valerie Foster - January 19, 2025 at 10:20 AM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds Fam - January 19, 2025 at 07:37 AM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



barbara Smith - January 19, 2025 at 05:49 AM

WM

“ *Willie D Mims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Willie D Mims - January 19, 2025 at 12:34 AM

CH

“ *Cynthia H[ood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Cynthia H[ood - January 18, 2025 at 12:10 PM

DR

“ *Deacon Carl And Rosemary Ruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Deacon Carl and Rosemary Ruth - January 17, 2025 at 10:15 PM

BC

“ *Bennie And Shirley Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Bennie and Shirley Cooper - January 17, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



January 17, 2025 at 04:47 AM



“ *Joe & Vera Parks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Joe & Vera Parks - January 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Purvis Carter Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Purvis Carter Jr. - January 16, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ *Condolences to the Willie "Ned" Matthew's family, at this time of great loss.*



Sidney Diggs IV - January 16, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



January 16, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr Matthew From Willie And Elaine Houston.*



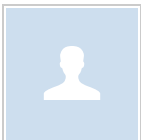
Elaine Browder Houston - January 16, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



January 16, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Willie "Ned" "Soul Shaker" Matthews.

January 16, 2025 at 11:10 AM

SW

“ Stephanie Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Stephanie Washington - January 16, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ Condolences to the Family.



Joselyn Jordan - January 15, 2025 at 08:27 PM

OC

“ Betty Chaney and Family



Ona Chaney - January 15, 2025 at 04:50 PM

RB

“ Richard A Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Richard A Brooks - January 15, 2025 at 02:40 PM

AV

“ Alfred N Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Alfred N Vinson - January 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM

VP

“ Vickie Pearce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Vickie Pearce - January 15, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Estrella McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Estrella McRae - January 15, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BH

“ Condolences to Ann & The Entire Mathews family.
The kindness that was always an expression of you both will always be remembered by many.
Barbara Hill & Family



Barbara Hill - January 15, 2025 at 10:49 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Brenda Jones - January 15, 2025 at 08:59 AM

DA

“ *Dwight/Shalanda Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Dwight/Shalanda Akins - January 15, 2025 at 07:03 AM

SC

“ *Silva Casey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Silva Casey - January 14, 2025 at 09:42 PM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Larry Kemp - January 14, 2025 at 09:31 PM

AA

“ *Ann Hudspeth Arceneaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Ann Hudspeth Arceneaux - January 14, 2025 at 06:51 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - January 14, 2025 at 05:53 PM

GM

“ *Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Gary McClain - January 14, 2025 at 05:40 PM

LA

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the memories that you all have shared bring comfort and peace.*



La'Toya - January 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Cheryl Cooper - January 14, 2025 at 01:05 PM

RK

“ I ws on a couple of Bargaining Teams with Willie for the Saginaw Education Association. Loved his spirit and competence. He became a great friend through the Saginaw Branch NAACP. What a present to the Saginaw Community. - -He is missed.



Ruth Ann Knapp - January 13, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker".



January 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MO

“ Mark Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Mark Oates - January 13, 2025 at 05:51 PM

SM

“ Sue McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Sue McDole - January 13, 2025 at 05:51 PM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Dennis and Gail Porter - January 13, 2025 at 05:26 PM

DM

“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Doloris Mixon - January 13, 2025 at 05:13 AM

BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Belinda Barlow-Poole - January 12, 2025 at 06:44 PM

CF

“ *Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Claudine Fife - January 12, 2025 at 02:58 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Walsezetta Bennett - January 12, 2025 at 01:40 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"*



Walsezetta Bennett - January 12, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BC

“ *Bennie and Shirley Cooper*



Bennie and Shirley Cooper - January 12, 2025 at 05:54 AM

PL

“ *Pauline Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Pauline Lawrence - January 11, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Carrie Polk - January 11, 2025 at 02:47 PM

AJ

“ *Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"* ”



Amelia Johnson - January 11, 2025 at 01:46 PM

DU

“ *He was a very good man gave great wisdom of life he is going to really be missed God has picked another flower from his garden we send our prayers and condolences to the family.* ”

Dock & Debra Underwood - January 11, 2025 at 01:24 PM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Gary McClain - January 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Lorraine Bond-Riley - January 11, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ Jackie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Ned" Matthews "Soul Shaker"



Jackie Sanders - January 10, 2025 at 08:45 PM

MI

“ May GOD comfort and keep you all during this most difficult time. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.



Michelle - January 10, 2025 at 08:11 PM