



## Mr. Willie Maxwell

November 7, 1937 - January 16, 2024

Willie Draper Maxwell was born on November 7, 1937 in Lockesburg, AR to Mervin Harrison Maxwell and Lillie Mae (Scroggins) Maxwell. His family later moved to Saginaw, Michigan where he attended public school. Many of his friends and family members in Saginaw affectionately referred to him as Willie Draper or Draper.

As a young man, Willie moved to Chicago, IL before later settling in Evanston, IL. Willie was married to Vonnie (Saucier) Maxwell for 22 years. He was later married to Sue (McNeil) Maxwell.

Willie retired from the United States Postal Service in 1997 after an honorable career of 30 years of service. During his retirement he spent several years working as a shuttle bus driver for a local senior living facility where he was beloved by all of his passengers.

Later in his life, Willie relocated to Prince Georges County MD to be closer to his oldest daughter and grandson, and he remained there until the time of his transition. Willie passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, MD with his Daughter April holding his hand.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his aunt, Zora Scroggins of Chicago, IL, his

sister, Barbara Gill of Burton, MI, his son, Mervin Anthony Maxwell of North Chicago, IL; his daughters, April Maxwell Hart of Bowie, MD and Michelle M. Mendenhall (Walter) of Chicago, IL; two bonus daughters, Brenda Payne of Chicago, IL and Esquleta Vaughn of Minneapolis, MN; a bonus son, William Payne; six grandchildren, Tyler Nicole Thomas-Maxwell, Janina Nicole Gamel, Jeremy Anthony Maxwell, Janine Marie Maxwell, Messiah S.N. Khalfani and Walter Mendenhall V and many beloved cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Willie Maxwell, Jr.; his former wife, Vonnie Maxwell; his special aunt, Bennie Scroggins and six uncles.

Memorial service will take place Monday, January 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Sr. Pastor Kevin Earley will officiate.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Browne's Mortuary** - January 29, 2024 at 12:55 PM

RH

“ *Rasminee Harros lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Maxwell*



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**Rasminee Harros** - January 29, 2024 at 05:42 PM

SG

“ *We had many fun times in Evanston . RIP dear Cuz! Love you. Sincere condolences to the family.*

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**shirley Gordon** - January 29, 2024 at 12:59 PM

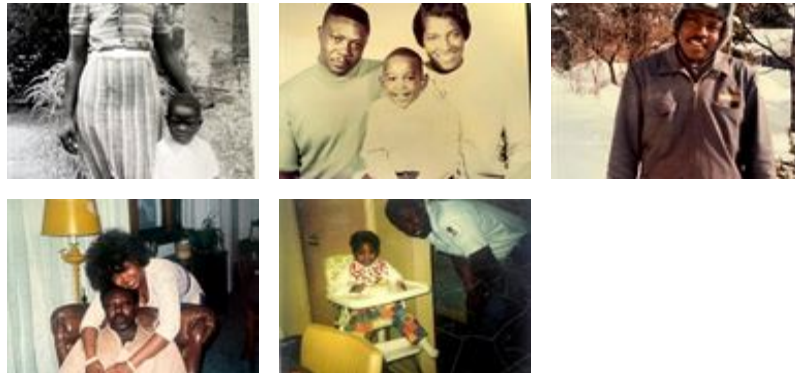
RH

“ Hello, my name is Rasminee' Harris, I am the best friend of Willie Maxwell's daughter April. April, I love you so very much, I am so sorry for such a major loss. I loved your Dad very much, he lived a long happy full life!!! I will never forget Mr. Maxwell's, smile and love!!!! I remember the trip we took to New Orleans, your dad found his way to us!!!!!!!!!!!! Michelle and Anthony Blessings to each of you. To the entire Maxwell Family, I am so glad that Mr. Maxwell had a chance to see each of you recently when he visited his home town, that meant a lot to him. I love you very much Ree, remember: To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! April, you have done an outstanding job taking care of your Dad for all these years!!!!!! You honored your Father whole heartedly, Mr. Maxwell is now at peace!!!!

Rasminee' Harris - January 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - January 29, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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January 28, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Jabari Khalfani & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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**Jabari Khalfani & Family** - January 27, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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January 26, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *The Bell-Britt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*

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**The Bell-Britt Family** - January 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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January 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Your Wing, Juanita purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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**Your Wing, Juanita** - January 25, 2024 at 09:48 AM



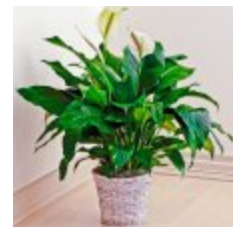
“ *Your Wing, Juanita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*

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**Your Wing, Juanita** - January 25, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *R Whitmore purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Willie Maxwell.*



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**R Whitmore** - January 24, 2024 at 02:45 PM

LM

“ *LaShonda McGill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Maxwell*



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**LaShonda McGill** - January 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM