



## Mother Willie Neal

May 22, 1919 - June 13, 2014

Passed away Friday, June 13, 2014 at the age of 95 years.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2014 at New Life Ministries, 1401 Janes Street. Dr. Rufus Bradley, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

“The Lord is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Mother Willie Neal has fought the good fight, she has finished her course. She has taken wings and she is now resting in the arms of the Lord. Mother Neal made her transition on Friday, June 13, 2014 at the age of 95 years. She was born May 22, 1919 in Tunica, MS to Will Nelson and Blanchie Huggins. Mother Neal married Leslie Neal, Sr. in 1942 in Clarksdale, MS. He preceded her in death in 1986. To that union 4 children were born.

She accepted Christ at an early age at Macedonia Baptist Church in Indianola, MS. Willie was a member of New Life Ministries, where she was faithful until her health failed. She was involved in a number of activities in the church.

Willie was employed at the Gase Baking Company and subsequently retired from the maintenance department at the Saginaw County Courthouse in 1984, after 30 years of service. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, gardening, sewing quilts and entertaining family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Blanche E. Williams; one special grandson that she raised, Leslie Neal III of Saginaw, MI; four grandchildren, Aaron P. Williams of Pueblo, CO, Dexter T. Williams of Tampa, FL, Justice Bent of Hamilton, Ontario and Verna Neal of Saginaw, MI; 17 great-grandchildren; she was blessed with a God-daughter, Katherine Davis; special grandchildren, Shawn Davis and Derra Davis; 5 special great-grandchildren; 4 great-nieces; 2 great-nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She will be sadly missed by her special caregiver, Mary Ellen Butler, the Super Seniors Life Development Sunday School Class of New Life Ministries and her church family.

Mother Neal was preceded in death by her parents, Will Nelson and Blanche Huggins; her husband, Leslie Neal, Sr.; 3 children; one sister; one granddaughter, Megale A. Williams of Saginaw, MI; one niece; and one son-in-law, Aaron "A A" Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Rufus Bradley and the New Life Ministries church family, including the prayer warriors, to the Covenant Medical Center and visiting nurses.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Life Baptist Church Ministries  
1401 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Willie Neal



Browne's Mortuary - June 19, 2014 at 04:09 PM

DH

“ To the family, God will give you the strength to endure. I met Mrs. Willie when I worked at the courthouse. She was very wise and gentle lady, she always gave me good advice.

Deborah Hollis - June 26, 2014 at 12:09 PM

MA

“ May the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, comfort the family and friends of Mrs. Willie Neal throughout all your trials.- 2 Cor 1:3,4. I am sorry for your loss.... [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)-

Margaret - June 24, 2014 at 05:55 AM

AN

“ Sorry Blanche for the loss God will help you through this time of sorrow she was a good person I got to meet at New Life RIP Mother Neal God Bless You Love Annette Gamble

annette - June 23, 2014 at 05:20 PM

CF

“ *Cora Mitchell & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Willie Neal*



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**Cora Mitchell & Family** - June 18, 2014 at 04:48 PM

DW

*Thank you very much for contributing to the memory of Mother Willie Neal. Blanche Williams and family thanks you...*

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**Dexter Williams** - June 21, 2014 at 04:22 PM

AC

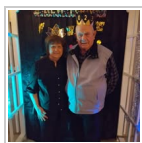
“ *My Grandma will be missed! I love her so very much every time i see my Grandma she bows her head for me to kiss her on her forehead!!! RIP Grandma Neal!*

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**Anthony Coleman** - June 18, 2014 at 02:17 PM

DW

*Thank you very much for your kind words. They certainly warm our hearts in this time of need. Blanche Williams and family thanks you...*

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**Dexter Williams** - June 21, 2014 at 04:24 PM



“ *My condolences to Blanche on the passing of her Mother....I knew Willie for many years and she was a wonderful lady...I will miss her dearly and her prayers....Kay Peele. (Bank)*

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**Kay Peele** - June 18, 2014 at 08:06 AM

DW

*Thank you Kaye for being there me mother and myself. You are in our thoughts and prayers as well...*

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**Dexter Williams** - June 21, 2014 at 04:26 PM

CH

“ *The Maise Family would like to express our deepest sympathy to Blanche and her entire family at the passing of Mother Neal. She was indeed a child of God. Mother Neal was faithful and a woman of integrity. She'll be missed. Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Cynthia (Maise) Hamilton** - June 17, 2014 at 05:58 PM

DW

*Thank you Cynthia. She will truly be missed by everyone that she has touched. May God bless your family...*

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**Dexter Williams** - June 21, 2014 at 04:28 PM

SD

“ *The Davis, Neal, Williams, family would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support throughout this time of mourning for our dear Grandmother Mrs. Willie Neal, she was indeed a great contribution and example of how to treat and be kind to others in the community. She will be greatly and truly missed. Thanks for your support, kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards and whatever you have done to make this a great occasion for our celebration of her homegoing.*

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**Shawn Davis** - June 17, 2014 at 12:33 PM

LI

“ *The Neal would like to thank everyone for your prayers and condolences during this time of mourning for the passing of one of God's Angels Mother Willie Neal. Mother Neal was a pillar in the community as well as for her family. Thank you for your love and support.*

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**Leslie Neal III** - June 17, 2014 at 12:18 PM

CD

“ I am truly going to miss my #1 inspirational woman she was the only who can calm me down from anything, bad feelings or thoughts and she would always tell me not to worry about what no one else had to say or think and may God Bless them. I love you dearly and i thank you for being able to help me with the boys at any given time even when i know you knew you couldn't help and thanks for all thee great advice you've ever given LOVE YOU!!!

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**Chasity Davis** - June 17, 2014 at 12:45 AM

TF

“ We, the Torrence Family, would like to give our deepest condolences to Ms. Blanche Williams during this time of mourning for her mother, Ms. Willie Neal. Ms. Neal, along with the rest of the Williams Family, have not just been our neighbors but also close friends for well over 20 years. She was certainly someone with a heart of gold and who would go well out of her way just to do something nice for you, whether or not you were a friend. John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." So all of you who knew Ms. Willie Neal, be it by family, friendship or just acquaintance, we ask that you not only hold onto each others' hand but also God's unchanging hand as we go through this together.

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**The Torrence Family** - June 16, 2014 at 02:32 PM

DW

On behalf of the Williams and Neal family, we say thank you for your kind words. They are deeply appreciated at this difficult time. May God richly bless your hearts.

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**Dexter Williams** - June 16, 2014 at 09:33 PM

TM

“ Prayers go out to Blanche Williams at this time, from the Monroe family.

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**Tony Monroe** - June 14, 2014 at 07:28 AM

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*Thank you Tony for taking time out to acknowledge this difficult time in our lives. On behalf of the Williams and Neal family, we thank you.*

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**Dexter Williams** - June 16, 2014 at 09:34 PM

GG

*thank you Mrs. Willie for always having those words of wisdom when I needed them the most ! You are truly missed ! Love you !! I will always remember fondly sitting of your front porch eating your Tea Cakes !*

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**Grant "Baba" Garrett** - June 18, 2014 at 03:39 PM