



## Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt

June 10, 1945 - April 13, 2019

Willie Vernon Pratt passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper at the age of 73 years. Born June 10, 1945 to Virgie Mae Reid, Willie made his life in Saginaw, Michigan.

He was a graduate of Saginaw High School. In his early life, he was employed at General Motors, and later as a welder and general laborer at Central Warehouse until his retirement in 2006. Willie or "Buddy" as he was affectionately known enjoyed watching football, any movies, and being with his family and friends. Willie was easy going and kind to everyone he knew and loved. To know him was to love him.

Willie leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Mildred Pratt, who loved him unconditionally; his four children, Derek Pratt, Columbus, OH, Erainer "Lane" Pratt, Saginaw, Angela (James) Dunbar, Auburn Hills, MI and Ayanna Harris, Southfield, MI; six grandchildren, Kasharra and Marcell Pratt, Saginaw, Candis Williams, Grand Rapids, MI, Kwaneisha Weems, Saginaw and Tanesha and Danara Pratt, Columbus, OH; 18 great-grandchildren; seven nieces, Valerie Sykes, Carmen Pratt, Sherry Pratt, Regina Smith, Tracy Johnson, Andrea Haynes and Tricia Hill; three nephews, Alvin Pratt, Jr., Michael Pratt and Kenny Newson; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends; special friends and family members including June Pratt, McKinley Williams, Delores Baber and Azola Williams.

Willie was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie Reid; stepfather, Curtis Reid; brother, Alvin Pratt, Sr.; sister-in-law, Mary Pratt-Land; uncles, Curanzo and Vernon Pratt; aunts, Geneva Williams and Annie Greer; a special cousin, Johnny Williams; long time friends, Earl Jones, Elwood Johnson, Jr. and many others.

Willie's family would like to give a special thank you to the entire staff at Harrison Select, the surgical intensive care team at Covenant Medical Center Cooper, including nurses Chris, Nancy, Jessica and the entire staff at Saginaw Senior Center.

Family hour 10:00 A.M., Monday, April 22, 2019 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441

North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI with funeral service commencing at 11:00 A.M.  
Pastor Otis Washington will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South  
Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's  
Funeral Home on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Browne's Mortuary - April 23, 2019 at 12:03 PM

DP

I miss you daddy so much.....😞😭😞😭❤️👉

Derek Pratt - May 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Browne's Mortuary - April 22, 2019 at 09:43 AM

MG

“ Minnie Godfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Minnie Godfrey - April 24, 2019 at 08:21 PM

JO

“ JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



JoyReeves - April 23, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt.



April 22, 2019 at 07:37 AM



“ I'm going to miss my 'Big Cousin' smile. Fondest memory always laughing and smiling with my granny Genva P. Williams, my mom Twana and all my uncles. Buddy always acknowledge his younger cousins by saying "don't worry Aunt Genva and My Mom and laugh. He will be missed very much and I'm sure he is rejoicing in heaven with his Mother, Brother, Aunts, Uncles and cousin's.....Amen 'Our Angels'. Sending my condolences Tamara Johnson

Tam Shari - April 21, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ Glenda Booker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Glenda Booker - April 21, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ Angela Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Angela Allen - April 19, 2019 at 12:37 PM



Rest well in Heaven uncle Buddy...

Angela Allen - April 19, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ Please accept my condolences during this difficult time. Buddy was considered the south side comedian back in the day and fun to be around. Be blessed of the Lord.

Mary Nettles - April 19, 2019 at 08:32 AM

SH

“ Shema lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Shema - April 18, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt.



April 18, 2019 at 02:07 PM

FS

“ FTBS Supervisors purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt.



FTBS Supervisors - April 18, 2019 at 01:47 PM

FS

“ From the FTBS Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt.



From the FTBS Staff - April 18, 2019 at 01:47 PM

GK

“ Gwen White Bowman & K lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Gwen White Bowman & K - April 18, 2019 at 01:11 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



marcell - April 17, 2019 at 07:08 PM

MA

“ Me and my grandad at my graduation 🙄



marcell - April 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM



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April 17, 2019 at 05:59 PM

CD

“ Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Corliss Dawkins - April 17, 2019 at 03:56 PM

SM

“ SHARON MCCLAIN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



SHARON MCCLAIN - April 17, 2019 at 01:43 PM

SM

WILL MISS MY LIFE LONG FAMILY MEMBER AND FRIEND. YOU WILL BE WITH YOUR PALS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE. REST IN PEACE IN HEAVEN

SHARON MCCLAIN - April 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM

L(

“ Sending our deepest condolences to our Pratt family; May the grace of God comfort each of you and carry through this difficult time of your Uncle's transition to a life of peace; Love your cuz, Linda/Larry Adams, Billy Berry and Diane/Leroy Bell.



Larry/Linda (Berry)Adams - April 17, 2019 at 08:22 AM

TR

“ I love you Uncle buddy ... You are going to be missed fly high uncle an rip



Tracyjohnson - April 17, 2019 at 07:56 AM



Pamela Sample

“ It was a pleasure meeting you and being close friends with your children Derek and Elaine. Your will be celebrated years to come. My sympathy goes out to your entire family. God Bless!



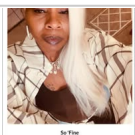
Pamela Sample - April 17, 2019 at 06:38 AM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Derrell Martin - April 16, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ R.I.H. My one and only Uncle love you. 🙏

Andrea Pratt - April 16, 2019 at 09:37 PM

CO

“ Crystal O’Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V.  
"Buddy" Pratt



Crystal O’Bryan - April 16, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ Kenneth Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V.  
"Buddy" Pratt



Kenneth Morris - April 16, 2019 at 07:03 PM

AS

“ Anthony & Patricia Spinner sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Anthony & Patricia Spinner - April 16, 2019 at 06:34 PM

JJ

“ Jannie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V.  
"Buddy" Pratt



Jannie Johnson - April 16, 2019 at 04:20 PM

CC

“ Calandra Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie  
V. "Buddy" Pratt



Calandra Culberson - April 16, 2019 at 04:11 PM

KW

“ Love you granddaddy more then words can explain



Kwaneisha - April 16, 2019 at 03:32 PM

TF

“ The Ford Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



The Ford Family - April 16, 2019 at 01:57 PM

JP

“ To my long time friend you where the perfect father to my children R.I.P #keepingPrattFamily in my prayers

June Pratt - April 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM

JS

I met Buddy and my other friends in the summer prior to starting the 6th grade, at Salina school; south side of Saginaw. We shared life through Saginaw High. Miss you my friend and Buddy. James Slaughter

James Slaughter - December 03, 2019 at 09:32 PM

VS

“ Valerie Pratt Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt



Valerie Pratt Sykes - April 16, 2019 at 12:56 PM

VS

Words cant express the pain I feel!!! RIP Uncle Buddy!! You got your wings now!!!

Valerie Pratt Sykes - April 16, 2019 at 12:59 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



**Madeleine O'Neal** - April 16, 2019 at 08:31 AM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis (Biggins) Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



**Calvin and Phyllis (Biggins) Little** - April 15, 2019 at 10:35 PM

MD

“ *MS. Cherilyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



**MS. Cherilyn Davis** - April 15, 2019 at 07:30 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



**Carolyn Washington** - April 15, 2019 at 05:45 PM

SC

“ *REST UP FRIEND THE CLARK AND CARRUTH FAMILY*



**sona Carruth** - April 15, 2019 at 02:26 PM

BR

“ *Barbra J. Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



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**Barbra J. Roberson** - April 15, 2019 at 01:13 PM

RC

“ *Ralph & Shirley Culpepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie V. "Buddy" Pratt*



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**Ralph & Shirley Culpepper** - April 15, 2019 at 10:07 AM

JP

*My Friend and my children's father u will be missed RIP*

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**June Pratt** - April 16, 2019 at 12:47 PM