



## Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard

December 18, 1926 - May 2, 2024

Our beloved dad, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the age of 97 years.

Mr. Willie D. Richard, Sr. "Big Daddy" aka "Buddy" was born in Columbus, Mississippi, December 23, 1926, the son of Leotus and Ella (Bartee) Richard. In 1950 he moved to Michigan and married his soulmate Viola and soon thereafter had eight children. He worked for General Motors Corporation for 57 years. Willie was a faithful member and Usher at Candlelight Baptist Church. For all who knew him would describe him as a hardworking, blunt, funny and giving person that loved his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three daughters, Diane (Lesley) Stanton, Defiance, OH and Priscilla (Craig) Clayton, Napoleon, OH and Virginia (Emmanuel) Bradshaw; five sons, Howard (Linda) Tyler, Willie D. (Carol Ann) Richards, Jr., Grand Rapids, MI, Leotus (Emula) Richard, Puyallup, WA, Edward and Anthony Richard both of Saginaw; sister, Lessie Mayfey, Flint, MI; grandchildren, Tina and Issac Gibbs, Maurice and Dominique Stanton, Nichole Richards Kitchen, Michael Paul Richards (Charisma), Theon Richards (Tania), Craig and Tiffany Clayton, Terence Clayton (Katie), Novalee (Micah), Leotis Anthony, Roland, Sean Tyler, DeMarco Tyler along with many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Mr. Willie D. Richard was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Viola Richard; sons, Howard Tyler and Charles Richard; parents, Leotus and Ella Richard; sisters, Shuge Richard, Qunta Bee McDowell, Daisy (Sweet) and Mary (Joe) Pringle; brother, Johnie Lee Richard; and grandson, DeMarco Tyler.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Candlelight Baptist Church, 3305 Ruckle St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Willie Mills will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Monday from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 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

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Candle Light Baptist Church  
3305 Ruckle Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

PD

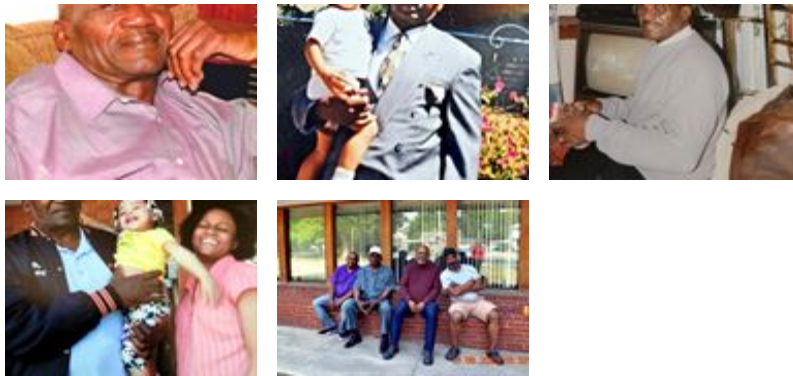
“ I am surely going to miss our long talks and laughs with you telling me about growing up in the South. Love you Uncle Buddy may you RIH gone but never be forgotten. Love ❤️ Snubby your favorite Niece (Pearlene McDowell Drake).



Pearlene Drake - May 14, 2024 at 12:04 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - May 13, 2024 at 12:10 PM

HJ

“ Homer Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard



Homer Jones - May 13, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SU

“ Uncle Buddy glad you had a family reunion at your house.  
Tell my granny I miss her too.  
-LIL SUE

Sue - May 12, 2024 at 09:49 PM

HS

“ Herman & Cathy Sims lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard



Herman & Cathy Sims - May 10, 2024 at 04:53 PM

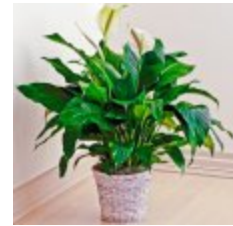
DB

To the Entire Richards and connecting Family our deepest  
condolences and praying for you All. OUR GOD is ABLE!! Love from  
Sis Cynthia Simington and Diane Burns.

Diane Burns - May 11, 2024 at 08:27 AM

NF

“ Niece Jeanette Sapp and Family purchased the F  
loor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Willie  
"Buddy" Richard.



Niece Jeanette Sapp and Family - May 09, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ He was my Dad friend.they work together.praying for the family.



Jessie Johnson family. - May 09, 2024 at 11:47 AM

VJ

“ My Deepest Condolences ToThe Family Of Willie Richard = Big Daddy =



Virginia Bradshaw Johnson - May 09, 2024 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ Marshall Litfield / Joanne Silvia purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard.



Marshall Litfield / Joanne Silvia - May 08, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LR

“ Lloyd Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard



lloyd riley - May 07, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard.



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May 07, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ From Clara Mitchell & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard.

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**From Clara Mitchell & family** - May 07, 2024 at 01:17 PM

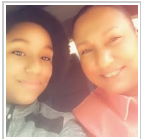


“ *Athen And Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Athen and Margery Flournoy** - May 07, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Laura Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Laura Jackson** - May 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM

KD

“ *KAY DAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



**KAY DAWKINS** - May 07, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Bro. Richard.*



**Cherryl Henderson** - May 06, 2024 at 12:56 PM

MJ

“ *MsAmelia Genright Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



**MsAmelia Genright Johnson** - May 04, 2024 at 02:56 PM

PM

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. We're praying that the Ultimate Comforter will comfort and strengthen you all. We love you! 🙏❤️*

**Pastor Willie & Sis. Sharon Mills** - May 04, 2024 at 08:42 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Kathy Hamilton** - May 03, 2024 at 09:34 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Dorothy Burch** - May 03, 2024 at 08:58 PM

AV

“ *Avis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Avis** - May 03, 2024 at 08:02 PM

RO

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Brother Willie Richard and the Candle Light Baptist church. We are praying for your comfort and healing as you navigate through this difficult time.*

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**Rev. Owen** - May 03, 2024 at 06:51 PM

TP

“ *Tammy P. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Buddy" Richard*



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**Tammy P.** - May 03, 2024 at 10:59 AM

TP

“ *Sending my condolences 2 my sistern love n her family praying g 4 strength*



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**Tammy P.** - May 02, 2024 at 08:56 PM