



## Mr. Willie Gene Southward

March 15, 1962 - September 14, 2024

Mr. Willie Gene Southward was born March 15, 1962 in Iuka, Mississippi the son of Mildred Boyd and Willie D. Southward. He passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the age of 62 years.

Willie gave his life to Christ at an early age. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He valued his two children and grandchildren above all. His laugh was unforgettable and Willie was the life of the party, he enjoyed trying to dance and listening to the blues.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Marquiesha Southward; one son, Willus Williamson; grandchildren, Ca'Mari Southward, Alabama, Mar'Kese Southward, Kingston and Kendall Stone all of Saginaw; mother, Mildred Gipson; sisters, Carolyn Southward, Saginaw; Gwendolyn Southward-Gooding, Lima, OH, Kay, Sheila, Kimberly and Fredricka Gipson; brothers, David (Rose) Southward, Gregory Southward and Samuel Gipson, Jr.; step-children, Torriion, Misty, Tina and Jermaine Williamson; aunts, Brenda Bond-Johnson, Pamela (Mosby) Clark, Juanita Benning and Juanita Boyd; uncles, Jerry Boyd and Michael Boyd; nieces, Taronda Southward, Shavonne Manley, Kenyatta Choice, Shanique Southward and Krystal Cuffy; nephews, David Favorite, David Wallace, Brandon Wooten, Davion and Michael Southward, Tyler and Cameron Southward; cousins, including Kenny Watkins, Deondre Garcia, Willie Taylor, Tanesha Tayborn, Jamar Hudspeth, Tamika Boyd,

Latrice (Pierre) Griffith-Ford, Maurice Goines, Glen Jackson, Kevon Goodman, Marcellus Emerson, Monique (Omar) Mitchell, Micheal, Toya and Joy Boyd, Rasheed Boyd, Kei'erra Blakes and a special great-cousin, Laila Ford; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews; god-sister, Renee Meredith; god-brother, Andre Miller and special friends, Evelyn Whittington, Paul Bracey and Mary and a host of other cousins.

Mr. Willie Gene Southward was preceded in death by his father, Willie D. Southward; step-father, Samuel Joe Gipson; grandparents, Hamp and Jeanette Boyd, Dave and Gertrude Southward; aunts, Linda Hudspeth, Diane and Ruth Boyd, Rebecca Southward, Laura Bullock, Emma Whitson and Leuvenia. Alexander, Daisy Lee Thorne and Martha Benning; uncles, Hamp Boyd, Richard Hudspeth, Billy Johnson, Howard, KC and Bubba Southward; a special niece, Shanika Southward; great-nephew, John Parham; great-niece, l'amunique Manley; cousins, Dontay Boyd, Jerry Hamilton and Devon Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to all family and friends for their love and support.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Miles Franklin will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



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



**Browne's Mortuary** - September 25, 2024 at 10:42 AM

BP

*To my bff Carolyn and our niece, great niece and great great niece of ours, Im here with yall in spirit. To moma Grace, may GOD comfort you and your family these difficult times. Southward and Boyd family.*

**Beverley Williams Poydras** - October 01, 2024 at 08:59 AM

DG

*I am so Very Sorry For Your Loss Praying for the Family 🙏🙏🙏*

**Danyell Garrett** - October 06, 2024 at 12:15 PM

LA

*My condolences to my cousins and the rest of the fsmkly.The Bryants.*

**Laverne** - October 08, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JE

“ *My condolences to the Southward family 🙏*



**June Euell** - November 13, 2024 at 12:03 AM

CW

“ *Connie Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



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**Connie Whittington** - September 25, 2024 at 10:41 AM

GC

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...In Jesus name Amen*



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**Gail Calhoun Crittendon** - September 25, 2024 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Mother and Will.*

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**Stacey Marshall** - September 25, 2024 at 08:19 AM

ST

“ *Shantay Triplett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



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**Shantay Triplett** - September 25, 2024 at 08:07 AM

KI

“ Kimberly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Kimberly - September 24, 2024 at 12:36 PM

TT

“ Terry Triplett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Terry Triplett - September 24, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JC

“ Jeanette Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Jeanette Champion - September 24, 2024 at 05:38 AM

BD

“ Betty Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Betty Donald - September 23, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JB

“ *Willie Gene AKA Pork Beans. Family Childhood Nickname.*



**Juanita Boyd** - September 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TV

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Willie at 7up over 25yrs ago. We always spoke and had many laughs he had a great smile and always was genuinely happy. Any time we met up he always took the time to stop to speak with me never in a hurry. Im so sorry to hear of his passing and will pray for his family Willie my brother we will meet some day on those streets of gold rest in peace with our Savior JESUS CHRIST*

**Timothy Villanueva** - September 22, 2024 at 04:51 PM

SG

“ *Shawn Gills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Shawn Gills** - September 20, 2024 at 04:29 PM

VS

“ *Vermell L Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Vermell L Sangster** - September 19, 2024 at 11:55 AM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Bobbie Crosby-Locke** - September 19, 2024 at 10:17 AM

RW

“ *Rita Y Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Rita y Williams** - September 18, 2024 at 08:12 AM

ST

“ *Sheryl Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Sheryl Thomas** - September 17, 2024 at 11:28 PM

OK

“ *Olivia E Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



**Olivia E Kincaid** - September 17, 2024 at 10:16 PM

TT

“ Terry Triplett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Terry Triplett - September 17, 2024 at 06:43 PM

KC

“ Krissy Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



krissy conley - September 17, 2024 at 02:51 PM

DM

“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Doloris Mixon - September 17, 2024 at 01:37 PM

KM

“ Kay McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Kay McClain - September 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

DF

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Southward Family. Ms Grace my prayers are with you.*



Deirdra Lenoir Ford - September 17, 2024 at 09:44 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Kay Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



Cheryl Kay Payton - September 17, 2024 at 08:25 AM

MJ

“ *MR. &MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



MR. &MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - September 16, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RP

“ *Regina Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



Regina Phillips - September 16, 2024 at 03:48 PM

DE

“ Deborah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Deborah - September 16, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DB

“ To the entire family and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss of our dear brother Willie Southward. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Love Paul, Dot, Vern, & James Bracey & Ella Frazier



Daris Bracey - September 15, 2024 at 05:00 PM

KR

“ Kim Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Gene Southward



Kim Ross - September 15, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TC

“ My Most Sincere Heartfelt Condolences To Mother Grace & The Entire Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️, Continuous Prayers in Your time of need....



Theresa Cooper - September 15, 2024 at 07:48 AM

BW

“ *Beverly J Watson lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Willie Gene Southward*



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**Beverly J Watson** - September 15, 2024 at 07:34 AM