



Mr. Willie James Underwood

December 3, 1930 - August 11, 2019

Mr. Willie James Underwood was born December 3, 1930 in Union Springs, AL, the son of Walter and Mary (Lumpkins) Underwood. He passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Underwood was a resident of Saginaw, MI since 1952 and a high school graduate. He was a member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and the Male Chorus. He was a retiree of GM-Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant in Saginaw, MI. He was a magical motivator who made everyone feel important – those who didn't want to work went the extra mile for Willie and didn't even know why!!! His hobbies and interests were motor bikes, antique cars, traveling, playing cards, baseball, basketball and cooking bar-b-que.

Willie was a member of the Lions Club for 41 years and he was the President from 2004 to 2005. Willie Underwood and Mattie Calhoun were the founders of the Alabama Reunion Club and he was the treasurer for 38 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Jeanette Underwood, Atlanta, GA; his son, Larry James Underwood, Saginaw, MI; step-daughter, Shebby Hawkins; foster child, James Sewere, and many others; grandchildren, Richard Snead, Cheryl (Mike) Stringer, Elizabeth Hawkins, Pastor Jeffrey Hawkins, Flint, MI and Toni Askew, Alma, MI; sister, Nettie Jones; special nieces, May Woods, Bessie K. Underwood (Gary) Adams, Mary Carter, Pearl

(Ernest) Bishop, Clarissa Underwood Snow, Dorothy Bell, Loudean Moultrie and many more; nephews, Jimmie Moultrie, Al (Cynetta) Moultrie, Walter (Ellen), Tom (Zelda), Clinton, Doc (Debra), Louis "Buddy" Aaron and many more; special cousins, Lela Faulk, Henry Lee and A R Andrews; sister-in-law, Rether McDowell; many other relatives and friends, including special friends, Helen Browning, Margaret Baniel, Ola Ray, David Conner, Cheryl Green, Flint, MI, Daniel Houston-Lions Club, David Dandy, B.L. Little, Lee McCray, Pete Jones and Jim Binder.

Mr. Underwood was preceded in death by his parent, Walter and Mary Underwood; wife, Catherine Underwood; sisters, Louana Moultrie, Maragaree, Fannie Mae and Minnie Lee; brothers, Doc Underwood, George Underwood and Joe McCray; nephews, Henry Underwood, Homer Moultrie and Thomas Lee Underwood; sisters-in-law, L.T. Underwood and Sara Lee Underwood; brothers-in-law, Joe Moultrie and Eldrige Jones; and special friend, Henry McClellon.

The family would like to express special thanks to The Lions Club of Buena Vista, Alabama Reunion Club, GM-Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant, Saginaw, MI and 1st Ward Old Timers Club.

Funeral service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Blake Strozier will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family hour will take place from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 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>

Family Hour

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
810 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Browne's Mortuary - August 20, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Estrella McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



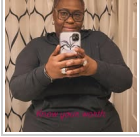
Estrella McRae - September 01, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ *Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Linda troutmon - August 20, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *Rest well Mr.Underwood. I remember you and your wife coming in to Value City and you both would stand at the jewelry counter and talk to me. You were a very nice person. Rest well.* ”



Brenda Price - August 18, 2019 at 05:23 PM

LE

“ *LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood* ”



LUCY ERBY - August 17, 2019 at 10:19 AM

SC

“ *Sandra Stewarr..Larry's Former Caregiver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood* ”



Sandra Stewarr..Larry's former caregiver - August 17, 2019 at 09:10 AM

EB

“ *Larry we are keeping you in prayer, I know this may be hard but God will see you through, he know's your pain, just put your trust in God's* ”



Eugene and Michelle Blair - August 16, 2019 at 07:50 PM

AM

“ Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Audrey McKandes - August 16, 2019 at 05:53 PM

AU

“ Nothing can prepare us for the death of a loved one. But we take comfort in knowing that Jesus will be their for us. It may not be easy but you will get through this. No more pain, no more sorrow. May God comfort and keep you is my prayer.

Love your family,
Angela Underwood & Bob Caruso
West Haven, Ct

Angela Underwood - August 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Elizabeth Hudspeth - August 16, 2019 at 11:58 AM

DH

“ Dave H. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Willie James Underwood.



Dave H. - August 16, 2019 at 10:13 AM

YV

“ YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



YvonneSanders - August 16, 2019 at 09:11 AM

AU

“ Angela Underwood sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Angela Underwood - August 16, 2019 at 08:53 AM

L.

“ L.D.FRIERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



L.D.FRIERSON - August 15, 2019 at 10:16 PM

HM

“ To the family of the late of Mr Willie Underwood my prayers are with you all also he has a Good smile and a Good laugh Rest in peace Never be forgotten Mr Underwood love Heather Mims from Nashville Tennessee

Heather Mims - August 15, 2019 at 07:14 PM

RW

“ Rev And Mrs Jodie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Rev and Mrs Jodie Williams - August 15, 2019 at 07:05 PM

DG

“ DEBORAH R ADAMS AND PEARLIE M GATHON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



DEBORAH R ADAMS AND PEARLIE M GATHON - August 15, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ The Burnside family would like to send their condolences to the family

Barbara Hickman - August 15, 2019 at 03:38 PM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - August 15, 2019 at 01:04 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Cynthia Tate - August 15, 2019 at 01:02 PM

CT

Rest in Heavenly Peace Bro Underwood ❤️

Cynthia Tate - August 15, 2019 at 01:02 PM

GC

“ *Gwen White Bowman & Rose White Chandler sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Gwen White Bowman & Rose White Chandler - August 15, 2019 at 12:55 PM

LD

“ *Lily Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Lily Dixon - August 15, 2019 at 12:32 PM

LT

“ *Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Lucinda Taylor - August 15, 2019 at 12:28 PM

AD

“ *Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to all the family and friends for their loss. May you find endurance, comfort and peace that only God can give at this time of loss.*

Albert & Darlene - August 15, 2019 at 09:19 AM

BH

“ *Sending condolences to the entire family and connecting friends. His no nonsense personality and sharp appearance will be remembered. He was a hard worker and very well known for his contributions in BV Township. He was always willing to help and improve things in the township. We too will cherish the memories and also miss his presence. God Bless you all.*

Barbara Hill - August 14, 2019 at 10:33 PM

MB

“ *My Condolences to the Underwood and Moultrie, Ms. Mae Woods and Family... I used to look forward to seeing Mr. Underwood at Bingo years ago, he was always a comedian... RIH Mr. Underwood*



Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - August 14, 2019 at 10:30 PM

RD

“ *Rev Robert D Jones Detroit lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Rev Robert d Jones Detroit - August 14, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Deborah Morris-Williams - August 14, 2019 at 05:47 PM

TC

“ *RIH Mr. Underwood*



Tracy L. Cormier - August 14, 2019 at 03:09 PM

LM

“ *Loudean Moultrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Loudean Moultrie - August 14, 2019 at 06:57 AM

GW

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Gregory D. Wilson - August 14, 2019 at 06:20 AM

CS

Love this picture of my uncle and my aunt T

Clarissa Underwood Snow - August 15, 2019 at 04:29 AM

MR

“ *We will keep the family in our prayers*



Malcolm and Velma Roach - August 13, 2019 at 08:40 PM

MR

“ *Bessie and family; condolences go out to you all. Mr. Underwood will be missed by many. FLY HIGH sir*

Michelle Rupert - August 13, 2019 at 06:34 PM

BP

“ Prayers and condolences for the Underwood family.



Barbara Payton - August 13, 2019 at 05:38 PM

IB

“ Inez (Underwood) Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Inez (Underwood) Bates - August 13, 2019 at 04:42 PM

LF

“ Lois Fairris-Holiday lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Lois Fairris-Holiday - August 13, 2019 at 04:35 PM

OM

“ Ora McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Ora McKinnon - August 13, 2019 at 04:34 PM

DW

“ *Dr. Emilia Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Dr. Emilia Williamson - August 13, 2019 at 03:59 PM

DW

God give the family of Mr Underwood comfort and understanding. Continue to put your loving arms around them. Give them your Gracie and Mercy to each one as needed, in the name of Jesus

Dr. Emilia Williamson - August 13, 2019 at 04:04 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Annette Turner - August 13, 2019 at 02:23 PM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Mr&Mrs William Doxie - August 13, 2019 at 09:26 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Cheryl Payton - August 12, 2019 at 09:53 PM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Joanie Williams - August 12, 2019 at 09:51 PM

GW

“ RIH dear uncle luv & miss u

Geraldine Wilson - August 12, 2019 at 07:08 PM

FC

“ Faye Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Faye Cole - August 12, 2019 at 06:23 PM

MC

“ *Mrs. Dorothy Salone Campbell-Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Mrs. Dorothy Salone Campbell-Lewis - August 12, 2019 at 05:54 PM

EL

“ *Edith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Edith Lewis - August 12, 2019 at 05:53 PM

OC

“ *GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF*



Odeania Carruth - August 12, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JH

“ *Judy Holloway-Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood*



Judy Holloway-Mayes - August 12, 2019 at 11:56 AM

TR

“ Gonna miss our neighbor Mr. Underwood and that goooood BarBQ he would make in the summer time. #BVforLife #5064 #RestWell #RIP



Trevina - August 11, 2019 at 06:47 PM

EM

“ Eugene 111 & Pamela Moten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie James Underwood



Eugene 111 & Pamela Moten - August 11, 2019 at 06:20 PM

AB

My Condolences go out to the Family-friendly RIH Underwood you was a nice person I go miss you.

Annie Baskin - August 15, 2019 at 01:40 AM