



## Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods

September 22, 1938 - January 26, 2017

Mr. Willie Guy "Gator" Woods passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the age of 78 years.

He was born September 22, 1938 to Johnny and Estella (Reese) Woods in Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Willie was educated in Aberdeen, MS and relocated to Saginaw Michigan where he was employed at Nodular Iron and Grey Iron, divisions of General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #668. He retired in 1993 with thirty years of service. Willie was affiliated with Zion Missionary Baptist Church with his wife, Sheila. "Gator" was truly blessed and gifted, he was a Mechanic, Plumber and Carpenter. He loved working on cars, building and racing race cars, bowling and traveling. Willie loved his wife, children and grandchildren. He also loved his nieces. Willie had a good sense of humor, a kind heart and a welcoming smile that would light up the room.

Mr. Woods leaves to cherish many memories: his wife of 36 years, Sheila Woods of Saginaw, MI; three sons and one daughter, Craig (Marjorie) Williams and Derrick Lister, all of Saginaw, MI, Dennis Woods of Myers, FL and Ondrea D. Briggs of Saginaw, MI; 11 grandchildren, Latoyia Williams, Shaunice Santos, Willie Woods III, all of Saginaw, MI, Shondrea Matthews of Ypsilanti, MI, Cortney Jones, LaTasha Stephens, both of Mesa, AZ, Dennis Woods, Jr. of Tampa, FL, Julius Woods of Clear Water, FL, Craig Williams, Jr., Joshua Williams, Kwuan Holt all of Louisville, KY; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Bettie Woods of Lewisville, TX; two brothers, George Woods and Joe

Woods, both of Dallas, TX; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Woods of Saginaw, MI and Crystal Williams of Las Vegas NV; brother-in-law, August (Audrionne) Williams of Saginaw, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends including special friends, Frank (Sanda) Jones, Billy (Darlene) Jones, James (Doris) Jones, Williams Jones, all of Saginaw, MI, Roosevelt Jones, Lonnie (Sheila) Jones Gadsden, Al, Eddie (Tabitha) Jones, Sunflower, MS, god-daughter, Alexis Hoosier, Betty Daniels, Joshua Hughes, Elijah Miles, Larry Monroe, Clyde Drain and special niece, Angela Parkes.

Mr. Woods was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Estella Woods; two sons, Willie Perry Woods, Raymond Woods; four brothers, Theodore, Alton, Jimmy and Peter Woods; sisters, Clara Brandon and Earline Davis; three brothers-in-law, Michael Scarbough, Clarence Jones and Joe Alexander; four sisters-in-law, Greta Scarbough, Hester Williams, Shirley Alexander and Loretta Jones.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Atri, Riverside Dialysis, Health Source, caregivers, Shaunice Santos and Covenant HealthCare, Dr. Godiali and Heartland.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick Smith will officiate with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 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

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
721 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - February 09, 2017 at 08:52 AM

SS

*Grandpa i will miss you so much i think about you everyday*

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**Shaunice santos** - July 18, 2017 at 12:51 AM

SS

“ *Hey grandma it's me again I love and miss you so much I think about you everyday and honestly I still can't believe your really gone please come and visit me in my dreams some day.*



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**Shaunice Santos** - December 08, 2021 at 09:40 AM

AG

“ *Ada & Larry Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Woods R.I.P.* ”



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**Ada & Larry Gordon** - February 11, 2017 at 06:36 PM

CJ

“ *Shelia, you have my deepest sympathy fond memories will remain with me, Will was such a great friend to my Dad. Peace and Blessings to you and your family.* ”



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**Carolyn Jarrett-Mason** - February 07, 2017 at 09:03 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods* ”



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**Mary Hannibal** - February 05, 2017 at 02:50 AM

MW

“ *Thoughts and prayer go out to the Woods family!* ”

*Sam and Renee' Woodhouse*

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**Marilyn Woodhouse** - February 03, 2017 at 01:22 PM

MO

“ Monica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie  
"Gator" Woods



Monica - February 03, 2017 at 10:00 AM

AW

“ A.J Wells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie  
"Gator" Woods



A.J Wells - February 02, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ Willie: R.I.H.P.

Jordan Family



Joselyn Jordan - February 02, 2017 at 10:01 AM

JC

“ Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Jeanette Champion - February 01, 2017 at 09:55 PM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Sue Surles-McDole - February 01, 2017 at 08:25 PM

WF

“ Williams/ Wright Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Williams/ Wright Family - February 01, 2017 at 07:52 PM

PR

“ Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC of Flint,MI would like to extend our sincere condolences. It is our prayer that God will comfort the family during this period of transition. May God each bless of you is our prayer.

Pastor Terry Randolph - February 01, 2017 at 03:35 PM

JJ

“ Jamie And Raymond Hicks, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Jamie and Raymond Hicks, Jr. - February 01, 2017 at 01:36 PM

AS

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



A.J. Wells sr - February 01, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ 65 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - February 01, 2017 at 10:45 AM

BE

“ *BETTIE WOODS & FAMILY , LONNELL, RHEA & ERIC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods.*



**BETTIE WOODS & FAMILY , LONNELL, RHEA & ERIC -**  
January 31, 2017 at 08:31 PM

NE

“ Please accept my condolences for the passing of your dear loved one. When someone we love passes away, the heartache and grief can be great. I hope that you can be comforted knowing that God cares for you and sees your pain (1 Peter 5:7). "He is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). May you find comfort and peace during this grievous time, as you cherish the precious memories of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods.



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**Neighbor** - January 31, 2017 at 07:47 PM

MF

“ Mrs Vera Clark & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Mrs Vera Clark & Family** - January 31, 2017 at 05:58 PM

AS

“ Andre's Jackson Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Andre's Jackson Sr** - January 31, 2017 at 08:08 AM

MF

“ Matthew & Ann Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Matthew & Ann Ford** - January 31, 2017 at 06:33 AM

IM

“ My condolences Auntie Shelia love y'all..



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**Irma Mitchell** - January 31, 2017 at 03:49 AM

JR

“ Jackie Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Jackie Ray** - January 31, 2017 at 12:22 AM

AA

“ ACASHIA ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**ACASHIA ANDERSON** - January 30, 2017 at 08:22 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hubbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Mary Hubbert** - January 30, 2017 at 06:21 PM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Janie Surles-Cork** - January 30, 2017 at 05:38 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Helen Scott** - January 30, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DF

“ *Dixon Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Dixon Family** - January 30, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Bernadette Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Bernadette Tinsley** - January 30, 2017 at 12:54 PM

GF

“ *Gibbs & Brown Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Gibbs & Brown Family** - January 30, 2017 at 11:08 AM

GF

“ *Gibbs & Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Gibbs & Brown Family** - January 30, 2017 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



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**Myrtle Collier** - January 30, 2017 at 09:08 AM

DM

“ Diana Miree sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Diana Miree** - January 29, 2017 at 01:13 PM

JM

“ JoEllen G McElhaneey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**JoEllen G McElhaneey** - January 29, 2017 at 12:15 PM

EF

“ Evon Chism And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Evon Chism and Family** - January 29, 2017 at 11:16 AM

BH

“ Bridget Hinds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Bridget Hinds** - January 29, 2017 at 08:02 AM

VC

“ Valerie Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Valerie Champion - January 29, 2017 at 03:01 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Dona Austin-Bigby - January 28, 2017 at 10:01 PM

CR

“ Carolyn And Lloyd Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Carolyn and Lloyd Riley - January 28, 2017 at 09:07 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones



Brenda Jones - January 28, 2017 at 03:23 PM

PJ

“ *PURVIS CARTER JR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



PURVIS CARTER JR - January 28, 2017 at 01:35 PM

JB

“ *James Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



james brown - January 28, 2017 at 12:12 PM

CM

“ *Charles Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



Charles Dale mitchner - January 27, 2017 at 10:42 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne Weathers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods*



Yvonne Weathers - January 27, 2017 at 08:27 PM

IF

“ IRMA CHISM And FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



IRMA CHISM and FAMILY - January 27, 2017 at 05:59 PM

TW

“ Thomas And Bonnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Thomas and Bonnie Wilson - January 27, 2017 at 05:22 AM

DC

“ Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Deborah Champion - January 27, 2017 at 04:47 AM

SF

“ Shantel Harris And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



Shantel Harris and Family - January 26, 2017 at 11:02 PM

RV

“ Robert And Linda Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Robert and Linda Veasley** - January 26, 2017 at 06:42 PM

MH

“ Mary Hubbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Mary Hubbert** - January 26, 2017 at 05:16 PM

PM

“ Pete & Pam Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Gator" Woods



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**Pete & Pam Monroe** - January 26, 2017 at 02:10 PM