



Willis Wilkes,

August 13, 1946 - February 12, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2006 at Browne's Mortuary 441 N. Jefferson Avenue. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Willis Howard Wilkes (Tissey) passed away on February 12, 2006. He was born into this life on August 13, 1946 in Orange, Texas, the fifth child of the late Florine and Robert Wilkes, Sr. He was a graduate of Wallace High School and served in the Armed Forces. He resided in Saginaw, Michigan for thirty four years where he secured gainful employment at General Motors for 35 years and was a member of UAW Local 455. Willis was an avid golfer until he was plagued with a back injury. He always had a love for sports as well as for people. Willis was an active member of the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Saginaw under the leadership of pastors William and Judith Boli. Left to await the eternal summons in God's own time, his mother, Florine Wilkes; son, Willis Howard Wilkes II (Niyia); grandchildren, Daniel, Ja'Nazzia, and Christian Howard; two godchildren, Vanessa Taylor and Trishna Wilson; three sisters, including Joyce Finn and Family of Detroit, Michigan; three brothers. He is also survived by two aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends, Patricia Wilkes-Blair, Donald Shaver and family, Robert Craver and family, James Chatman and family and Clarence Allgood, along with a multitude of family and friends. Willis was preceded in death by his father, Robert Wilkes; brother-in-law, Joe Finn and special friend Jerome Blair.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Willis & Niya,

I was so sorry to hear of your father passing. I know it's hard to lose someone special and your dad will definitely be missed. Whenever I picture your dad, it's always with a wide smile on his face. I remember some great, fun barbeque picnics out on 13 in the summers, cards at my sisters, birthday parties, any gathering that brought our families together. We were truly blessed when Janet introduced your family to ours so long ago. Know that you are all in my prayers and my love to you and yours....

Jennifer Wilson - February 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Willis & Pat were great friends to me for many years. I used to rent an apartment from them, but they were much more than landlords. They took me in and treated me like I was part of their family. There are so many great memories that I can't just pick out one. Willis's soft spoken maner and kind nature will always be remembered. To Pat & Pee Wee (sorry, Willis but you'll always be Pee Wee to me) and all of the other family members:

May you find comfort in knowing that those who love the Lord live forever in heaven, as their memory lives on earth in the hearts of those that love them.

*Sincerely,
Joan*

Joan Karam Nichols - February 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM