



Mrs. Willa Dean Howard

May 26, 1939 - April 2, 2015

Home Going Celebration For Willa Dean Howard:
THIS IS A DAY I KNEW YOU NEVER WANTED
TO SEE. THE DAY YOU MUST SAY
GOOD-BYE TO ME.

On May 26, 1939 in Tulsa Oklahoma, the Lord blessed Horace and Thelma Owens, Sr. with their first child, a bouncing baby girl Willa Dean. Later in life she moved to Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Northwestern High School and joined New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Willa Dean retired from Michigan Bell after 25 years of service. She went on living life doing what made her happy: gardening, caring for her grandchildren and yes, talking on the phone! She also attended the Northwestern High School Alumni Annual picnic.

She was uniquely known for her caring nature, her sense of humor and making those around her feel loved.

Willa Dean made her transition from her earthly home to eternal life on April 2, 2015. Her parents preceded her in death.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Apr. **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Friday, Apr. **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Baptist Church East Campus
2760 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48211

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willa Dean Howard*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Shelly,
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. You'll see her again in the resurrection. Keep your faith.*

Mattie, Tammy, Sheila and Melvin

Mattie Davis - April 10, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *SIMONE YANCY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard*



SIMONE YANCY - April 10, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ *Elma Jean "Easter" Scott-Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard*



Elma Jean "Easter" Scott-Palmer - April 09, 2015 at 11:10 AM

ES

Willa was a wonderful 1st cousin, she loved family, she often checked on my older sister Faye B. Brown. I remember our days of going to elementary school here in Tulsa and after she and her family moved back to Detroit Willa would often visit Tulsa, after we became adults we always kept in touch, she visited me and my husband when we lived in Overland Park, Kansas, I will always remember how much fun we had. Most of all I will remember her visit to the family reunion in Los Angeles, California and her visit to my Mother's 80th Birthday Party, Willa made it a point to stay connected to her family. I will miss her dearly, it was only last month that my sister Faye and I talked to Willa, she was laughing and talking and adding a little humor to the conversation which I loved about her. May my dear cousin Willa rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Elma Jean "Easter" Scott-Pamer - April 09, 2015 at 11:24 AM

KM

“ *Katherine (Duren) McGee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard*



katherine (Duren) McGee - April 09, 2015 at 10:12 AM

EW

“ *Willa was like one of my sisters, she had an opinion just as they did about my life and where I was going in life. We shared a lasting visit in Los Angeles, CA at her grandmothers birthday celebration. My condolences to the family. and may the peace of God rest with each of you.*

Earlene Williams

Earlene Williams - April 09, 2015 at 12:51 AM

GB

“ Gerry Ann Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard



Gerry Ann Brown - April 08, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard.



April 08, 2015 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ Judith Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard



Judith Ford - April 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ The Cartwright Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Willa Dean Howard.



The Cartwright Family - April 08, 2015 at 02:13 PM

ER

“ I am so devastated to say the least on the loss of my best friend, Willa Dean Howard. To the family I share your loss. Willa and I shared raising our kids together. Her family was my family and my family was her family. To the family, my heart goes out to you all as you grieve the loss of Willa. Ellis and I and the entire Ross and Royal family send our deepest sympathy on Willa's death. Ellis L. and Kathleen M. Ross

Ellis L. and Kathleen M. Ross - April 08, 2015 at 10:02 AM