



Mr. Willard Kirby, Sr.

April 5, 1932 - October 23, 2013

Willard Kirby Sr. was born in Newman, Georgia, April 5, 1932. He was the tenth child which was a twin of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirby. All of his siblings preceded him in death: Willie Paul (Chick), Joe Bob, Hulett, Laura, Queen Esther, Christine, Edna, twin brother Millard "Fat." He was baptized at an early age at Powel Chapel Methodist Church.

At the young age of 18, he was drafted by the Army. As a Corporal he received four medals: United Nations Service Medal, Korea Service Medal, National Defense Service medal and Good Conduct Medal.

After returning from the service, he met Savannah Lee and her daughter, Brenda. They married and to their union Dennis, Diane, Darlene, Michael and Darryl were born. Our brother Michael Kirby preceded him in death in 1996. Our beloved mother passed in February of 1994.

Willard Kirby was a hard laborer. He worked at Durable Metal Company at the age of 26. This would be one of the first jobs he would have on Ferry Park in Detroit. Then he worked at the foundry in Flat Rock, Michigan, eventually, Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. He worked most of his entire life until 1989.

Willard made his transition on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at Sinai-Grace

Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Nov. 1. 3:00 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

Saturday, Nov. 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. 2. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willard Kirby, Sr.*

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