



Mr. William Hilary Mathies

October 28, 1958 - November 11, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of William Hilary Mathies:

The life of William Hilary Mathies has really been a wonderful journey. We celebrate the fact that Will found love and was gifted with his beautiful Kendall who brought him the ultimate joy. This journey, which began in Royesville, Liberia, West Africa commenced on 28 October 1958 as the first of three Children unto the Union of Deborah and Jehu Mathies.

William, as his family knew him, would later in his adult life ask to be called Will. His childhood years in his birth place was humble with Will forming a strong protective bond over his brother Aaron. Will attended the Jordan Agriculture African Methodist Episcopal Elementary School in Royesville, Liberia and would later be enrolled into the 7th grade at Ricks Institute in 1972.

Will held a very close bond of Friends, inclusive of; Napoleon Outland, Canmu Dennis and Waled Azzam (all of whom would later become as Brothers) and Members of the Ricks Institute Alumni Association.

As an over achiever, Will was Competitive both Academically and Socially: An Honor Roll Student; a Member of the Student Government, Soccer and Basketball Teams, Sports Association, Choir and Band.

In 1978, Will graduated from Ricks Institute and headed to America for college

on a government scholarship. He had selected Indiana Institute of Technology. The move was easy because of a familiar face in Napoleon.

At Indiana, Will continued to succeed in his education. When the scholarship from the Liberian government ceased, he was not deterred. In fact, Will continued to attend classes everyday although his tuition was not paid. With the help of his Uncle Hilary, William was able to continue his education with a contractual agreement of payment after graduation.

Will graduated from Indiana Institute of Technology in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He began his career with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in 1985 as Transportation Engineer. Recently, he was promoted as the Public Private Partnership (P3) Engineer. Will managed MDOT's first P3 contract, also the first freeway lighting contract in the country, which has been recognized with national attention at the industry conferences. This project was awarded the 2017 National Innovation Project Award from the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships. Will and the project team received the Good Government Symbol of Excellence Coin from MDOT's leaders this past October.

As Will continued his journey, he was also successful in his personal life. He met Michelle Lumanog, whom he married on November 1, 2011. They were blessed with the birth of beautiful Kendall on March 29, 2015. William waited throughout his life's journey for his child and Kendall was his joy. She was his heart, and the core of his strength.

Will was a caring person. He was very loyal and loved unconditionally. He expected a lot of himself and those around him. There was no one more driven than Will. He strived to be the best, do the best, and have the best, no matter the obstacle. Will was the epitome of "Mind over Matter". His strength and belief in himself was simply amazing.

On Saturday, the 11th day of November 2017, Will's journey ended as he made his transition.

Cemetery Details

Pine Forest Memorial Garden

Wake Forest, NC

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Novi United Methodist Church
41671 W. 10 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Hilary Mathies*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We missed you so dearly Will. You will always remain a part of our lives my dear brother. Missed those Sunday mornings, debating football and politics and reflecting on the past in Liberia Most of all, we missed your infectious smile and sense of humor. Rest on till we meet again big brother, and continue to look over us - Your brother, Oscar & the rest of the family.*

Oscar Dennis - August 16, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Treea's Memories of Will*



Treea - November 18, 2017 at 04:08 AM



“ *Will was a steady positive force who always had good intentions. I was lucky to have experienced his good nature and smile. He will be missed and my sincere condolences to the family. Victor Judnic*

Victor Judnic - November 17, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Will's passing. He was such a beautiful person, inside and out. Always smiling and happy. My sincere condolences to his family!

Kim Henderson - November 16, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Kim Henderson - November 16, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ MDOT Family purchased the Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket for the family of Mr. William Hilary Mathies.



MDOT Family - November 16, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ MDOT Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mr. William Hilary Mathies.



MDOT Family - November 16, 2017 at 02:33 PM

JB

“ 15 files added to the album Will at MDOT



Joseph Bartus - November 16, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilary Mathies.



November 16, 2017 at 01:29 PM

JL

“ *Will is remembered by us as a very happy friendly man
He worked in the design office of MDOT when we met him
Always had that super smile whenever we saw him
Rest in Peace Will
John & Terri LaVoy (MDOT retired)*

John & Terri LaVoy - November 16, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilary Mathies.*



November 16, 2017 at 07:34 AM



“ *Regine Beauboeuf purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Hilary Mathies.*



Regine Beauboeuf - November 15, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *To the Family of Will Mathies:*

I was acquainted with Will for many years though we never worked together. His friendly, upbeat personality will be greatly missed. You have my deepest sympathy.

*Drew Buckner
MDOT Metro Region
Macomb TSC*

Drew Buckner - November 15, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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“ *I worked with Will in the Kalamazoo Region Office. He always had a smile on his face and was fun to be around. Deepest sympathy to the family.*

*Sue Srackangast
MDOT Southwest Region*

Sue Srackangast - November 15, 2017 at 10:27 AM