



Mr. Willie Banks

August 5, 1943 - February 19, 2015

Willie's Journey:

Willie “June” Banks, a kindred soul, began his journey of life on August 5, 1943 in Memphis, Tennessee, to the late Doris White and Lewis Banks. He was raised by his great-grandparents until the age of seven, when he moved to Detroit, Michigan and reunited with his mother, Doris and stepfather, Rozel Gause (deceased). He was the loving oldest of six siblings: LaVerne Beard (Walter), Gwendolyn Tolbert, Joyce Barnes (Eugene), Rozalin Williams, Cynthia Gause, and Rozel Gause, Jr. (deceased).

Willie was educated in the Detroit Public School system, where he graduated from Cass Technical High School. He excelled with honors in drafting and architecture design.

Willie accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age and lived his life accordingly. While attending Great First Baptist Church, he served as the Treasurer, which is one example of his honest and trusting character! While serving in the church, he met his “future wife,” Marie, and on October 28, 1963, they were married. To this union was born Willie, Jr., Angella, and David.

Eventually, Willie reconnected with his biological father, Lewis and discovered he has additional siblings: Diresa Banks, Denita Davis, and Sylvester Davis of

Detroit, and four additional siblings that reside in New York, whom he never got to meet.

Willie leaves a legacy which includes: Love, Trust, Devotion and Honesty! Everyone who knew him had an experience of compassion and love. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend.

His God-fearing attitude, coupled with his generosity was displayed in EVERYTHING he did and in EVERYONE'S path he crossed!

In addition to the many roles he played, he is best remembered as a LEADER, and his commitment of being a "Community Dad!" He was a father to everyone, and often counseled and gave advice and a helping hand to anyone in need. His dedication and hard work impacted everyone! One of his many accomplishments was his level of success at Ford Dearborn Stamping Plant, where he retired as the Area Manager, after serving 25 plus years.

Known as "Boss Man," in the plant, he participated in and hosted several honorable charity events to benefit orphans. This is just another example of his kindness.

Willie prided himself on having a beautiful home for his family and was known for his perfectly manicured lawn.

He called himself the 911 Dad, because he NEVER told his children NO! He was such a dedicated man. No matter what he was doing or how tired he was, if one of his children or grandchildren called upon him, he was there! He never gave up on anything or anyone! He never complained and never cursed. His faithfulness prevailed to the very end! He smiled through the pain and sickness and even in his last hours of life, he was more concerned about his wife, Marie, than for himself.

On February 19, 2015, our beloved Angel, Willie Banks, departed this life to be present with the Lord. He fought long and hard and is now being rewarded in Heaven!

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Feb. **27**. 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

Saturday, Feb. **28**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Feb. **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

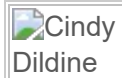
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Banks*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



Cindy Dildine

“ *The thing that immediately comes to mind when thinking of Mr. Banks was the way his whole face lit up when he was with the grandchildren. Sparks would light up his eyes and they flourished under the warmth and glow. He was an amazing man - one every girl hopes they find one day. He will be missed so much.*

Cindy Lou (Cindy Dildine)



Cindy Dildine - February 24, 2015 at 02:43 PM



DH

“ *Roz, Gwen, Cynthia and the entire Banks family, I am so sorry for your loss! You and your family are in my prayer!*

God Bless you



Dianne Hinton - February 24, 2015 at 10:12 AM



MT

“ *My sympathy to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one, the pain and grief can be intense may it comfort you to know that God loves and cares for you may you draw close to him in prayer and he will sustain you. -Psalms 55:22*

Ms. Tuffy - February 24, 2015 at 06:53 AM

BR

“ *Beatrice Roland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Banks*



Beatrice Roland - February 23, 2015 at 03:08 PM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. As you cherish fond memories and surround yourself with close family and friends also know that the God of all comfort is near and cares for you during this difficult time. Rev 21:4*

Ms Laverne - February 22, 2015 at 07:35 AM

KS

“ *Angie, My deepest condolences to you and your family*



kerri stubbs - February 21, 2015 at 08:17 PM

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kerri Stubbs - February 21, 2015 at 04:44 PM