



Mr. Willie Frank Cowan

August 5, 1950 - July 3, 2025

Celebrating a Life of Style and Strength: Mr. Willie Frank Cowan

With quiet confidence, a radiant spirit, and an undeniable sense of style, Mr. Willie Frank Cowan lived a life that left an unforgettable mark on everyone he encountered. Born on August 15, 1950, in Tyler, Alabama, to the late Edward Cowan and Lizzie Virgies, Willie's journey was one of faith, family, and love.

As a young child Willie moved with his mother and two sisters to Detroit, Michigan, where he attended Detroit Public Schools. From an early age, his charm and thoughtful nature drew people in, and built lasting relationships. He confessed Christ as a child, and later rededicated his life to the Lord, finding his spiritual home at First Union Missionary Baptist Church. Later he joined Leland Baptist Church.

For over two decades, Willie served faithfully in the ministry. He shared his voice in the Male Chorus, brought leadership and dignity as President of the Male Usher Board, and loved attending bible class. One of his greatest joys was joining the deacons in prayer before each service—moments he held close to his heart. He also served in the United States Army for 2 1/2 years until being discharged.

Willie had a wide range of professional experience and worked diligently until

his retirement due to a back injury. But it was his role as a son, father, and grandfather that defined his legacy. He shared an unbreakable bond with his beloved mother and sister Jean; And he poured his wisdom and life lessons into his children. He was their guide, their encouragement, and their rock.

If there was one event that brought Willie boundless joy, it would be his family reunion. He would start preparing months in advance, eager to see loved ones and create memories filled with laughter and love.

Willie leaves behind a loving family to carry on his legacy: his devoted mother, Lizzie Virgies; three sisters, Alma Johnson, Lois Cowan (Michigan), and Marjoie Cowan (Indiana); two brothers, Edward Cowan and James Cowan (Indiana); eight children, Twymenia Gunn (Tyrone), Regina Steen, Lakeisha Hall (Carlos), Willie Eiland, Amber Eiland, and Ebonique Eiland; eight grandchildren, Lamekia, Erica, Tyrone, Ameir, A'rayah, Cade, Cali, and Adore; and two great-grandchildren, Tru and Cyncere.

He is also affectionately remembered by four stepchildren, Jo-Ann, Georgina, Inga, and Christopher; and eighteen step-grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and friends.

Willie's life was filled with moments of grace, wisdom, and quiet strength. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

21661 East 14 Mile Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

Tuesday, Jul. **15**. 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 / Visitation

Wednesday, Jul. **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Leland Missionary Baptist Church
22420 Fenkell
Detroit, MI 48223

Celebration of Life

Wednesday, Jul. **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Cowan Family,

Sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. I pray that God through the Holy Spirit will comfort you and be your source of strength, grace and hope during this difficult time. A time when we struggle to comprehend life's hardships and uncertainties...Be encouraged, for God is in the struggle with you, and most of all, loving you through it all.

With My Deepest Sympathies,

Bridget Jones (Fort Wayne, IN)

Bridget Jones - July 16, 2025 at 12:12 PM

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