



## Mr. Willie James Finnie

December 25, 1923 - November 9, 2015

Celebrating The Life Of Willie James Finnie:

Willie James Finnie was born December 25, 1923 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to the loving arms of Annie Mae and Jycles Finnie. Willie had one sister Mary, who along with his parents, preceded him in death.

Willie attended school in Arkansas and joined the army as a young man. He fought in World War Two and landed at Normandy during the invasion of Europe. Willie was a member of the highly regarded Red Ball Express soldiers. His unit was known for swiftly moving ammunition and fuel to the Allied Forces.

After the victory, Willie realized that his self-determination was not a good fit for the racist systems of the South. His mother strongly encouraged him to move up North to escape the stifling and harsh influence of Jim Crow.

Shortly thereafter, Willie traveled to The Motor City and began working for the Chrysler Corporation. At Chrysler, he met and fell in love with his beautiful wife Katie Jean.

Willie was a strong believer in Christ and lived a long and peaceful life. He was known for his bright smile and generosity. After his retirement in 1976, he was a school bus driver for developmentally impaired children. In his younger

days, he liked to work on cars and was known to cut a rug as an avid and skilled dancer. More recently, Unc as he was affectionately called enjoyed visits from family and watching legal shows on television. Unc didn't miss an episode of Judge Judy or Greg Mathis.

God, in his infinite wisdom saw fit to take Willie home on Monday, November 9, 2015.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie James Finnie*

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“ *A Message Of Sympathy For Your Family : May these few words of sympathy help at least in part, to ease the burden that you bear and the sadness in your heart....Thinking Of You At This Sad Time. May the God of comfort and peace comfort the family of Mr. Willie James Finnie.*

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