



Mr. Willie James Howard Sr.

April 1, 1943 - March 12, 2024

Willie James Howard Sr. was born April 1, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Charlie Howard Sr. and Wyona (Lady) Scruggs-Howard, whom both preceded him in death.

Willie, united in holy matrimony with Olivia (Peggy) Everhart-Howard May 22, 1981. To this union were born sons, (Willie James Howard II (Chill Will), Anthony Joushua-Lee Howard (Ant) Adopted children LaTonya Devon Everhart (Tonya) and Cleveland Everhart (Bobo). Willie also had a daughter from a previous marriage that preceded him in death.

Willie was affectionately known as Bill by his parents, and Bae-Bae by his other family members. Willie was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. As a young child, Willie would grow up working with his father (Charlie Howard Sr.) on a coal truck delivering coal in Detroit.

With a limited education, Willie was still able to land a job at Chrysler (as an adult) as a Steward from which he eventually retired. Willie was a true entrepreneur. He owned and operated his own car wash (V.I.P. Car Service, Highland Park, Michigan). Willie loved buying cars and reading the want Ads and horoscopes.

Willie also loved to buy, renovate, and rent properties. Willie prided himself on

renovating and keeping his properties in tip top shape. Willie would even bring his children and grandchildren along on his grass cutting adventures making sure to instill good work ethics in them. Willie believed in helping people any way he could.

Through the years he provided several people and families homes across the city for people to live in. He always provided his friends, grandchildren, and family with a way to make money. (hustle) Willie would be the first person to bring you food or snacks if he knew you were sick or going on a trip. Willie believed in working hard to get what you want.

Willie was a fun-loving person, but at the same time a no-nonsense man. Willie always made sure every family event that there would be a good time had by all. Willie threw the best fourth of July fireworks shows even if the grass caught on fire (lol) Giving his family and friends and neighborhood something to always remember.

Willie was an exceptionally clean and meticulous person. Known as Mr. Cool, for the way he dressed and walked. Willie had to match his clothes from head to toe. Willie was a true man of style and class.

He leaves to cherish behind, (1) Brother-Charlie Howard Sr. (1) Sister-in-law-Alice Howard, (4) Children- Willie James Howard II (Chill Will), Anthony Joshua-Lee Everhart (Ant), (2) adopted children- LaTonya Devon Everhart (Tonya) and Cleveland Everhart (Bobo). (9) Grandchildren total-Jeremiah Everhart, Brittney, Jordan, Phillip, Jacob, Johnathan Gavin. (By Tonya) (3) Jeremy, Jelani and Q' Avonte (By Bobo). (1) Great grandchild-Justin Gavin (by Jordan Gavin). A host of Nephews and Nieces, cousin and other family members and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **23**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

Saturday, Mar. **23**. 5:30 PM (ET)

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