

PALLBEARERS & ARRANGEMENTS

Honorary Pallbearers.....Pierre Moore
.....David Travis
.....Gary Lane
.....Amari Walker
Flower Bearers.....Sharon Black Gilmore
.....Gail Black Wright

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:
James H. Cole Funeral Home
16100 Schaefer Hwy
Detroit, MI 48235

Interment:
Cremation

Repass:
10101 W McNichols Rd, Suite 813
Detroit, MI 48221
3:30-6:30PM

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION

The family of Willie James Wiley acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.



WILLIE JAMES WILEY

IN LOVING MEMORY



SUNRISE: MARCH 25, 1940
SUNSET: FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Family Hour: 12:30 PM
Time of Service: 1:00 PM
Officiating Minister: Dewitt Matlock

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture.....Minister Matlock

Prayer.....Minister Matlock

Song

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Obituary.....Edwanna Smith

Remarks

Song

Eulogy.....Minister Matlock

Recessional

Organ Postlude

Heyyy Papa!

You've always been our rock, our go to when things got tough. We knew we could run to you just to hear you say everything would be okay. You overfilled everyone's cup, never looking for anything in return.

Because of you we know our worth, how to love purely and be patient....and how to be on time.

We promise to take care of Granny like you've always asked of us and to be there for one another. We will try our best to always smile at these kids and laugh at all they do like you would have (even though they aren't that funny). You thought they could do no wrong and always cheered them on.

Heaven has our Hero and we will miss you everyday. The memories you leave behind are priceless, golden treasures that we will hold close to our hearts forever. You have been the best Papa we could have ever asked for. "You smell so good you smell like wood". A poem written for you that remains true.

We love you so much Papa!

Love, your girls Suga and Boo

FAMILY TRIBUTE POEM

Your Life was a Blessing
Your Memory a Treasure
You're loved Beyond Words
And Missed Beyond Measure

FAMILY TRIBUTES

We love you and miss you so much Papa
We plan to make you nothing but proud ❤️

Love Always, Kayla, Amari and Davion

Dear Papa, I really don't know how to thank you for being one of the brightest lights in my life. No matter how I was feeling, as soon as I heard your voice, saw your smile, or heard your laugh, my day was 10 times better. When no one else believed in me, you always did! Without Question! No matter what was going on, you didn't care, it didn't matter, because you were still going to find a way to help me fix it and uplift me in any way possible. You always put everybody first, and now it's time for us to put you first. Selfishly I wish I could just get another day, another hour, or even another minute with you. But I know you were tired papa, and it's ok. I just want you to rest now, I promise I'll be okay. My love for you is beyond anything words can say. I will never forget you and I will never forget the times we had together. Not only were you just my grandpa but you were MY PAPA! I love you so much, Until I see you again.

Love, Skylar

Father God, in peace thank you for sharing a wonderful father a wonderful grandfather and a wonderful friend. There will always be a light in my heart to remind me of a gift from you father God thank you may you keep his soul rest in peace.

Love, your daughter Emily and grandson Asa

Willie James Wiley born March 25, 1940 in Birmingham Alabama to Thomas Wiley Sr, and Annie Mae Hopson. He was one of five children. 3 siblings proceeded him in death Edward, Mary, Thomas Jr.

The family migrated to Detroit in the 1950's, Willie was educated in the Highland Park School System. Later wishing to perform his patriotic duty, he joined the United States Army on June 6, 1960. He received an honorable discharge.

Barbara and Willie grew up together, it wasn't until the 1970s that they reunited and later married September 20, 1989. "He was a loving devoted husband, my casino and fishing buddy and the love of my life who I will dearly miss."

Willie was an independent master carpenter skilled in home renovations, plumbing, heating and electrical. He retired from the Highland Park Housing commission as maintenance supervisor in 2006.

Willie enjoyed fishing, trips to the casino, and was happiest when surrounded by family. He doted on his grandchildren, and they in turn loved and adored him dearly. He was kind, compassionate and helpful to everyone he met. He will be remembered by his soft spirit, protective nature, and endless patience.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 32 years Barbara, his sister Ethel May (James, deceased) his daughters Emily and Pamela. Grand Children Te'niya (David), Jeanette, Bianca, Takarri (Pierre), Asa and Perez. His great grandchildren, Skylar ,DJ, David Jr , Kayla ,Amari, Zoriana, Zariah, Zylana, Aaliyah, Perez Jr, Aziyah, and Malaya and a host of relatives and friends.

