

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
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A Fallen Limb – Author Unknown

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says “Grieve not for me.”
Remember the best time, the laughter, the songs
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
There is no more pain.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don’t worry about the falls.
I miss you all dearly so keep your chin up and smile because I will
always be with you.
Until the day comes, we’re together again

Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. Wardell Willingham would like to thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and other acts of kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.



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A Celebration of Life



Mr. Wardell Willingham

July 5, 1928 – January 18, 2018

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 12:00 Noon

Nelson's Funeral Home
270 N. Dogwood Avenue
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Minister Randolph Green, Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Wardell Willingham, son of the late Robert and Francis Johnson Willingham was born July 5, 1928 in Winnsboro, SC. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at PruittHealth in Ridgeway, SC.

Wardell attended the Public Schools of Fairfield County. At an early age, he was baptized at St. Luke Baptist Church. After high school, he relocated to Detroit, MI where he spent the majority of his adult life. He was a long-time employee of General Motors while in Detroit. After returning to South Carolina, he was a loyal employee of Winnsboro Builders until an injury forced his early retirement.

He enjoyed gardening, baseball, fishing, and watching cowboy movies. Another favorite pastime was making wine.

He leaves to cherish warm and fond memories three daughters, Esther Goodwin of Winnsboro, SC, Izetta (Larry) Slade of Alcoa, TN and Monique Willingham of Columbus, GA; three sisters, Lodesta Parnell, Izetta Gripper, and Emma Mae Coleman; two brothers, Albert "AC" Willingham and James Banks; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Wardell was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Willingham; two sons, Michael Willingham and Wardell Willingham, Jr.; ten brothers, Celess, Robert, Zachariah, Kitch, George, Moses, Maxie, Abraham and Jacob; three sisters, Hadiyah (Ella Lou Watts), Essie Lee and Willie Mae; one grandson, DeShawn Willingham.

Interment

St. John Baptist Church Cemetery
Anderson Quarry

Order of Service

Minister Randolph Green, Presiding

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Pastor D. S. President

New TestamentPastor D. S. President

Solo.....Ms. Violette Delly

PrayerPastor D. S. President

Reflections Monique Willingham

Izetta Slade

Esther Goodwin

Elan Chisolm

Lodesta Parnell

Selection.....

Words of ComfortMinister Randolph Green

Solo.....Ms. Violette Delly

Recessional..... Funeral Directors