

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Honorary Pallbearers

Dennis Williams

Tommy Stokes

Earl Townsend

Carl Wiggins

Justin Collins

John Travis Collins

Earthly Resting Place

Highland Cemetery

Acknowledgement

The family would like to say thank everyone for their floral tributes, cards, and any acts of sympathy.

We would like to say a special thank you to Paw Paw's neighbors who always stepped up and helped out when needed. Thank you to Benjamin Rawls for everything you've done for us. Special thank you to Maurice Hackney, Henry Davis, Sr. and Jr., Rev. Sylvester Williams, the 89.7 radio station, and Kent Winters for being always just one call away.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Deacon Willie
WILLIAMS
"Paw Paw"

SUNRISE

August 20, 1919

SUNSET

July 2, 2021

Saturday, July 10, 2021
Visitation: 9:00 a.m. | Service: 10:00 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL CATHEDRAL
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
1025 Western Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46601

Minister D.R. Williams, Officiating
Bishop Donald L. Alford, Pastor and Founder

Obituary

DEACON WILLIE “PAW PAW” WILLIAMS was born on August 20, 1919, in Waterproof, Louisiana and transitioned from labor to glory on July 2, 2021, at his residence, at the great age of 101.

Willie moved along with his family to South Bend, Indiana in 1929. Paw Paw was drafted in World War II in 1940 and was stationed in Papua, New Guinea. He was honorably discharged in 1945 after serving five years and gaining the rank of Staff Sargent. Papa was always known as a hard worker. His work history included working for Clark, Studebaker, and A.M. General, where he worked for 40 years from 1945 to retirement in 1985. He then drove the bus for Head Start from 1985-2003. After fully retiring, Paw Paw would work on lawn equipment. Paw Paw stayed busy working and folks kept Paw Paw busy.

Our Paw Paw was a FAITHFUL member of Pentecostal Cathedral COGIC, where he served as an usher, deacon, trustee board member, and president of the V.I.P. department, under the leadership of Bishop Donald Alford. He would regularly and faithfully attend bible study on Tuesday nights, where his job would be filling the pops and ice in the cooler, which he took very, very seriously. He would go to the church at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, when he would be trustee of the week, and turn off the alarm up until he turned 90. Deacon Williams received many awards in his lifetime and held an award in his name at Pentecostal, the “Willie Williams Lifetime Award.” Paw Paw was honored in the senior coalition hosted by New Salem MBC. For his 100th birthday, he was featured on WNDU news by the American Legion Riders. You could regularly see Willie at Krogers talking to everyone in the store and the employees, or at the Ardmore hardware store.

Papa SPOILED Granny; he loved, loved, loved her. Paw Paw showed us what being a great husband was and provided for his entire family. Any of us could call on our Paw Paw, and he would be there at the drop of a pin. He would come do work on different family members houses or cars if needed; he was the jack of all trades. Papa loved baseball, with the LA Dodgers being his favorite team.

Along with his wife, Catherine, survivors left to cherish Paw Paw memories include: two sons, Tarrance Frierson of CA and Willie Williams of KY; five daughters for whom he accepted the role of father, Vanessa Hill, Pamela (Earl) Townsend, and Sheila (Tommy) Stokes, all of South Bend, Kathy Kirkendoll of Austin, TX, and Tonya (Carl) Wiggins of Union, NJ; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Hill of GA and Pearline Hamilton of South Bend; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; one godson, Patric Owens; two goddaughters, Quila Osborn and Jacqueline Johnson; a special son, Elder Maurice Hackney; honorary children, Viola and Ernest McClenty, Linda “Boochie” Sanders, Elois “Peaches” White, Betty (Andre) Bridges, and Kent Winters; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Musicians

Prayer..... Clergy

Scripture Readings
Old & New Testament Clergy

Selection..... The Vessels

Special Remarks Deacon Bennie Winters
Minister Henry Davis, Sr.
Mr. John Collins

Family Remarks..... Danika Williams, Oldest Grandchild
Kimberly Doaks
Adrian Dennis, Jr.

Selection..... The Vessels

Ministerial Remarks

Reading of the Obituary and Condolences.... Marva Dent-Leonard,
Niece

Special Remarks Elder Maurice Hackney
National Evangelist Kiena Hackworth

Sermonic Selection Kent Winters, Bonus Son

The Word Bishop Donald L. Alford, Sr.

Recessional..... Clergy, Family, & Friends

