



Willie Deason- Branch

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Service for Willie Deason Branch 80, of Apple Springs will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Our Father's House, 518 S. 3rd Street, Lufkin. Visitation will be held on Saturday morning 9 a.m. till time of service. Burial will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery. Mrs. Deason - Branch was born on December 27, 1942, in Nigton, and died on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in Lufkin. Mother Willie Mae Deason Branch was born on December 27, 1942, to Batie Ben Deason, Sr and Equilla Spencer Deason in the Community of Nigton Texas.

Mother Willie Mae attended Nigton Elementary then Junior High and High School at H.G. Temple High

School in Diboll where she graduated. She accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of Elder BB Phipps in the Church by Christ Jesus Nigton. Shortly after high school, she met and married her beloved "Hunny" the late Pastor, Elder Jesse B Branch, Sr. She obtained her certified nurse assistant certificate where she worked at Angelina nursing home for numerous years. She also attended classes at Angelina Jr College.

Mother Willie Mae Branch helped build and establish that little spirit filled Church in Nigton, The Church by Christ Jesus where she served faithfully under several great leaders. She was most blessed to serve beside her husband at The Church by Christ Jesus Nigton for over 23 years as First Lady, Missionary President, Choir Member, Board Member, and Sunday School teacher. After raising their children, Mother Willie Mae later became Co-Founder of Innovative Homes of Deep East Texas and worked actively for the company for over 25 years touching the lives of many consumers and people. Working in the ministry and working for the elderly and individuals with intellectual disabilities was her passion but she still found time for hobbies that included fishing, cooking, crocheting, quilting and traveling across the country by car, train, boat and plane. She was an active member of the Groveton



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Senior Citizen sewing group, where she continued to hand make cherished items for her family and loved ones.

In 2012, Mother Willie Mae transferred her membership to Our Fathers House of Faith Ministries, where she served under the leadership of her son Pastor Elder Andro Branch. She faithfully served as Mother of the Church, Pastor Aide, and Food Committee Coordinator until her health began to fail but she continued to support the ministry.

Mother Willie Mae was preceded in death by her husband of over 44 years the late Pastor Elder Jesse Branch Sr, Parents Batie and Equilla Deason; Brothers Sylvester, Lonnie, and Ben Jr. Deason; Sister Pearlie Smith; Son Charles Darnel Branch.

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Mother Willie Mae Branch transitioned from this earthly life surrounded by family and loved ones in Lufkin Texas .

She leaves behind to forever cherish her memory: Children Daughters; Chyrel Bolton (Eddie), Irene Branch, JoAnn Branch; Sons, James Branch, Elder Andro Branch (Angel), Chris Branch (Sherri), Earl Branch, Jessie B. Branch, Jr ; Brothers Willie D. Deason (Marie) and Joe Deason (Frances); Sisters Laverne White (Harold), Doris Charlton, Annie Bell Deason; Numerous cherished Grandchildren and Greatgrandchildren: 3 Brother-in-laws and 3 Sister-in-laws; Special Sister in love Missionary, Lucy Mark; Special Brother & Sister in love, District Elder LV Branch and Co-Pastor Mary Branch; Special nephew Desmond Charlton; Special friends Eleanor Chinn, and Manasha Martin and a host of other close relatives and friends she cherished.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of sympathy, love, support and your prayers, during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you as you keep us in your prayers. Special thanks to Our Fathers House of Faith Ministries, Church by Christ Jesus Nigton and Lufkin, Ligon Chapel Nigton, MD Anderson, and Pine Crest Retirement Community.



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Donna Lewis posted:

Mother/Cousin Willie Mae Branch. A member of my family, Church Member and kindest person in the world. I was very saddened to know that she is no longer living. What a life well lived and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that heaven has gained an angel. I first met Mother Branch in 1974, when we moved to Nigton, Texas. She showed herself most friendly and gracious. I will always love and cherish her as a cousin, friend, and phone buddy. God bless the Branch and Deason Family. Your cousin in Christ. Sis. Donna Marie Lewis.

February 13 at 12:22 PM



Llewelyn White posted:

Aunt Willie Mae Welcome Me In To Our Father's House When My Cousin Frederick Holmes Invited Us To The Family & Friends Day Before He Passed Aunt Wilie Mae Welcomed Us In With Open Arms And All The Time She Would Say There Go My Niece And I Said My Aunty Even Though The Oldest Two My Sister & Brother Are Really Her Niece & Nephew Debra & Tyrone Where Her Niece & Nephew But She Never Said I Wasn't She Excepted Me With Open Arms Will Miss My Aunt Willie Mae Heaven's Gain They Are Smiling. Love Yall Family You Guys Are On My Prayers I Pray That The Lord Keep You Ever On The Road That Leads To God. Amen & Amen.

February 11 at 4:18 PM



Virginia Garrett lit a candle in honor of Willie.



February 11 at 7:07 AM



Terri Spencer lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Cousin Willie Mae is like an aunty growing up down the road in Nigton. She and my mother Vernell were dear friends and raised us together on that 2262 hill. May she now take her rest with her dear friend and the love ones that passed own before. Lift your heads up dear cousins our momma's are no longer in earthly pain.



February 11 at 3:12 AM



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AS

Angela Simmons lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 10 at 1:46 AM



Dorothy Brown lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 9 at 6:53 PM



LC

Lynda Cavanaugh lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 9 at 2:23 PM



RJ

Robbie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 9 at 8:20 AM



KP

Kenneth & Joanne (Mark) Perry lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Condolences and prayers for the family. May God give comfort and strength 🙏.

February 8 at 7:05 PM



HC

Howard J & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 8 at 3:54 PM





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Pearl Harden lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 8 at 10:02 AM



Denning Family lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 8 at 7:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Deason- Branch family.

February 8 at 7:09 AM



Odessa L Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.

February 8 at 5:58 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Deason- Branch family.

February 7 at 6:29 PM



Jurlene Sparks lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 7 at 9:44 AM





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Rose M Hadnot lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 7 at 5:22 AM



Sylvia Kirkwood sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.

February 7 at 2:32 AM



Felice Woods lit a candle in honor of Willie.

February 6 at 9:22 PM



Lee Anthony Spencer sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.

February 6 at 2:24 PM



Condolences Shonna Swain sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Deason-Branch family.

February 6 at 1:35 PM



Wilria Crain Monmouth sent a virtual gift in honor of Willie.

February 6 at 1:31 PM





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Shonna Swain posted:

Myself and the Branches grew up together, I had few encounters with Mrs. branch. Judging by her children and their kindness she had to be a very lovely lady. I did catch a glance of her smile and her waves as we passed by her home. My thoughts and prayers go out to her children. Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, And through the rivers, they will not flood over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorned, Nor will the flames singe you. 4a For you became precious in my eyes...I have loved you " Know that you are loved by God and your friends. My condolences to you all and I hold you in my prayers

February 6 at 12:54 PM



Eld. And Evang. Charles Claborne Jr. lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Elder and Evang. Charles Claborne Jr. To: Pastor Andro Branch and family. Our dear friend, "Mother Branch," is now in presence of God, We are so sorry to get this news, but Family, our friend is in the presence of our God and her"s. Be encourage Branch and Deason family, let not your heart be trouble. we going to miss her very very much. one day we'll have a great reunion. oh my Lord Jesus, rest on Mother.



February 6 at 9:23 AM



Pastor & Mrs. F. D. Blakemore lit a candle in honor of Willie.



February 6 at 8:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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