



## Mr. Michael Leonard Willie

May 20, 1969 - October 21, 2021

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Michael Leonard Willie left his earthly temple to dwell in the arms of our Lord and Savior on October 21, 2021.

Michael was born on May 20, 1968, to Swinoil and Estella Moore Willie in West Helena, AR. Mike gained his love of sports from his beloved mother, Estella Willie and he carried it throughout his lifetime. Mike was a graduate of the Central High School Class of 1987 where he excelled in football and basketball. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for 4 years and received an honorable discharge. After his discharge he moved back to his hometown where he became an important part of mentoring the youth in his community by introducing them to sportsmanship. He was integral in establishing and coaching the Pony and Little League Baseball program in the City of Helena-West Helena at the age of 16 and he later became the Commissioner of Little League. He also created a summer basketball league at Douglas Court in West Helena where he coached and mentored hundreds of young men. He served as Assistant Basketball Coach at Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He later worked for the

City of West Helena and the Helena West Helena School District in several different capacities. Mike then found another passion – he became a car salesman where he was known throughout the Tri-State area as “Dealmaker”. He served as Assistant General Manager for several car dealerships and broke many sales records during this time. He continued in the car sales industry until recently when his health declined.

Mike was preceded in death by his Daughter– Ashley Vineyard; Parents, Swinoil and Estella Willie; Grandmother – Viola Banks; Sisters– Cynthia Willie, and Rosie Lee Willie; and Brother– Larry Early.

He leaves to cherish his memories his son– Terrance Sheared (Laticea) of Houston, TX; Six brothers– Oscar Willie of Los Angeles, CA; David Early (Cynthia) of Jackson, TN; Raymond Willie (Jeanette) of Helena, AR; Kenneth Willie, Gregory "Buck" Willie (Rebecca), and Norris Willie all of Jonesboro, AR; Eight sisters– Sharon Crawford (Chris) of Dallas, TX; Jacqueline West (Eric), Cheryl Webb (Timothy), and Carla Sullivan (Simuel) of Jonesboro, Tracey Willie of Lancaster, TX, Debra Willie of Lewisville, TX; Sondra Willie, and Barbara Greer (Jimmy) of Jonesboro, AR. He also leaves five grandchildren– Terrance Sheared, Jr. (TJ), Lawson Sheared of Houston TX; Caiden Hurd, Malaya Blocker, and Maluni Blocker of West Helena. Michael also leaves a host of amazing nieces and nephews who affectionately called him “Big Fella”.

Mike enjoyed life and most of all enjoyed sports; he was a diehard fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks, Dallas Cowboys, Los Angeles Lakers and the Atlanta Braves. Most weekends you would find him in front of a television watching and cheering on his favorite teams as well as being surrounded by family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
167 Park Street  
Helena- West Helena , AR 72390

## Service with a requirement of a face covering

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
167 Park Street  
Helena- West Helena , AR 72390

## Graveside

NOV **1**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery - Birdeye  
3600 AR-163  
Cherry Valley, AR 72324

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Just heart broken. You will all ways be the one that motivated every one. Rest in peace.  
From Jeffrey wright.*

jeffrey wright - November 13, 2021 at 09:22 AM

JW

“ *Little brother you will forever live on in my heart! Your presence will be so missed by your entire family! I love you always!!* 💔



Jacqueline West - November 02, 2021 at 07:52 PM

TC

“ *Theresa Marshall Carmichael lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie*



Theresa Marshall Carmichael - October 30, 2021 at 01:13 PM

LG

“ *Lester Glass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie*



Lester Glass - October 29, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LG

*I'm going to miss you brother. We have been through some crazy and good times together. We hung tight in high school, we kept in touch even while in the military you in Germany in the Army and me in England in the Air Force. We became even closer after our service. Living in Atlanta together with Tony, some good times. I know a lot of people refer to you as a best friend. I would like to think I was toward the top of that list. Rest in Peace my Brother. Love you*

**Lester Glass** - October 29, 2021 at 09:44 AM

JW

*You definitely were Lester!!! You're family!!*

**Jacqueline West** - November 02, 2021 at 07:49 PM

LB

“ *Mike you was always a cool dude, RIL my brother. Sending prayers and love to the family.*



**Lakita Byrd** - October 28, 2021 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Benita (Harmon) Page and Calvin Page*



**Benita Harmon Page** - October 28, 2021 at 03:41 PM

BJ

“ Bernard Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie



Bernard Jones - October 28, 2021 at 03:18 PM

BJ

“ Mike was always full of laughter and a competitor. Rest In Peace classmate and fellow veteran!

Bernard Jones - October 28, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JM

“ Janice Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie



Janice Miller - October 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JW

Wow My Man RIP

Johnny Washington - October 28, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Tracey Corbin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie



Tracey Corbin - October 28, 2021 at 01:15 AM



*Rest on my brother.*

**Tracey Corbin** - October 28, 2021 at 01:16 AM

CB

“ *Chuck Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie*



**Chuck Barnes** - October 27, 2021 at 08:43 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie*



**Shirley Williams Thorn** - October 27, 2021 at 06:59 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Leonard Willie*



**Mary Hawkins** - October 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM

CW

*Mike, I always thought if you as having nine lives because you always bounced back from whatever was ailing you! Sadly, this time, God took you from e! You were always so full of joy and laughter! I will miss you for your quick wit! There was never a dull moment when you were around! I sit my identity when people found out I was your sister because they all had a Mike Willie story to tell. You left your gift of laughter for the world to share! I will miss you everyday because there was never a dull moment! Rest in love and laughter! I will remember you always with a smile! I love you! Cheryl willie-Webb💕💕💕*

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**Cheryl Willie-Webb** - October 27, 2021 at 04:48 PM

CW

*Sadly, this time, God took you from me. I lost my identity when people found out I was your sister because they always had a Mike Willie story ito tell.*

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**Cheryl Willie-Webb** - October 27, 2021 at 05:24 PM

RF

*Mike Willie better know as the (Commissioner). What a lot of people don't know is that you were tailgating back in the early 80's before most knew what tailgating was. Our friendship officially started when I was a Sophomore in high school and you were a Senior. From day one, you embraced our class and supported the hell out of me when I earned a starting position at running back along with Heard and Minor. I'm glad I got an opportunity to thank you for that some weeks ago. We also had a wonderful time during our UAPB days.  
God Bless!*

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**Rickey Foreman** - October 28, 2021 at 12:10 PM