



## Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington

March 30, 1981 - March 13, 2020

Willie Washington better known as "Toodie Fresh" departed this life Friday, March 13, 2020. He was born Monday, March 30, 1981 in Forrest City, Arkansas to Shirley Washington and Albert Dukes. He was the first born of his siblings. Toodie's found a close-ness to God and developed a personal relationship. He attended the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. After his tenure in the Forrest City School District. His entrepreneurial skills were legendary, based on a never give up attitude. He excelled in plumbing. Toodie was adventurous! Friendships were built everywhere he went. His family was the center of his focus and energy, giving him a wealth of support and inspiration. He was the life and soul of any gathering.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Washington; father, Albert Dukes; maternal grandmother—Christine Washington; maternal great grandmother—Georgia Hollis; two aunts—Marilyn Johnson and Cathrine Johnson; cousins—Anthony McDonald and Randy McDonald.

Willie "Toodie Fresh" leaves to cherish his daughters, Kierra Washington, Jaelan Washington, and Jamya Cooper; brothers and sisters, Don'ya Washington (Talesha Gilbert), Fareedah Washington, and Ashanique Banks (Robert Matthews); a cousin that cared for him like a mother and sister who promised his mother that she would forever care for him, DeShay Hollis; one grandson, Kylon Washington; aunts—Carolyn (Rick) Holt, Deborah Washington, Sally Allen, Vernell Tucker, Mary Louise (Jimmie) Hillard, Ruthie Dukes, Doris (Robert) Brown, and Lenora Dukes; uncles—Larry Washington,

Leon Dukes, Jr., Derrick Dukes, Johnelle Dukes, Edward Dukes, Lennis Dukes, Steve Dukes, and Bruce Posley; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Casteel Cemetery

Highway 70 West & CR 221  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends Gathering

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Beth Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
835 East Garland Street  
Forrest City , AR 72335

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MAR 21. 1:30 PM (CT)

Forrest City Event Center  
1800 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ JD sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie  
"Toodie" Washington



JD - October 20, 2020 at 02:06 PM

JD

“ JD lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie  
"Toodie" Washington



JD - October 08, 2020 at 08:12 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



KariAne White - March 20, 2020 at 01:53 AM

JD

*I'm Landon Dukes you birth son!*

JD - October 08, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington .



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March 20, 2020 at 01:27 AM

SW

“ He landed upon my threshold quite by accident one frosty autumn day as he was in search of a place to call home. Brought in by a mutual friend, he seemed sincere when he claimed he could offer assistance when needed and would present no problem. Would I allow him to remain? I consented. Little did I realize what a whirlwind I brought into my home and my life when Mr. Toodie set roots down and around us. We all became familiar with that quick, infectious smile of his. It warms a person's toes if ever directly gazed full face. And, I found it refreshing how the smallest quirks would tickle him. He actually chuckled at times. He had the gift of gab alright as I was soon convinced he could talk a blind man out of his seeing eye dog, an atheist to open his heart to Almighty God and a spendthrift into giving up his last dime. It was that note and gleam of sincerity that he aimed at another - eye to eye - which felt so much like it arrived heart to heart. And, he was HEART. Be a troubled friend, a shoeless child, manifest a broken soul, and PRESTO there he was where needed to help til the pains of this world subsided. I will miss you Mr. Toodie. I will miss that endearing naive bit of your person you seldom showed others. I will miss you calling me 2nd Mom as though you had crowned me with a special title and that single red rose you brought me picked fresh from our front yard. I will miss that front door opening up at ungodly hours and you looking like you needed a soft place to land. I will miss the fires you built me to stave off a winter chill and you asking, "What have you eaten today?" What will fill my tomorrows? Can't I be selfish just a bit longer and question the wisdom of your leaving us? Doesn't the Almighty know how we've learned to need you in our everyday? Can't we be selfish just a little more and hold tight? Can we cry a little more? Just a few more tears? It is time. As much as I wish, want, desire, there will be no more memories built. It is time to let him pass to happier ground. Go Home, Toodie. I will stay strong in your leaving because I know that would have been your wish. Go Home to those that await you. I will be coming soon. In the meantime, your memory lives in my heart. And, I won't be selfish any longer. I can say goodbye.

**Shirley Winford** - March 19, 2020 at 12:03 AM

AC

*Ive known toodie for a very long time.. Being around him it was pure excitement.. Always a new adventure.. Toodie left his mark wherever he went i guarantee yu that.. He is a names sake that will NEVER be forgotten... I remember him when he always wore that dang wig lol.. Man he was something... Long. Live. Toodie Fresh*

**Ashley Corab** - March 19, 2020 at 02:36 PM

SM

*Toodie fresh. The day I met you was the day that I knew I had me a great friend and we have always trusted and depended on one another in time we shared. We often fought like brothers and sisters but we both knew what we meant to each other thur the hearts. I will cherish the moments we shared together and I feel much better knowing you are with our father in heaven because you and I discussed the bible and we prayed to our heavenly father together and that will be the moment I cherish the most. Tудie I will miss you dearly and know I love you very much . you are a genuine human being that I'm so proud became a part of my life. I could just hear ur laughter in heaven. U are a legend toodie fresh and my brother. Until we meet again my friend . I love you toodie fresh*

**Sondra miller** - March 22, 2020 at 10:53 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington*



**Belinda Braddock** - March 18, 2020 at 10:05 PM

BB

“ *My Dear Cousin Tootie Fresh, Nobody will ever have that laugh, that smile, and that crazy sense of humor that you gave to all of us. I been around you half of my life and you never changed. Just a Angel waiting to return to Heaven. I love you cuz and you will forever be missed here on Earth. Belinda Braddock Hollis*

Belinda Braddock - March 18, 2020 at 09:59 PM

ST

“ *Shirley W. Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington*



Shirley W. Thorn - March 18, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KS

“ *Kinyuana Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington*



Kinyuana Smith - March 18, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Toodie" Washington .*



March 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JH

“ *I will forever love and miss you Toot. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and I know you are happy so I'm going to be happy and rejoice with you.. I love you dearly...*

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**Jacqueline Hardy** - March 17, 2020 at 09:58 PM

KC

“ *We love and miss you Toodie! Rest in love and eternal happiness! Bj was so glad he got to speak with you. He asks that I send his condolences to all our family and we continue to pray for comfort and healing for everyone.*

*Love you cousin,  
Bj and Kristy Curtis and family*

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**Kristy Curtis** - March 17, 2020 at 08:48 PM