



Willie Mae Downie

October 12, 1928 - June 21, 2013

Willie Mae Downie, a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to all, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2013 at the age of 84. Willie Mae was born in Horatio, Arkansas on October 12, 1928. Her life was lived with unbreakable faith and the ability to love with her whole heart. Among all great accomplishments, her greatest was motherhood. The love she carried for her son David was strong, pure, and everlasting. She will be missed by every life she touched. Willie Mae was preceded in death by her husband Morris Seidel, loving son David Seidel and dear friend Carmen Divine. She was survived by her grandchildren; Hilarie Divine, Alina Fields, and David "Abe" Seidel; great grandchildren; Ryan, Amaya, Evelyn Mae, Lucas, and Lila; daughter-in-law and friend Laura Singer. Visitation will be held on Tuesday June 25, 2013 from 12-2:00 PM followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM both at Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS. Cremation will take place following services. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you bring a card with a written memory. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Mae Downie*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Willie Mae Downie*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Willie Mae Downie*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

NI

“ I'm so sorry I didn't hear about this earlier. I worked with Willie Mae at the KC Plant from 90-92. I was a new manager at P&G only 24 years old at the time. Willie Mae taught me a lot about treating people with love and respect. He also showed me what hard work was all about. But perhaps the thing I remember the most was her incredibly strong handshake :-)



Rest in Peace Willie Mae. I know that you're at peace and happy being with our Lord.

Love,

Nick Boschert

nickboschert - September 05, 2013 at 09:18 AM

AL

“ The most incredible grandmother a child could ask for. What a beautiful sprit you were. You always told me that when you go, the first thing you are going to do is hug Jesus and walk with your king.. I always told you when I go, I'm going to start a bowling team in heaven and cheat because I'm going to have Jesus on my team. I remember you laughing so hard at that. I always loved joking with you... The last several years were hard because of her Alzheimer's, However, my favorite last, bust out loud memory came last summer. A new saucy resident of the nursing home was seated next to her at dinner. She was not very pleasant (poor thing), and was insulting every one at the table. I could tell grandma seemed less than amused, even though she were close to non verbal at the time. I turned to grandma and whispered in her ear " sounds like that woman could use a scoop of ice cream and some Jesus!"...She turned to me and laughed sooo hard! It had been a long while since I heard her full body laugh. At that moment I knew she understood me, even if for just a moment she brightened my entire year with that laugh. I was granted many small gifts at the home with her...ones that I will embrace forever, but that one will always take the cake. So many beautiful memories...All good and all created to last forever. I know she is at peace now, Sitting with lost family and friends, drinking coffee, and walking with our lord. I know she has a seats saved for those she left behind here...and of course a bowling shirt saved for me.

Alina - June 28, 2013 at 12:01 PM

JT

“ Joyce Thiessen lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Downie



Joyce Thiessen - June 25, 2013 at 01:38 PM

JT

I knew Willie all my life. She was like family to me. I loved her dearly. Her house was always open to all, and you never went away hungry. She had rental property, and many times she let her renters go without payment because they were short that month. Willie was a giver all the way. She loved the Lord and his people. She was an angel to my Grandmother, LaVerne Dawkins. I can still hear them in the early mornings having coffee and talking about God's word. Willie always said not to grieve for her because she would be in a better place. I hope she's having her coffee and talking about the Lord with my Grandmother this morning. The heavens are a better place now that she has come home. RIP Willie. I love you. Joy

Joyce Thiessen - June 25, 2013 at 01:47 PM

JT

I knew Willie Mae all my life. She was family to me. Her house was always open to all, and you would never go away hungry. She owned rental property and many times she would let her renters go without payment because they were short that month. She was a giver all the way. She loved the Lord and his people. She was an angel to my grandmother, LaVerne Dawkins. I can still hear them in the early morning hours having coffee and talking about the Lord. Willie never wanted us to grieve for her when she passed this life because she said she'd be in a better place. I hope she's having coffee and talking about the Lord with my Grandmother this morning. Heaven is a better place now that she has gone home. RIP sweet Willie. I love you. Joy

Joyce Thiessen - June 25, 2013 at 01:55 PM

HD

“ *Hilarie Divine lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Downie*



Hilarie Divine - June 24, 2013 at 11:31 PM

BS

“ It was my honor to work with Willie for several years in Zest at P&G. What a wonderful lady. She may have been the hardest worker I ever saw and truly a caring coworker who made al of us feel a little better every day. The world is truly a little darker and colder without Willie.

Bill Stoker

Bill Stoker - June 24, 2013 at 05:06 PM

JD

“ Willie always treated my family courteously and graciously. She had such a cheerful nature and even in later years, she was no stranger to hard work. My condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.

Joe Dumm - June 24, 2013 at 11:28 AM

CD

“ Carol Davis lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Downie



Carol Davis - June 23, 2013 at 01:05 PM

JB

We were 'always' greeted with a smile when meeting Willie Mae at P&G. May she rest in peace.

Joe Borders - June 23, 2013 at 02:52 PM

JT

I knew Willie all my life. She was like family to me. Her house was always open to everyone, and no one ever went away hungry from Willies. She had rental property and many times the renters might be short the payment and Willie would always let it go. She was a true giver. She loved the Lord and his people. She was an angel to my grandmother, LaVerne Dawkins. I remember early mornings they would be up having coffee and talking about the Lord. She never wanted anyone to grieve for her when she passed. She said I will be in a much better place. I hope this morning she is up there having coffee and talking about the Lord with my grandmother. Heaven is a richer place now that she has gone home. RIP sweet Willie. I love you....Joy

Joyce Thiessen - June 25, 2013 at 02:06 PM