



Willa Mae Washington

July 10, 1936 - August 20, 2024

Willa Mae (Kelly) Washington, 88, went home to rest on August 20th, 2024, under the watchful eyes of her family. Willa Mae was born on July 10, 1936, in Shaw, Mississippi, to John Kelly and Johnnie Mae (Mack) Kelly. She will be welcomed into Heaven by her parents, her brothers James Wheatley, Lonnie Kelly, Marion Kelly, her Aunt Eddie Mae Love, her bestie Joan Marney, and last, but certainly not least, her beloved Booker T. Washington, whom she affectionately called "Wacoski."

Raised in Toledo, Willa Mae attended Gunckel Elementary School and graduated from Libbey High School with the class of 1954. She will be most remembered for her 28 years of dedicated service as a nurse aide in the Labor and Delivery unit at Toledo Hospital, where she touched countless lives until her retirement. In her retirement years, Willa Mae continued to care for others, serving as a "Granny" for the after-school program at St. Hyacinth Elementary School.

Willa Mae had a passion for home decorating and gardening, with her warm, welcoming home reflecting her creativity and love for beauty. She never missed an NFL Super Bowl or the CMA Awards, always enjoying the excitement of both. In quieter moments, she loved to relax with a Stephen King novel.

She leaves to cherish her memory, youngest brother Robert Kelly four (4) children Regina, Douglas, Lonna, and Jewel, six (6) grandchildren Montrese Tuggle, Anthony Washington, Jada Norris, Camerin Norris, Alexis (Tyrin) Rome, Alana Washington, and thirteen (13) great grandchildren who she's affectionately known as Granny, best friend Eliza Jackson, honorary granddaughter Randysha Mathews, nieces, nephews, and many other friends.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Wake Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
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Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Regina, Doug and family we extend our deepest sympathies and send our prayers in the loss of your Mom and beloved family member.

Lisa Washington, Sonia Atkins

Lisa Washington - August 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM

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“ I send my heartfelt condolences to the family. I have had the pleasure of knowing, working and fellowshipping with Regina who I know loved and cared for her mom to the bitter end. Look up and cherish her wonderful memories. May God continue to comfort, give you strength and peace day by day.

Dawn Polk - August 28, 2024 at 03:50 PM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - August 24, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Willa Mae Washington.



August 23, 2024 at 09:37 AM

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“ To the Willa Washinton family, my heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family. A good neighbor and loving friend as we shared much time with each other in laughter of old times as she talked of her family and friends in her life. I will truly miss my friend but will have great memories of our friendship. Family I love you I pray for your strength, peace and comfort in Christ Jesus 🙏❤️.

Rev. Mary Chandler - August 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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Dear Washington family Our condolences and prayers go out to you in the loss of your loved one. She was a beautiful lady, kind and friendly. Also a neighbor on Greene St. back in the day, knew Marion Kelly and Regina-and all her children... babysat also. God Bless... The Loper and Hunter family

Sylvia Loper Hunter - September 28, 2024 at 01:07 AM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Jewel Washington - August 22, 2024 at 04:20 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jewel Washington - August 22, 2024 at 04:18 PM