



JERRY WILLS SR.

August 29, 1951 - December 20, 2012

Jerry Wills Sr., 61, of Kankakee, IL, died Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Manorcare Health Services. Visitation will be Thursday, December 27, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Lax Mortuary and again on Friday, December 28, 2012 from 10:00 a. m. until time of Funeral Services at 11:00 a.m. at Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Howard L. Wills Sr. will officiate. Burial will be in Momence Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Greater New Hope Scholarship Foundation.

Jerry Wills Sr. was born on August 29, 1951 in Chicago, IL to Joseph Wills Sr. and Eliza Mae Clark Wills.

He was baptized at Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church by Reverend Hezekiah Brady Jr. He later joined Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Choir Director, Director of the Male Choir and activity coordinator for VBS. He was a volunteer for the Kankakee School District 111 Black History Program; Youth Explosion at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and Midtown Towers.

He graduated from St. Anne High School in 1969.

He worked several jobs including a machine operator for Bunge Foods and as a correctional officer for Kankakee County.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one son, Jerry "Chillz" Wills Jr. of Kankakee, IL; three daughters, Joretha Hampton, Stacey Wills and Nivea Wills, all of Kankakee, IL; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Joseph Wills Jr. and Ann Wills of Kankakee, IL, Sylvester Wills of Manteno, IL and Pastor Howard L Wills Sr. and Carol Wills of Kankakee, IL; two sisters, Alice Stubblefield and Dorothy Wills-Crawford, both of Kankakee, IL; nine grandchildren, Terrence Hall, Adrien Wills, Jheri Wills, Jakir Wills, Erin Wills, Marshae Richardson, Genesis Hampton Kyron Smith and Makina Douglas; two uncles, Moses Wills of Phoenix, IL and Woodrow Wills of Chicago, IL, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Joretha Pickens.

Tribute Wall

TM

“ To my cousins Stacee, Jerry & Joretha, I am so sorry about "Uncle Jerry" (as I fondly called him) passing. He was a beacon of light & it was a joy to have known him and graced his presence. I am praying for your strength & asking God to comfort you not onl

Tamika McCaleb - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Thinking and praying with you all. Love you

Dora Simington - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Joretha and family, May God continue to shine His precious LOVE on each of you and give you peace is my prayer; for Jerry is now at peace..... I love each of you!!

Carolyn Rice and Family - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Thanks for sharing "Chills" with us,now do like he would do, just Smile even tho your hearts are aching. My prayers are with the Entire Wills Family as you go thru this chapter life.

Mary Gant - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ To The Wills Family.
My Love & Sympathy go out to the family at this difficult time. Jerry's memorable smile and non-confrontational manner, which was a testament to his caring nature toward his fellow human being, will stand out most in my mind. Theref

Ted Ingram Jr - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Praying for the entire Wills family. Jerry will truly be missed by this community. It was a blessing to have known him. Know that earth has no sorrow that God can not heal.

Perez and April Reed - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My condolences to the Wills family. Praying for the family.

Debbie Autman - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ May God keep you all during this time of loss. But our loved one is in Heaven shouting and singing praises with a huge smile on his face. Love you, always praying with you

Willis family - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Murphy Family - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WO

“ Jerry was a true friend and will be deeply missed. Our prayers go out to all the Wills family.

Willie (Ike) and Donna Odenea - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ To the Wills family. You have my deepest sympathy. May God Bless you. My prayers are with you.

Bernadine Holland - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ To my Uncle Jerry in Heaven, I can't keep the tears from falling down my cheeks, I know you would not want that, but would want me to celebrate your life. I'm going to miss your smile, your compassion for others, and bringing you ice cream. I loved you bu

Linda Lathim - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Wills Family: My prayers are continuous throughout this time with and for you. Jerry will be missed, yet his melodious voice will ring in our hearts and ears for years to come. May God bless and continue to give you sweet peace.

Joyce Shoemaker - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ My sympathy goes out to the family of Jerry. He was a good man. I will miss his words of wisdom. I will miss his humor. Rest in paradise Jerry.

Sandra Green - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jerry will be deeply missed. Prayers to the family!

Joyce Stevenson & Family - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Wills family. Jerry may be gone but he will never be forgotten. The joy and encouragement he always shared will be cherished for a lifetime. I'm sure he's trying to direct the heavenly choir about now. Much love to you all.

Connie Lee-Welsh - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the family of the late Jerry Wills, take comfort in knowing that he has fought the fight and finished the race, now he receives his prize. Well done thy good and faithful servant. We love you Jerry.

Tyra Frazier - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Good Evening Wills family may the Grace of God be with you all through this difficult time and give you peace which passes all understanding. Jerry was a great man when I met him he will be great missed. Still keeping you all lifted up in prayer.

Aubrey Williams - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My deepest condolences to the Wills Family may God comfort you in your time of bereavement. My prayers are with you.

Patricia Childs - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Thank you for all the smiles and Bible trivia. I will remember how your posts got me through my illness. When I share a smile w a stranger, I will think of you.

To the family, thank you for sharing your father with us. Much love to you.

Stephanie Billips - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Be strong and very courageous, God makes no mistakes. We love you and you are constantly in our prayers.

Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Boyd, Jr. - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ You have my deepest condolences. I met Jerry when I was 15, and he dated one of my best friends. Down through the years, we have remained friends, and he was a great comfort in times of trouble, as well as a good friend...I will miss his wonderful sense

Ernestine Robertson - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Wills Family,

Jerry's persona and spirit will be truly missed; thanking God for blessing us to have known him in our lives. We will continue to lift you all in prayer during this time in the days to come.

Michael and Rita Morris - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Praying for the family

James family - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Pray for peace and make sure you relive all the great times you had,so sorry for the loss

Christian davis - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ My love and prayers are with you. Let church begin. Love you all.

H.LaMarr Clasberry - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ MY HEART AND PRAYER TO ALL THE WILLS FAMILY--JESUS NEVER FAIL. KEEP THE FAITH.

ANNIE WINFIELD - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We wish to send our condolences to the Wills Family, you will always hold a special spot in our hearts. Jerry will be missed very much. To the Wills family, Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal. God bless.

Leonard and Jessie Hines - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM