



PRESTON WILLIAMS SR.

August 23, 1933 - March 29, 2014

Preston Lee Williams, Sr., 80, a long-time resident of the Kankakee area, died Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be Friday, April 4, 2014 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with time set aside from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. for friends to share reflections. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at Shiloh Full Gospel Baptist Church. Pastor Alan Roundtree will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Preston Lee Williams, Sr. was born August 23, 1933 in Macon, Mississippi to Daisy B. Springer. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Truevine Baptist Church, Artesia, Mississippi. He attended Washington School in Artesia, Mississippi.

He left Artesia as a teenager and ventured to Flint, Michigan to work. Shortly after that, he moved to Kankakee where he met and married Mary Louise Lofton on June 19, 1955, at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Kankakee.

Preston worked at the Kankakee Foundry, U.S. Rubber, and Lehigh, as a laborer. He retired from Gould National Battery, as a machinist and union steward. He also served as a coach for the Kankakee Jaycees Little League, Pony and Colt Leagues and for the semi-professional Kankakee Lancers.

He enjoyed bowling, singing, fishing, coaching, travelling and watching children, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing all sports. His true love, besides God and his family, was singing with the gospel group, The Gospel Humbleaires.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Williams of Kankakee; sons, Terry Lofton of Kankakee and Preston Lee (Ivy) Williams, Jr. of Urbana, IL; daughter, Mary Jo Williams of Montgomery, AL; brothers, Johnie Lee (Mary) Ross of Columbus, MS and Robert Ross of Artesia, MS; sister, Lola (Cliff) Cole of Artesia, MS; sisters-in-law, Helen "Belle" Ross of Crawford, MS and Martha Lofton of Kankakee; grandchildren, Terek & Tiffany Lofton of Kankakee; Preston Lee Williams, III of Chicago, IL; Jacquelyn Deneen (Paul) Douglas of Urbana, IL, Jaymi Twkeis Hairston Ellis of Kankakee; Nia Monet Williams-Brown and Jordan Amir Logan both of Montgomery, AL; great-grandchildren, Ericka, Shakela, Stephon, Jaydyn and Genesys Lofton; Jonathan Omar Ward, Jaylin Kristpher and Jaymari Kristhin Hairston, Antoine Andre Ellis and JayAndre Ellis all of Kankakee; Micah Amiri Robinson of Montgomery, AL; Gemma Kye and Amaya Jade Douglas of Urbana, IL; great-great grandchildren, LaNya Jones, Kristian Jennings, Kahshawn and Ahkyra Bowling and Aria Lofton all of Kankakee, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his Cincinnati, OH family; God son, Keith Murphy of Kankakee; special friends, Odell Young, St. Louis, MO and Robert Turner, Nashville, TN; special cousins, Lizzie Samuels of Kankakee and Jimmy Brown of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Preston was preceded in death by his mother, Daisy B. Ross, a daughter, Kristie Ann Hairston and special friend, Archie Napper.

Special Thanks to Sherry Pankey, Camille Smith, Rebecca Smith, Roy, Garfield Jones and James Pendleton.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Preston's Family. My Husband/Father worked many years with Preston at Gould Battery. Preston was always upbeat and smiling. Our family thought a lot of him.
RIP Preston

Bill Cox Sr. Family - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I'm sincerely sorry for the loss of your love one.

Jerome D. Pankey - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Mr. Preston Williams was a very good man. There's no question that he was a MAN of GOD.
I remember him being one to encourage so many kids, especially me, as a baseball player growing up. May God comfort the entire Williams Family during this hour o

Elder Danny C. Brewster,Sr. - April 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To the family, may God bless you and keep you until we all meet him again. Shirley Wright

shirley wright - April 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Mary Louise Williams & Family: You all have my Deepest Sympathy, God Bless Your Family

Laura E.(Tate)Bolar - April 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Dear Gigi and family,our hearts are with you in this time of sadness. We know that Papa Williams is in a good place and is out of pain. We know that all of you will hold on and share the good memories of his life and will share many more days of laughte

Eddie and Margurette Carter - April 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Preston and Family,
My sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May you find solace in your great memories.

Debbie Heffernan - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ O Mary Don't You Weep , Lord Do It , Power, So Much Power! just to name a few of the songs Bro Preston led on Sunday mornings at the Shiloh Church. He's now joined in with our dear loved one, Th

The Turner,Crawley and Williams Family - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“ I'm so Sorry for your loss, Just take it one day at a time and everything will be all right.

Irene Johnson - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My deepest sympathy for the passing of your loved one. May God comfort and keep you at this difficult time..Mr. Williams has traded in this life.

Claudine BrooksThompson & Family - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ There are people that you do not see for many years, but their memory remains with you forever. Preston Williams Sr. was one of those people for me. Preston was a coach with my father for both my Kankakee Jaycees Little League and Pony League teams. No

Richard Kick - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I would like to send my condolences to the entire Williams Family. It seems like we bumped into each other at home quite a bit. Ms Mary, it seems that when ever I did see you together you were both smiling. I will hold that memory of the joy and love I f

Jackie(Kelly) Crain (Mary Kellys daughter) - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My love and prayers going to the family from Reather Hawkins and family

Sonja Franks - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sending condolence to the family. Your father did a lot for me as I grew up. Love you all.

Jerome White - April 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family in the transitions of life of your father. May God supply you with his peace and the memories as time move forward for your family.

Karen Hite - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My prayers are with the family. I'm a friend of Preston & Ivy Williams From the Champaign/Urbana area.

Charles M. Drake - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My sincere condolences to Preston's family. I worked at Gould/GNB Battery for a number of years while Preston was there. He always seemed to be smiling and happy.

Ted Lease - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you Mrs. Williams and family. He will be missed.

Cheryl Wilson - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Praying for your family that God will give you strength at this time.

Elaine Harmon - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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DW

“ Mary and family, I am sorry for your loss. Even though it has been 40 years since I have seen you or Preston, I frequently have fond memories of you two. I worked for Mary at Shapiro and with Preston at Gould Batteries. Our thoughts and prayers are wit

Doug and Linda Wright - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Sorry About your loss

Larry Love and Sandra Huff - April 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers for you, Mary Jo, and your family, that GOD will wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you.

Rhonda (Ruyle) Bouchard - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ So sorry for your loss of a husband and father. May God's grace comfort you all right now. I always admired your family and I'm sure you were blessed to have a husband and father who set an example and lead his family. God bless,

Alan Hoekst

Alan Hoekstra - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ WE will keep you all in our prayers
God bless and keep you.
the Nelson's

larry nelson & family Kodiak Alaska - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Praise God Papa, you have now joined the heavenly choir where you will never tire from singing. To the Williams family, my love and condolences at the passing of your loved one. May you continue to find peace in the coming days and weeks. God bless each

Patricia Jamison - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

The Brown Family - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ *It's so hard to forget someone who gave so much to remember with a beautiful soul and beautiful voice! We send our deepest sympathy keeping the family in our prayers, Preston will always be treasured*

Samuels Family (Sylvia) - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *thinking of you at this time of sorrow and hoping to ease some of your pain may GOD BLESS YOU WE LOVE YOU*

annie,mark calbert - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *I offer my condolences to Mr Preston Williams Family, may God continue to comfort your family.*

Terry Robicheaux - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Williams Family.*

Elayne Coffie, Grand Prairie, TX - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Sorry I will not be able to attend; know that I love you all dearly. Be Blessed.*

Bettie Hairston-Calvert - April 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM