



Willie Mae Bowens

April 22, 1939 - June 28, 2024

Willie Mae Bowens was born in Gadsden, Alabama April 22, 1939 to Thelma and Elmon Mathis. Her grandmother, Hattie Zanders, whom Willie Mae had a close bond with, assisted in her upbringing. Willie Mae attended Gadsden Alabama school system. She was a minister of music from the age of 13 to early adulthood at First Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama. After graduating high school, she went to nursing school at Battey Nursing School in Rome, GA where she would obtain her license as a LPN. She moved to Chicago after graduating Nursing school. She met her late husband Joseph Bowens in Chicago. Willie Mae had five children, Rosa, Angela, Elmon, Thelma and William. In 1971, Willie Mae and her family moved to Hopkins Park (Pembroke Township) to pursue a life of farming and new career paths. Willie Mae enjoyed being a caregiver to many, cooking, baking, gardening, crafting, sewing, quilting, fishing, yard sales, shopping, reading, watching news and talk shows with her late husband and talking to family and friends. She retired from Baker & Taylor in 2004. She now had more time to spend with family and do things she enjoyed.

She leaves to cherish her memories four children, Rosa, Elmon (Sheri), Thelma, and William (Dora); 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one on the way, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her parents, grandparents, husband, Joseph, daughter, Angela,

granddaughter, Hadassah, and brother, Thomas Martin preceded her in death.

Psalm 49:15

Isaiah 25:8

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
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<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Gravesite Service

JUL **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NO

“ NCF Captains office. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Mae Bowens.

NCF Captains office. - July 12, 2024 at 12:22 PM

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“ NCF Captains office. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Mae Bowens.



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“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Willie Bowens



JOANN FORD-BOX - July 12, 2024 at 11:26 AM