



## Willie Toney

September 14, 1943 - February 2, 2020

Mr. Willie Toney made his transition on Sunday February 2, 2020. Please feel free to leave a note of condolence for the family on our Tribute Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Family and Friends Hour

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Faith International Christian Center  
20000 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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20000 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilie Toney*

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September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Wilie Toney*

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September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Condolences to the family & friends. I pray that you feel the Hand of Jesus on your shoulders comforting you as you go through this difficult time.*

*I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr Toney, but am a coworker of his daughter. Since she is a reflection of her parents, proof they are pretty awesome.*

*Rest in Peace sir.*

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**Donald Funk** - March 02, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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“ I am very sorry to learn of the loss of my old friend Willie Toney. We worked together for many years at the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART). NBA basketball, the Michigan Lottery, helping our customers and telling stories about our families were among the many subjects we would talk about. He was a very good man.

One of my fondest memories was working with him on September 11, 2001. After the tragedy occurred in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania concern and uncertainty swept the country including in Detroit. The terror attack was our generation's Pearl Harbor. All students in the Detroit area and most workers were let out early including all of our customer service operators who needed to tend to their children.

We still needed to operate bus service and needed to answer the many phone calls from customers panicked as to how they would get home. For the first half hour or so Mr. Toney answered those calls by himself. Shortly after Steve Fern, Ron Ristau and I arrived to assist. The four of us answered over 700 calls that day (Mr. Toney did the most), When the customer information line closed at 6:00 p.m. while we were extremely sad over the day's events we were satisfied that we could help many of our customers in a small way. Our drivers, mechanics, supervisors and Mr. Toney were SMART's real heroes that day.

Mr. Toney, Steve, Ron and I developed a closeness and respect among each other that day, It was not just any day but a historic day. For seven hours when our customers was experiencing confusion and fear, the four of us did what we had to do. I am proud I was there with those three men.

Please excuse me for not being able to attend Mr. Toney's service as I will not be in town and unable to make it back in time. Accept my sincerest sympathy and prayers for Willie, his family and friends. A good man has lived a good life. God will be pleased with his new

*arrival.*

*Dan Dirks*  
*Retired General Manager*

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**Dan Dirks** - February 28, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ *I DID NOT KNOW MR. TONEY, BUT I WORKED WITH HIS DAUGHTER NYREE AND SHE IS A JOY TO BE AROUND. I AM PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY. MURDIS YOUNG HAMLETT*

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**Murdis Young\_Hamlett** - February 27, 2020 at 02:34 PM