



## Willie Gordon Jr

May 6, 1949 - February 25, 2024

Willie "Snake" Gordon, Jr. led a life filled with dedication, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to bettering himself and those around him. Born in Lexington, Mississippi, on May 5th, 1949, to Willie Gordon, Sr. and Emma Louise Gordon (née Thompson), his journey took him through various places before settling in Durant, Mississippi, where he would eventually meet his beloved wife, Leomia Joyce Smith.

Driven by the opportunities of the Second Great Migration, Willie ventured to Detroit, Michigan, his new wife joining him shortly afterward. He found employment at Chrysler Corporation, where he dedicated over three decades of his life to the automotive industry.

Willie's thirst for knowledge and self-improvement knew no bounds. He had also pursued certification in Electronic Technology from the Electronics Institute of Technology, allowing him to expand his career into electronics and repair. His passion for technology continued to evolve, eventually leading him to realize his dream of entrepreneurship as an electrician and home improvement specialist.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Willie was cherished for his infectious smile and warm, approachable demeanor. He effortlessly forged friendships with individuals from all walks of life, earning a reputation for his unmatched

generosity. Ever willing to lend a helping hand, Willie freely shared his expertise and time with those in need, embodying the spirit of community and compassion.

Constantly in motion, whether tackling projects or engaging in physical activity, Willie embraced life with boundless energy and enthusiasm. His legacy lives on through his loving wife, Joyce; their son Jermaine Ronell Gordon-Mizusawa (Koko Mizusawa), daughter Tarnisha Michelle Gordon, grandson Miyabi Gordon Mizusawa, as well as his loving sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, cousins, and countless friends and neighbors all of whom were deeply touched by his kindness and unwavering spirit. Willie "Snake" Gordon, Jr. leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, and tireless dedication to others.\*\*\*\*\*

Please encourage the Gordon family with words of Love and Condolence on this personal Tribute Page. To send flowers or to plant a tree in memory of- please visit our online Sympathy Store

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#### Zoom Instructions For Livestream

1. Go to [Kempfuneralhome.com](http://Kempfuneralhome.com).
2. Click on your loved one's photo or use the search bar and type in your loved one's name.
3. You are now on their Tribute Page.
4. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab.
5. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon.
6. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting



# Previous Events

## Family Gathering

MAR 2. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of Willie Gordon Jr*



**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 02, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JG

*Earth have no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Willie will truly be missed. I will miss our conversations talking about our life journey. Willie would always share stories about his pass and his family. To God Be The Glory! Much love Jeannette Green-Small*

**Jeannette Green-Small** - March 02, 2024 at 03:31 PM

LG

“ *Dearest brother  
Words cannot express how much you are missed. I just still cannot believe you are gone. You were a good soldier you fought even in your weakness. It took me this long to let it settle and yet I'm not ready to say you are gone. Your memory will forever be etched in my mind. I used to call you weekly sometimes twice a week given you words of encouragement, thank God that you were my brother love your sister Cora.*

**Lee Garnet** - November 10, 2024 at 05:32 PM

HM

“ To the family of Willie Gordon, I offer my sincere Condolences. May God grant you all you need to bring you through this season of your life. 🙏❤️🌹❤️🙏  
Harriet R. Marsh, Gulfport, MS

Harriet R. Marsh - March 02, 2024 at 04:18 PM

WJ

“ Willie Gordon Jr. you are a beautiful Eternal Spirit. you are always the heart of Willie James McGee Jr. and the McGee family.

Willie McGee Jr - March 02, 2024 at 04:07 PM

LL

*My heartfelt condolences to my friend and high school classmate, Joyce and her family. You are continually in my thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Haynes Lee - March 04, 2024 at 06:53 PM

RN

“ Reggie Fluker, Neighbor lit a candle in memory of Willie Gordon Jr



Reggie Fluker, neighbor - March 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM

R(

*When riding my bike, I'd see Willie in the yard and would stop to chat and let him show me his latest home or yard project. Willie was definitely a intuitively small and skilled gentlemen. I'll miss our neighborly chats this coming and future seasons. -- Reggie ("the black real estate guy 3 houses away with the American flag out all the time.")*

ReggieFluker (neighbor) - March 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM

R(

*(Correction) When riding my bike, I'd see Willie in the yard and would stop to chat and let him show me his latest home or yard project. Willie was definitely a intuitively SMART and skilled gentlemen. I'll miss our neighborly chats this coming and future seasons. -- Reggie ("the black real estate guy 3 houses away with the American flag out all the time.")*

ReggieFluker (neighbor) - March 02, 2024 at 02:35 PM

MT

“ Maurice,Akecia,Jeremiah,Josiah Thompson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.



Maurice,Akecia,Jeremiah,Josiah Thompson - March 01, 2024 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ Terrell-Gordon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Gordon Jr.

Terrell-Gordon Family - March 01, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.



March 01, 2024 at 09:29 PM

EG

“ *Willie I going to miss you, we both calling just to check on one another rest well my cousin.* ”



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**ETHEL L GORDON** - March 01, 2024 at 08:21 PM

TF

“ *You are a great person, a mentor, and a blessing to many people. The sparkle of your eyes, the brightness of your smile, and the goodness of your soul will always stay in our hearts because you, sir, were one beautiful soul. Losing you is no doubt a significant loss to all of us. You will always be missed.* ”  
- *The Allen Family*

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**The Allen Family** - March 01, 2024 at 01:07 PM

KE

“ *Uncle Willie, I will miss your sound and practical advice regarding finances, career decisions, and our discussion about what football team is the best. Your memory will live on through the lives you touched and will forever be in our hearts. The pain of losing you is profound, but we will honor your memory by living our lives to the fullest. We will miss hearing you laugh and sing along with some of your favorite songs. We will especially miss the dance that you used to do.* ”  
-*Keshia*

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**Keshia** - March 01, 2024 at 01:05 PM

CF

“ Uncle Willie, dad and I will miss you. I will miss our motivational talks about different career paths, how different things work, and life lessons. I wish we had more time together. I wasn't ready for you to leave just yet. I can still hear you calling me "Poodle Doodle". Thank you for convincing dad to buy your car. Now, when I drive, I will have a part of you with me. Your presence may be gone, but the impact you had on our lives will forever remain.  
-Charlie (Poodle Doodle) & Fella

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**Charlie (Poodle Doodle) & Fella** - March 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM

P(

“ I can't believe you're gone. I'll miss your early morning calls. I can hear you say, "Trisha Allen, why did it take you so long to answer the phone? I know you are up!" I miss you more than anyone knows. I wasn't ready to say goodbye. You will always be in my heart, thoughts, and memories.  
-Pat (Sis)

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**Pat (Sis)** - March 01, 2024 at 01:01 PM

PF

“ Patricia Allen & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Gordon Jr.

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**Patricia Allen & Family** - March 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

PF

“ Patricia Allen & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.



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**Patricia Allen & Family** - March 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

水澤

“ご家族の皆様には、心からお悔やみ申し上げます。

お義父様が、私たちの娘を快く家族に迎え入れてくださり、いつも気にかけてくださったことを深く感謝しております。

ご冥福をお祈り申し上げます。

水澤栄、のり子

*Our deepest heartfelt condolences to your entire family.*

*We are profoundly grateful for our father-in-law warmly welcoming our daughter into the family and always caring for her.*

*We pray for his eternal peace.*

*- Sakae and Noriko Mizusawa*



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水澤 - March 01, 2024 at 09:47 AM

水澤

“水澤栄、のり子 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.



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水澤栄、のり子 - March 01, 2024 at 09:40 AM

FL

“ *From your nieces...LaTaunya & LaToyia. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.*



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**From your nieces...LaTaunya & LaToyia.** - March 01, 2024 at 12:21 AM

MB

“ *Michael, Debra Johnson: Ms. Browder purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.*



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**Michael, Debra Johnson: Ms. Browder** - February 29, 2024 at 08:28 AM

LG

“ *Willie was soft spoken like our dad. He rarely elevated his voice. Although the family circle is broken. We mend it by drawing close. I'll miss calling you Mr. T our joke. Blood is thick you will never be forgotten. Family strong your sister Cora*

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**Lee Cora Garner** - February 29, 2024 at 03:48 AM

TF

“ *The Sham Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Gordon Jr.*



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**The Sham Family** - February 28, 2024 at 01:22 PM

VH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Valerie Hollinger - February 28, 2024 at 12:52 PM

VH

“ Uncle Willie’s character spoke volumes. His soft tone and wise words brought calmness, love and solitude. May his legacy of life live on through us all. My prayers to Auntie Joyce and cousins. Thank you for sharing him. 🙏🥰❤️

Valerie Hollinger - February 28, 2024 at 12:51 PM

EG

“ Ethel Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Gordon Jr



Ethel Gordon - February 28, 2024 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ Sorry to hear the passing of your love one. He was a good and kind person that would do anything he could to help you. Willie was more than a friend he was like a brother, he will be missed.

David Moore - February 28, 2024 at 11:29 AM

RD

“ *Rosie Gordon Dunbar lit a candle in memory of Willie Gordon Jr* ”



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**Rosie Gordon Dunbar** - February 28, 2024 at 09:12 AM