



Willa Mae Flegler

July 9, 1933 - February 22, 2018

Life's Reflection

Willa Mae Flegler, 84 departed this life surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Milford Hospital. Willa was born on July 9, 1933 to the late Jim and Louise Cooper in Williamsburg County, SC. She was the oldest of six children.

Education was always important to Willa, she completed her education at Brown High School where she graduated salutatorian in 1951. Upon graduation Willa worked for Johnson Memorial Hospital in Hemingway, SC, where she met the love of her life Walter Flegler. Walter and Willa married in 1954, from this union came five children. Walter and Willa relocated to New Haven, CT in 1956 to raise their family.

A devoted wife and mother, Willa always put her family first, she was a stay at home mom until her youngest child entered school. She dedicated her life to serving others, she worked for the New Haven Public Schools system as a teacher's aide for 37 years before retiring in 2002. While there she worked at several schools throughout New Haven and Hamden including James Hillhouse High School, Roberto Clemente Middle School, Helene W. Grant School and Winchester Elementary School. She also worked as a teacher's aide for Project Concern, a pilot program that bussed inner city kids to surrounding towns such as Branford, Wallingford and Milford. Willa dedicated her life to education and instilled this value in her children and grandchildren. Upon relocating to New Haven, CT she joined St. Paul U.A.M.E. Church

where she was a dedicated member until she became ill. As a member of St. Paul's Willa served on various boards. She was a faithful servant to the Lord and continued to keep God first in everything she did. Willa was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will always be remembered for her genuine love of others, her infectious smile and kind spirit.

Willa leaves behind to cherish her memory, her loving husband of 63 years, Walter Flegler Jr.; four daughters Linda Flegler, Patricia (Frankie) Flegler-Galloway, Tina Flegler all of West Haven, CT and Denise Flegler of New Haven, CT; son Walter (Cheri) Flegler of West Haven, CT two brothers John S. (Annie) Cooper of Hemingway, SC and Eddie G. (Madgeline) Cooper of Nesmith, SC; three sisters-in-law Sadie Cooper of Bronx, NY, Sadie Mack of Charleston, SC, Laura LeSane of New Haven, CT and one brother in law Frank (Joyce) Flegler of West Haven, CT. Three aunts Rachel Harriston, Celia Pressley of Philadelphia, PA, and Pearlie Mae Napoleon of New Haven, CT. Four grandchildren Cheri (Frank) Ramos of Clayton, NC, Chantel Flegler, Monique (Latrell) Carraway and Corey Galloway all of West Haven, CT. Three great grandchildren Layla, Carmelo and Latrell Jr." LJ". One special cousin Mary Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

In addition to her parents Willa was predeceased by her sister Ethel Lee "Dulie" Anderson and brothers James Marion Cooper and Charles Cooper.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's U.A.M.E. Church
1267 Chapel St.

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willa Mae Flegler*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To Walter, Linda, Patty, Tina, Denise and the entire Flegler family,
Know that your mom was very special
her soft spoken words were always to help someone along the way
Find comfort in knowing that she will forever be in your hearts
Continued prayers for you all*

TOWANNA DUNCAN - March 02, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ *Sylvia Patricia Hylton-West lit a candle in
memory of Willa Mae Flegler*



Sylvia Patricia Hylton-West - March 02, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ *To The Flegler Family, my condolences to you and your Family of
the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful person who had that
smile as I still remember many years ago. God Bless.
Sylvia Patricia Hylton-West*

Sylvia Patricia Hylton-West - March 02, 2018 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ To: Walter, Linda, Pat, Tina, Denise & family. My condolences to you at this time. Sorry for your loss of your Mom. Hold on to memories. Prayers that God will send His Comforter. God bless.

Denese Bellinger

Denese G Bellinger - March 01, 2018 at 11:32 PM

VW

“ Verbiatene Flagler Weaver lit a candle in memory of Willa Mae Flegler



Verbiatene Flagler Weaver - March 01, 2018 at 11:01 PM

JW

“ To Tina, Linda, Denise and family, our prayers are with you as you go through this sorrowful time. Peace to you in the coming days. Your mother will always be with you.

*Love,
Joy and Leon Williams*

Joy and Leon Williams - March 01, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willa Mae Flegler.



March 01, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ Dear Tina, Linda, and Sharon,

My deepest condolences to you and all your family on the loss of your Mother. I remember meeting her at your home many years ago; she was a lovely, kind woman.

Please know that I am thinking of you in sympathy and friend ship at this time.

Please take care.

Laura Smith, Local 34 - February 28, 2018 at 12:35 PM

MG

“ To the family of Willa Flegler, The Gomes and the Green family send there deepest condolences, Mrs. Fleger was such a loving person she always had a kind word for me and was an encourager. The Gomes Family had the best of times at 420 Dixwell Avenue with the Fleger. Momma will be missed, here suffering is no more, she now rest in the safety of Jesus arms. Linda, Patty, Tina, Denise and Walter, I am praying that God strengthens you all during this time.

Love yall

The Gomes, and Green Family

Marilyn Gomes-Green - February 27, 2018 at 01:28 PM

HE

“ Helencpowell lit a candle in memory of Willa Mae Flegler



helencpowell - February 27, 2018 at 01:36 AM