



Willie A. Franklin

January 30, 1982 - September 16, 2025

Willie “Will” Franklin was born on January 30th, 1982, in New Haven, CT to Felicia Franklin and Willie Pringle. He went to meet our savior on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025.

Willie was passionate- about his children, his family, fishing and fixing cars and bikes. He went to school in New Haven, CT. Throughout the years, Willie obtained several jobs, but his favorite pastime was being a mechanic and helping others. He enjoyed drinking his beer, sneaking snacks with granny (Claretha) and listening to old school music (favorite songs “A Change Is Going to Come” & “Tennessee Whiskey”). He had a contagious smile and would never be caught without his asthma inhaler, just in case he laughed a little too hard. He enjoyed spending time with his loved ones, his mother, his children, his grandma Claretha, who affectionately called him “Wonka”, his aunt Michelle Franklin, his siblings and his favorite cousins; Keyonna Davis, Calvin Franklin, Jerome Davis, Karen Davis, James Davis, Vonda Franklin (Terrell Jones), and his uncle Shane Franklin (Cheryle Franklin).

We mourn his untimely death, but we celebrate his life and the memories we shared with him.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Wellington Zachary Franklin and maternal aunt, Loretta Davis.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Kylie Bookert Hardy, Jalen

Little, Anita Little and Kaden Little. His mother Felicia Franklin, his grandmother Claretha Franklin, his siblings; his twin sister Wilicia Franklin, his brothers Randolph Staggs and Melvin Davis. As well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends whom he cared deeply about. John 14:1-3 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am".

A celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 26th, 2025, at McClam Funeral Home located at 95 Dixwell Ave New Haven, CT. Viewing is at 10am and service begins at 11am. Burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Willie Franklin was a good person and always had a smile on his face every time I see him and always had a smile on his face he was a great dad I will miss you and always love you* ”

Kiamesha Albright - September 26, 2025 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Wow, what can I say about you Will, always cracking jokes! No matter where we seen each other we always showed love to each other. Whenever I seen Nicole (R.i.P) I seen you. Two love birds are back together again. Take your rest Will. Your wings were ready but our hearts were not.* ”

Tiffany Adkins - September 26, 2025 at 10:51 AM

LP

“ *It hurts to hear of the passing of a cousin that I didn't have a chance to get to know. My condolences and prayers to your family.* ”



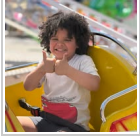
LAKESHA PRINGLE - September 25, 2025 at 07:49 PM

WJ

“ *Love u big bro this ur lil bro Willie I miss u and found out late I'm sorry bro wish I was there I'll be there for u tomorrow gma and fam said they coming we here BBY we here love u* ”



Willie pringle jr - September 25, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *My brother, I don't know where to begin. I was so shocked when I heard the news. I didn't know what to do. You were the first person I became friends with when I moved in New Haven. Even though we lost contact over the past few years every time we saw each other it was all love like we never lost a step. I'm gonna miss you, my boy prayers to your family and children.*

Christopher Ray - September 25, 2025 at 06:43 AM



“ *Willie was the sweetest person ..omg always kept me laughing always pop up whenever I moved always checking out my cars always looking out for me and my kids ..this is really a lose ..may you rest in peace Will..omg wow Will was around me for 23 years always solid with us ..a good friend whether we spoke today or in a few months always the same energy ..you will be missed*

Lashaunda Robert's - September 25, 2025 at 06:32 AM



“ *My deepest condolences, we all know each other since we were kids and we've always been friends. God bless you and rest in peace. My good friend love always.*



Annie Gibson - September 24, 2025 at 08:59 PM

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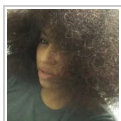
“ Hey big head I'm really gonna miss you and always look forward to hearing you say every time I see you Imbo MAN KNOW YOU OVER HERE .. YOU ALWAYS MADE MY DAY WHEN I SEEN YOU. YOU WAS SUCH A LOVING CARING FUNNY TYPE OF GUY SOMEONE I COULD NEVER GET TIRED OF BEING AROUND AND BOY DID YOU KNOW HOW TO GIVE HUGS AND TALK A NIGGA EAR OFF BUT I LOVED EVERY BIT OF IT. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN HOLD IT DOWN UP THERE AND WHEN MY TIME COME WE WILL REUNITE AGAIN. LOVE YOU BIG HEAD FOREVER IN MY HEART

Symone Mccargo - September 24, 2025 at 05:11 PM

VF

“ Willie I will miss u so much !! I never got to say goodbye !! I want u to know u were a wonderful person. U made me laugh while getting on my nerves !! Who is going to fix my car now ? LOL . I want u to know WE all love u !! U truly will be missed ! But I know u are in a Better place !! With the Main MAN upstairs !! U rest easy Cuz !! Please watch over us !! U gained ur Wings !! Fly high Cuz !! U have the best seat in the house !! Know that u we will be missed !! I love u !! I love u Will
Love ur cuz Vonda

Vonda Franklin - September 23, 2025 at 08:13 PM



Love yall ❤️

Annie Gibson - September 24, 2025 at 09:00 PM

JE

“ Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Willie Franklin



Jennifer - September 23, 2025 at 02:22 PM