



## Houston Wills

July 31, 1953 - July 27, 2022

Mr. Wills sixty-eight-year earthly journey began when he was the first of two children born to the late Grady Wills and Mattie Griggs Wills on July 31, 1953 in Talladega, Alabama.

When he was 10 years old, the family relocated to Olive Branch, Mississippi. While residing in Olive Branch, Mississippi, Houston accepted Christ and united with Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until returning home to Talladega. Once back in Talladega he attended the Mt Cleveland Baptist Church faithfully until his health no longer permitted. Houston was a vibrant and loyal servant of the Lord and loved praising and working in his vineyard. During his service at the Mt Cleveland Baptist Church he was made an honorary deacon on November 23, 2003. His formal education was received both in Olive Branch, Mississippi and Talladega, Alabama. While in Talladega, he attended The Sessions School at Talladega College and R.R. Moton School in Sycamore and his education continued at East Side High School in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Although Houston lived his blessed sixty-eight years with developmental disabilities, he never let that get in the way of him learning, enjoying life, and serving God. He was the life of every event, including church where he would often assist in ushering, directing the choir, and doing his faithful duty serving as an honorary deacon. Houston's disability never hindered him from singing

and "cutting a rug" dancing and enjoying going to his favorite restaurant- McDonald's. Houston had a life-long admiration for Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. He loved traveling and meeting people. Houston was not only his own boss, but if you knew him you knew that he tried to be your boss too. Whatever life had to offer, Houston was willing and ready to receive it. He loved attending the Developmental Center in Hernando, Mississippi and Alta Pointe Health - Burton Developmental Center in Talladega, Alabama.

In the comfort of his home while surrounded by loved ones and under the care of Affinity Hospice, Mr. Houston Griggs Wills peacefully traded his dancing shoes for his his heavenly wings when he accepted the call of his Master on Wednesday afternoon, July 27, 2022. He was welcomed home by his parents, Grady and Mattie Griggs Wills.

Houston leaves behind a legacy of love and precious memories to be cherished by his devoted and caring sister, Gradynea Wills of Talladega, Alabama; loving brother, Gary (Ruby) Wills of Talladega, Alabama; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Mt. Cleveland Baptist Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

AUG 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

### Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Cleveland Baptist Church  
41 Cleveland Lane  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Larry Ambrester lit a candle in memory of Houston Wills



Larry ambrester - April 10, 2023 at 12:35 AM

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“ Tressey Chatman "Spencer" sent a virtual gift in memory of Houston Wills



Tressey Chatman "Spencer" - August 01, 2022 at 09:30 PM

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I LOVE My Houston!! Just heard!!!

Tressey Chatman "Spencer" - August 01, 2022 at 09:34 PM

SB

“ My deepest condolences Dena I Love you, hold on to God unchanging hands, remember that God will put no more on us than we can bear, I hope to see you in Rapture Houston Wills!!! God is Abel 📖❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Busbee - August 01, 2022 at 04:51 PM

WJ

“ Though I never met Mr. Wills, Rhoda always spoke so lovingly of his vibrant and entertaining personality that I felt that I knew him. I am sure he will be missed by many. My condolence to the family.



Winona Jacobs - August 01, 2022 at 04:45 PM

GP

“ Lovely memories of Houston will forever be with me. He had an unforgettable personality that was beautiful and pure. Love to the family.



Gwendolyn Pope - July 31, 2022 at 07:02 PM

GW

“ Gwendolyn Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Houston Wills



Gwendolyn Wilson - July 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TJ

“ Termaine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Houston Wills



Termaine Jackson - July 30, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ I'M GONNA MISS YOU HOUSTON WILLS...  
I LOVE YOU....WE LOVE YOU.....



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**Jessie Sims** - July 29, 2022 at 03:49 PM

SB

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**Sharon Busbee** - July 30, 2022 at 09:32 AM