



William Castleberry

July 18, 1946 - December 31, 2024

Born on July 18, 1946, in Talladega, Alabama, William was the cherished son of Willie and Annie Castleberry. William touched the lives of many throughout his remarkable journey on earth.

William embraced life with steadfast faith, accepting Christ at a young age. He was a member of Hall Grove Baptist Church, where he found strength and comfort in his faith. His education in the Talladega City School System laid the foundation for a life rich in learning and compassion. A proud member of Labor Local 78, William dedicated many years of his life as an insulator superintendent at the Tennessee Valley Authority. His commitment to his work reflected his strong work ethic and determination. Upon retiring, he embraced the fruits of his labor, often reminiscing about the solidarity built with his colleagues over the years.

William affectionally known as "Big Cat" by family and friends, will be remembered for his resonant voice and love for singing; he would often fill the room with his heartfelt melodies. His culinary passion for beans and cornbread was well-known among friends and family, and if given the choice, he would happily enjoy this beloved dish every day. With each note he sang and each meal he savored, he embodied a spirit of joy and appreciation for the simple pleasures in life. An avid antique collector, William's passion for finding and preserving items from the past spoke to his appreciation for history

and craftsmanship. His home was a testament to his love for collecting, filled with treasures that sparked joy and conversation, as well as showcasing his unique personality. When it came to people, he always had an encouraging word for those young and old. Everyone enjoyed his company, and his presence was always met with respect. William Castleberry will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those he touched.

A loving husband and father, William met his soulmate, Gladdean, and they were united in holy matrimony, a bond that exemplified love and partnership. Together, they created a beautiful family, blessing the world with four wonderful children who carry forward his legacy of love and togetherness. His children hold dear the memories of a father whose love knew no bounds and who cherished every moment spent with his family.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 31, 2024, at the age of 78, Mr. William Castleberry a cherished father, esteemed community member, and passionate collector peacefully entered into eternal rest surrounded by his beloved family in the comfort of his daughter's home in Alexandria, Alabama. Once entering those pearly gates, he was reunited with his wife, Gladdean Castleberry, parents, Willie and Annie Castleberry, grandson, Cedric Castleberry, five sisters, Rosa Lee McKenzie, Willie Pearl Curry, Doris J. Curry, Brenda Rhodes, and Joice Castleberry, brother, Ralph Castleberry, three nephews, Corvious Barclay, Gary N. McKenzie and Charles Gregory McKenzie, and one niece, Tanja L. Curry. While his physical presence is no longer with us, his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and strength, to forever be cherished by his three loving daughters, Tamila (Conredge) Cochran, Natasha (Terry) Swain, and Tammy Swain; two sons, Kevin (Valencia) Castleberry and William Arthur "Bill" Castleberry, Jr.; fourteen grandchildren, Justin Castleberry, Halli Castleberry, Jiar Castleberry, Megan Bittle, Aleaha Bittle,

Keyshawn Castleberry, Summer Castleberry, Autumn Castleberry, Calvin Castleberry, Xzavier Castleberry, Cameron Duncan, Raven Duncan, Jessica Swain, and Djiamon Lane; two sisters, Barbara Castleberry and Credelle Castleberry (Brooklyn, New York); two brothers, Maurice Castleberry, and Lamar (Georgia) Castleberry (Talladega, Alabama); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

William Castleberry will be lovingly remembered for his untiring dedication to his family and his life of faith. In this time of grief, let us remember William not only with sorrow but with joy for the memories he leaves behind and the love that will always be a part of our lives. His legacy will live on through his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Hall Grove Church Cemetery

Munford, AL 36268

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
40684 AL-21
Munford, AL 36268

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Missionary Baptist Church
40684 AL-21
Munford, AL 36268

Tribute Wall

AH

“ My deepest condokence to man who was loved and respected by many. I am sad of his Denise. May he forever rest in God's loving care. I was a faithful friend of them all. His sister Creend I was the best if friend.Remaibd strong all of the family

Ann Dickerson Hewlett - October 13, 2025 at 06:13 PM

EC

“ Elandra Calhoun lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry



Elandra Calhoun - January 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM

EC

My deepest condolences 🙏

Elandra Calhoun - January 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM

HF

“ You all in our prayers 🙏



Hammonds Family - January 09, 2025 at 03:48 PM

MJ

Deepest sympathy; you are forever in our thoughts & prayers.
The Jackson & Turner Family

Mary Jackson - January 11, 2025 at 07:26 AM

TM

“ Prayers and condolences going out to my family. My uncle will be truly missed. Thank you for wonderful memories when I came down to visit. We cooked food and laughed together. Big Cat use to call me Big Jim because I loved good food. Please continue to watch over all of us. Including your beautiful daughters, sons and grandchildren. AMEN.

Terrence mills - January 08, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Castleberry.

January 08, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Castleberry.



January 08, 2025 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ Sandra Scott lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry



Sandra Scott - January 08, 2025 at 03:37 PM

AP

“ *Andrea Parker lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Andrea Parker - January 08, 2025 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ *Joyce Curru lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Joyce Curru - January 07, 2025 at 05:59 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Scott lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Barbara Scott - January 06, 2025 at 11:55 PM

TC

“ *I'm Gonna Miss You Daddy!! Forever In My Heart!!
Love, Tamila* ❤️



Tamila Cochran - January 06, 2025 at 09:34 PM

GS

“ *Sending Hugs, Love and Condolences to the Castleberry family*



Gussie Stallworth - January 06, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ *Shuwandra Curry lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Shuwandra Curry - January 05, 2025 at 06:47 PM

RJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. From the Munford Class ofn91'.*



Regina Jacobs - January 05, 2025 at 11:24 AM

AS

“ *Audrey Swain lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Audrey Swain - January 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM

AS

Sending my deepest condolences and prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Audrey Swain - January 04, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Gwennette Duncan - January 03, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Kandy Bothwell lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Kandy Bothwell - January 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JR

Sending prayers to you and your family

Joy Reynolds - January 04, 2025 at 08:20 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Fluker lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Sharon Fluker - January 02, 2025 at 11:03 PM

CF

“ *Calhoun Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William Castleberry*



Calhoun Family - January 02, 2025 at 03:16 PM

HM

“ *Helen Millender lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Helen Millender - January 02, 2025 at 02:48 PM

PT

“ *Patricia And Willie Turner lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Patricia and Willie Turner - January 02, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KH

“ *Kerry Holt lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Kerry Holt - January 02, 2025 at 10:01 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Barbara Harmon - January 01, 2025 at 09:37 PM

TD

“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of William Castleberry*



Tina Dickerson - January 01, 2025 at 03:30 PM

EJ

With Deepest Sympathy to The Family and Friends! Emily Headen Jenkins

Emily Headen Jenkins - January 11, 2025 at 02:07 PM