



Willie Belle Braxton

May 28, 1942 - April 19, 2023

On May 28, 1942, in Talladega, Alabama, Gester and Malinda Millender Long welcomed to the world their one and only child, a beautiful baby girl named Willie Bell.

At an early age, Willie Belle accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and united with Peace Missionary Baptist Church. She remained a true and faithful servant of God working and serving in his vineyard until her health began to fail. Willie Belle loved her church and her church family. This was proven throughout life while she sang in the choir, served as a matron, a deaconess, and a Sunday School teacher, but most of all, Willie Belle earned the title of being a faithful mother of the church. She was a God-fearing woman who loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. When it came to church and her family, she went above and beyond to make sure God's word was known and understood. After receiving her formal education, Willie Belle earned her associate degree in business administration. She later became a seamstress working for Medline and Anniston Sportswear before retiring to spend quality time with her family.

Along Willie Belle's life journey, she met her soulmate and husband, the late Mr. Elisha Braxton with whom she enjoyed over 45 years of a blessed marriage and the blessing of seven loving children. Her children meant the world to her, and she cherished them with all her heart. Willie Belle

affectionately became known as "Mrs. Rooney" to family, community, and friends. She loved her children, but her grandchildren were the apples of her eye. She found great joy in following them around to all their sport events giving them all the support a grandmother could give. In her spare time, she continued using her seamstress skills for anyone who needed alterations. We can't leave out her private time for working those crossword puzzles, which is something she enjoyed.

Willie Belle will always be remembered as a kindhearted and caring mother to all who knew her. She was truly a gift from God and will be immeasurably missed by her community and all who took part in knowing her.

Willie Belle completed her 80-year life journey on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 while under the care of Comfort Care Hospice in the comfort of her home surrounded by loved ones. Once gaining her heavenly wings, she was reunited with her parents, Gester and Malinda Long, husband, Elisha Braxton, and son, Byron Braxton.

Willie Belle's loving memories will remain in the hearts of her five sons, Gerald (Voncilla) Braxton, Elisha Andre Braxton, Gary Braxton, Stephen (April) Braxton, and Carlos (Crystal) Braxton; one daughter, Tanesha Braxton; bonus daughter, Crystal Calhoun; special grandson, Tra'Nike Braxton; two brothers-in-law, Robert Lee Braxton and Leroy Wallace; best friend who was like a sister, Inez Dickerson Wells; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Millender Family Cemetery

Barclay Road
Alpine, AL 35014

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Peace Baptist Church
501 Lokey Street
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Belle Braxton.*



April 25, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Love, Rachel, Rita & Uncle Leroy Wallace purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Willie Belle Braxton.*



Love, Rachel, Rita & Uncle Leroy Wallace - April 24, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Love Your Precision Strip Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willie Belle Braxton.*



Love Your Precision Strip Family - April 24, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Yulanda Wilson (DeeDee) lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



Yulanda Wilson (DeeDee) - April 23, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CJ

“ *CORDELIA JORDAN lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



CORDELIA JORDAN - April 23, 2023 at 12:06 PM

GC

“ *Classmate of 1960 graduates. Sending love and condolences to the family. May God bless all of you*

Gwendolyn Brown Colvin - April 22, 2023 at 07:55 PM

GC

“ *Gwendolyn Brown Colvin lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



Gwendolyn Brown Colvin - April 22, 2023 at 07:53 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



lori pope - April 21, 2023 at 02:04 PM

HM

“ *Condolences to the family. You are loved and will be remembered in my prayers.*

Helen Millender



Helen Millender - April 21, 2023 at 01:45 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



lori pope - April 20, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



Gwennette Duncan - April 19, 2023 at 11:32 PM

PB

“ *Lit a candle in remembrance of Mr. Willie Braxton*



Pamela “Ricki” Bradford - April 19, 2023 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ *May the Lord give the Braxton family solace. My heartfelt condolences!*
Theresa Stockdale and family



Theresa Stockdale - April 19, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Fluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Belle Braxton*



Sharon Fluker - April 19, 2023 at 11:25 AM

GC

Another classmate has gone home to be with the Lord. There aren't too many of us left now. God will give you peace and solace during this time. May God bless your family and continue to keep you.
Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin

Gwendolyn Brown Colvin - April 20, 2023 at 07:09 PM

SG

Willie Bell I SHARED A LOT DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, WE WAS BORN THE SAMEDAY AND YEAR. I WOULD TALK OR SEE EACH OTHER WHEN I WOULD VISIT HOME. PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO THE FAMILY, MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. I WILL MISS HER.
SARA ANN CANADY GULLETT
CLEVELAND, OHIO

SARA ANN CANADY GULLETT - April 26, 2023 at 11:49 AM