



## Willie White

February 27, 1956 - March 8, 2025

Willie "Smokey" White, a gentle soul, was born February 27, 1956 in Talladega, Alabama to the parentage of Robert Swain and Nellie B. White Garrett.

A member of Lily Hill Baptist Church, Willie accepted Christ at an early age, allowing his faith to illuminate his path throughout his life. He received his education within the Talladega City School System and graduated from Talladega High School. Following his schooling, he entered the textile industry, where he diligently worked at Crown Textiles. Later in his career, his warm smile and kind demeanor greeted countless customers at Piggly Wiggly, where he was known for bringing joy to those around him.

Affectionately known as "Smokey" by family and friends, Willie was a man of boundless kindness, never meeting a stranger and always ready to lend a helping hand. He was renowned for his generosity, often giving selflessly to others, and would indeed give you the shirt off his back. Willie cherished the time spent with his loved ones, often entertaining them with laughter and warmth. He took great pride in nurturing the yards of his neighbors and found joy in the simple pleasures of life, engaging in games that tested his luck and wit.

The Lord called Willie "Smokey" White to his eternal home on Saturday,

March 8, 2025, at the age of 69, while in the care of Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Willie's presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, but his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those he leaves behind. He now rests in peace, reunited with his loved ones who went before him including his parents, Robert Swain and Nellie Garrett, sisters, Georgia Richardson, Helen Faye Carter, Cathy Diane White, and Cynthia Garrett, and nephew, Demetrius White. Willie "Smokey" White will be dearly missed but lovingly remembered, forever etched in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Survivors include his beloved brothers, Samuel (Ella) White, Bruce (LaShawnda Weed) Garrett, and Charles Swain; one sister, Teresa Swain; nieces and nephews, Sylvia Garrett, Melody Best, Anthony Richardson, Melvin Richardson, Robert Carter, III, Raven Carter Evans, Kendrick Jackson, Candace Fair, Kory Fair, Sherrica Garrett, Kelvin White, Shakira Garrett, Roslyn Garrett, Jakylin Flemming, Laterica, Maleek, LaQuez, Shanica Swain, Swantia Swain Bracey, Shateria Swain, Charles Cameron Swain, Kayla Swain, and Diamond Swain; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

In this time of mourning, we ask for your thoughts and prayers to uplift and comfort the White family as they navigate through this period of grief and loss. Willie may have left this earthly realm, but his spirit will forever shine brightly in the hearts of those who loved him.

Rest in peace, Willie "Smokey" White. You will never be forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

**Lane Chapel CME Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Mrs sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie White



mrs - March 24, 2025 at 07:21 PM

YF

“ Yulanda ( DeeDee ) Abd Family lit a candle in memory of Willie White



Yulanda ( DeeDee ) abd Family - March 15, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie White.



March 13, 2025 at 03:22 PM

SH

“ You will be forever missed by me and Leonard . He was always kind and helpful to us and always made sure we were safe because he knew couldn't see well. Rip. Friend



Sandra Harris - March 12, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LG

“ Lorenzo M Gray lit a candle in memory of Willie White



Lorenzo M Gray - March 12, 2025 at 03:04 PM

LG

Rest up wildlifer...

Lorenzo M Gray - March 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM

YT

“ Yulanda , Devious , & Tora lit a candle in memory of Willie White



Yulanda , Devious , & Tora - March 12, 2025 at 02:22 AM

MC

“ Mary Ann Chatman lit a candle in memory of Willie White



Mary Ann Chatman - March 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Willie White* ”



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**Deborah Dickerson** - March 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

ER

*Sending prayers and love to you and your Elaine Reynolds and family*

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**Elaine Reynolds** - March 12, 2025 at 05:01 PM

TG

“ *Tonya Garrett lit a candle in memory of Willie White* ”



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**Tonya Garrett** - March 11, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KC

“ *Kathleen Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie White* ”



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**Kathleen Carter** - March 11, 2025 at 09:41 AM

WJ

“ *Wilma Jackson lit a candle in memory of Willie White*



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**Wilma Jackson** - March 11, 2025 at 09:13 AM

TD

“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Willie White*



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**Tina Dickerson** - March 11, 2025 at 12:47 AM

AC

“ *Sending My Condolences Family and Friends*  
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*Alice Prather Chapman*



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**Alice Chapman** - March 10, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie White*



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**Barbara Harmon** - March 10, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Willie White*



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**lori pope** - March 10, 2025 at 09:22 PM

SR

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family. Sherry Lawson Ragland*



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**Sherry Ragland** - March 10, 2025 at 07:04 PM

JA

“ *Joye Allison lit a candle in memory of Willie White*



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**Joye Allison** - March 10, 2025 at 05:38 PM