



## Ms. Willie Mae Whiteside

May 5, 1928 - October 7, 2025

Willie Mae Whiteside, age 97, of Jackson, Tennessee, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and unwavering devotion.

Born and raised in Jackson, she remained deeply rooted in the community that shaped her — and that she, in turn, helped shape — through a lifetime of quiet grace, resilience, and service. Willie Mae was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, from its humble beginnings at the Church of Christ on Middleton and Payne Street to its relocation to East Jackson.

Her faith was her foundation and her compass, guiding her through every season of life. As a devoted wife, mother, and friend, Willie Mae was a profoundly loving, caring, and nurturing woman. A widowed mother, she raised three children with courage and compassion, creating a home filled with warmth, wisdom, and unconditional love.

Her strength was quiet but mighty, and her heart was always open to family, neighbors, and anyone in need of kindness. Willie Mae was gainfully employed by Bob and Virginia Conger, working faithfully for them from 1962 until 1995. Following her many years of dedicated service, she continued her career at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, where she worked until her retirement in 1997. Her work ethic, humility, and devotion left a lasting

impression on all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charlie Whiteside, and her daughter, Cherie Cole. She was also preceded by dear siblings Elizabeth Ragland, GC Campbell, Booker T. Campbell, Patty Jean Pettus, Clifton Ray Campbell, and Linda Idella Dupee.

Willie Mae leaves to cherish her memory her loving children Gladys Fowler, Charles, and Nita Whiteside; grandchildren Tiekeyia and (Frederick) Davis, Londra and (Howard) Reed, Ladreama Whiteside, Lastarra Fowler, Vakeno Whiteside, Yakema Whiteside; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, church family, and friends who will continue to carry forward her spirit of perseverance, generosity, and love.

Those who knew Willie Mae knew what it meant to be genuinely cared for. She had a gift for making people feel seen and cherished — and nowhere was that more evident than in her kitchen and with her famous sweet tea. She always found out what your favorite meal was and made sure it was ready, seasoned with love and joy when you stopped by to visit. Her cooking wasn't just nourishment; it was her way of wrapping you in comfort and saying, "You matter to me." She taught her children not just how to survive, but how to thrive — with dignity, faith, and kindness. Her legacy lives on in every act of love they carry forward, in every story shared, and in the strength they draw from her example.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North  
Jackson, TN 38305

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
[info@stephenson-shaw.com](mailto:info@stephenson-shaw.com)  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ  
1461 East Chester Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



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**Denise** - October 20, 2025 at 05:15 PM

SW

“ *Shirley A Williams lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



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**Shirley A Williams** - October 17, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SH

“ *Deepest condolences to the Whiteside family. Willie Mae was such an important part of our family when I was growing up. I'll always remember her kindness and the care she gave us with gratitude and love.*

*--Susan Conger Hellinger*

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**Susan Hellinger** - October 17, 2025 at 10:27 AM

SR

“ *What a wonderful woman who God gave a long life. She will live forever in heaven!!*

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**Samuel M Rutherford** - October 17, 2025 at 01:13 AM



“ *Bruce and Gayle Morgan*



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**Jam Mor** - October 16, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *JC& Barbara Cockrell lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



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**JC& Barbara Cockrell** - October 16, 2025 at 07:29 AM



“ *I'll always remember Mrs. Willie Mae from sitting on the front porch greeting everyone with a big smile. She was indeed a very kind and sweet lady in the neighborhood of Prince Edward and Cumberland. To Gladys and Charlie Lee, My prayers for comfort of peace to you and your families. May the memories of her ease your sadness and you find strength in the lessons she taught you.*

*Nita, Deary, Theresa Brown*

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**Dorene** - October 15, 2025 at 11:41 AM

TD

“ Taylor, Chalonda, & Debbie lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside



Taylor, Chalonda, & Debbie - October 12, 2025 at 05:50 PM

GF

“ My memories of Ms Willie Mae go all the way back to when the church was on the corner of Hunt & Cumberland Streets. She was always a kind person. My sympathy to her family, may tge Lord bless comfort & keep you in your time of need...The Graham Family

Graham family - October 12, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MM

“ Rest in Peace, Sister Willie Mae□



Marion McCurry - October 11, 2025 at 01:27 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside



Phyllis Staten - October 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM

Sylvia  
Arn

“ Sylvia Arn lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside



Sylvia Arn - October 10, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JC

“ Julia Cotton lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside



Julia Cotton - October 10, 2025 at 10:14 AM

GC

“ TO THE WHITESIDE FAMILY I AM SO SO SORRY TO HEAR THIS. I REMEMBER HOW SWEET AND NICE SHE ALWAYS TREATED ME WHEN MY SISTER FAYE AND I WOULD COME OVER, A BEAUTIFUL SOUL AND GREAT MOTHER MRS WILLIE MAE, I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER, MS WILLIE MAE REST WITH THE ANGELS NOW UNTIL THIS JOURNEY IS OVER FOR THOSE OF US STILL ON THIS EARTH UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN  
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Gwendolyn Chatman - October 10, 2025 at 03:26 AM

PS

*I'll never forget how you and Cousin Lizzie was so good to my Momma, your Aunt. You called just about everyday until she couldn't hear nor respond. Then I started calling and coming over to check on you. I love you, Cousin Willie Mae and always be in my heart. Rest In Heavenly Peace 💕*

Phyllis Staten - October 11, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CF

*Sincere condolences to the family. Precious memories from. Prince Edward, Cumberland St.  
Linda, Bobbie Jean, Carolyn and Harrett*

**Carolyn. Fuller** - October 15, 2025 at 08:56 PM

LD

“ *Condolences to the Whiteside Family. We're so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for God's Comfort and Peace at this challenging time.*



**Larry and Mary Davis** - October 09, 2025 at 03:49 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Donaldson lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



**Kathy Donaldson** - October 09, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KD

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**Kathy Donaldson** - October 09, 2025 at 11:15 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Donaldson lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



Kathy Donaldson - October 09, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ *J C& Barbara Cockrell lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



J C& Barbara Cockrell - October 08, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BT

“ *Beauton Trice lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



Beauton Trice - October 08, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LT

“ *Lula Theus lit a candle in memory of Willie Whiteside*



Lula Theus - October 07, 2025 at 07:32 PM