



Mr. Willie D. Champ

July 4, 1944 - September 3, 2021

Mr. Willie D. Champ, 77 years old, of Magnolia, AR, passed away Friday, September 3rd, 2021, at his residence.

Willie D. Champ was the first-born child to the late Willie D. Sr. and Dorsey M. Champ on July 4th, 1944, in Lincoln Parish, LA. Surely his birth date was indicative of the life he lived.... full of celebrations, joy, and independence. Willie was a lover of life with a keen sense of humor, and he will always be remembered for the immeasurable strength he displayed until the very end.

Willie was reared in Homer, LA, with his twelve siblings who he played an intricate role in helping raise as their eldest brother. He completed his education in Homer, LA, and his employment history is extensive to include being a truck driver, a factory worker, an oil field worker, and his most valued position as the “Gravedigger” for Lewis Funeral Home. He accepted Christ at an early age at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Homer, LA, and later joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR, where he was an active member and videographer until his health failed. In his past time, Willie enjoyed spending time with family, cooking, and watching his favorite football team play on television—The Dallas Cowboys.

Willie was preceded in death by his father and mother, Willie, and Dorsey Champ, five brothers, John Champ, Curtis Champ, Talmadge Champ, James

Champ, and Jimmie Champ, one sister, Kathy Champ Heard, and his beloved daughter, Rochelle Champ.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife of 21 years, Mary Champ; his children: Wilbur “Jerome” (Vickie), Chris (Walter), Beverly, Willie (Jamie), Michael, Jeanette “Fruit” (CL), Judy (Cedric), Tracy (Marquita), Angela “Ruda”, and James; his sisters, Georgia, Peggy, and Cynthia (Calvin); his brothers, Johnnie (Dorothy), Eddie (Alice), and Bert. Also cherishing his memories are his godson, Detric Brown, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, nieces, nephews, sisters, & brothers-in-law, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Additionally, Willie left his mark on two communities that will cherish some wonderful memories: Buck Bottom in Homer, LA, and Westwood Village in Magnolia, AR.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, September 11th, 2021, at 23rd Psalms Cemetery in Magnolia, AR, at 11:00 a.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Dr. B.J. Harris, eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, Sep. 10th, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

23rd Psalms Cemetery

Columbia Rd # 30 East
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Graveside service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

23rd Psalms Cemetery
Columbia Rd # 30 East
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I'm so sorry to hear bout Mr. Champ, he was a friendly man. He always asked bout my mom and how we where doing. He made the visits to Dr. Nari's office interesting. He will be missed.

Lynettra Graham - September 30, 2021 at 05:33 PM

KC

“ Champ was always kind to me and made me laugh when in his presence. He will will never be forgotten, and will forever hold a special place in the hearts if so many. Fly High sweet soul for your time was to short and you have been called home to watch over from above. Always loved and never forgotten . T.L.C



Kitty Camp - September 29, 2021 at 01:28 PM

HW

“ Hal& Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



hal& linda williams - September 19, 2021 at 08:03 PM

MH

“ I can say me and The Grave Digger we're friends. Him and I always cracked each other up when we wolf see each other. I worked at RAPCO when I first met him. He will be truly missed but those who have excepted Christ will get to rejoice with him again some day. Prayers for all his family and friends

Mike Harkrider - September 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

AC

“ April Colvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



April Colvin - September 13, 2021 at 06:35 AM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Edna Rowden - September 11, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ Wyatt and Dianne Williamson



Dianne Williamson - September 11, 2021 at 06:30 AM



To the family may God continue to bless you all in time of your sorrow

Dianne Williamson - September 11, 2021 at 06:36 AM

RH

“ May God comfort and strengthen the family of Mr Willie Champ in the days to come. Mr Champ will me missed

Rosalind Howell - September 11, 2021 at 12:23 AM

RJ

“ *Reginald And Teresa James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Reginald and Teresa James - September 10, 2021 at 09:43 PM

CW

“ *Mr. "Champ" will forever be in my heart! God's Peace & Comfort to the Champ Family.*



Carla Williamson - September 10, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Amanda Seamster sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Amanda Seamster - September 09, 2021 at 06:12 PM

SC

“ *Mr. Willie D. Champ will be missed. He would come by the Banner News & bring US sum of HIS GOOD TeaCakes. RIP & in Heaven Mr. Champ*



Sharon Cole - September 09, 2021 at 04:54 PM

TT

“ *Tigi Tang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Willie D. Champ.*



Tigi Tang - September 09, 2021 at 04:32 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Marvin Mallory - September 09, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MS

“ 🙏 *for the family*



Mary Strickland - September 09, 2021 at 12:49 AM

DA

“ *Diann Cross Albritton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Diann Cross Albritton - September 09, 2021 at 12:41 AM

WS

“ *Mary Ann, we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything you know we're here and we love our friend.*

Wayne and Judy Scott, and Todd Scott - September 08, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie D. Champ.*



September 08, 2021 at 09:26 PM

DC

“ *Dezrail Cooper*



Dezrail Cooper - September 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ *May God bless and keep the Champ family. Shirlye Hopkins.*



Shirlye Hopkins - September 08, 2021 at 10:49 AM

SM

“ *Me. Champ will be truly missed and he made the best chicken dressing ever!*



shawnta marsh - September 08, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ *SLEEP ON "POO CHAMP" FOR OLD CHRISTIANS NEVER DIE THEY JUST SLEEP AWAY.... I SHALL CHERISH ALL THE LAUGHS WE HAD REST EASY MY BROTHER*

Rev. Mark McGraw - September 08, 2021 at 09:23 AM

PB

“ *Paula Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Paula Bishop - September 08, 2021 at 05:49 AM

RK

“ *Renae "Naenae" King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Renae "Naenae" King - September 08, 2021 at 12:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie D. Champ.* ”



September 08, 2021 at 12:16 AM



“ *Shirley Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ* ”



Shirley Harden - September 07, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *Sylvia Briggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ* ”



Sylvia Briggs - September 07, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sylvia Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ* ”



Sylvia Briggs - September 07, 2021 at 10:03 PM

MW

“ *Michael Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Michael Williams - September 07, 2021 at 09:04 PM

WC

“ *Willie And Jami Champ lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



willie and jami champ - September 07, 2021 at 07:45 PM

ML

“ *You will be truly missed and will forever be in my heart Mr. Champ! Love you always, your Tweetybud❤️.. WESTWOOD4LIFE!*



Monica Love - September 07, 2021 at 07:12 PM

MM

“ *Praying for Comfort and Strength*



Mildred Williams Morgan - September 07, 2021 at 06:57 PM

MW

“ Prayers for the Champ Family from the Gilbert and Walker Family Minden,La.



Marie Walker - September 07, 2021 at 06:53 PM

DM

“ Darlene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Darlene Moore - September 07, 2021 at 06:47 PM

CT

“ Claudia Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Claudia Tucker - September 07, 2021 at 06:10 PM

DH

“ Danielle Hill-Dority lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Danielle Hill-Dority - September 07, 2021 at 05:52 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Barbara Daniels - September 07, 2021 at 05:48 PM

TM

“ *Takesha Mckinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Takesha Mckinney - September 07, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JO

“ *Sending prayers 🙏 for Mary &the family God bless you'll with strength*



JoaNn - September 07, 2021 at 07:51 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Mary S. Pickings - September 07, 2021 at 12:02 AM

LT

“ To the family of Mr. Willie. What a blessing it is to have known him. When I first moved to the drive thru at the bank we formed a bond like no other. Even through all the pain I knew you were in there was always that smile , even the last time you were there. I knew you weren't feeling good but always that smile. I loved giving you the candy that I knew you were supposed to have but I knew how you loved it. You will always have a special place in my heart. I rejoice that you are now free of the horrible pain you endured. Until we meet again I love you Mr. Willie.

Linda Tucker your bank teller and friend

I

Linda Tucker - September 06, 2021 at 01:33 PM

GT

“ Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Gracie W Tucker - September 05, 2021 at 10:56 PM

GT

Hats off to a soldier who fought the good fight. Mr. Champ fought until he heard the call of his Savior saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, ; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness!" Praying for the family that you will cherish all of the memories you made with your loved one, His faithfulness and courage will be edged in your memories and hearts forever. He was a man of valor and steadfastness. He could really cook. His biscuits and the famous banana pudding. Well, he is now the head chef in Heaven, We will miss your presence, but you now have the chance to rest in the care of Jesus, Not a good by, but see you later.

Gracie W Tucker - September 05, 2021 at 11:15 PM

TM

“ Takesha Mckinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Takesha Mckinney - September 05, 2021 at 10:38 PM

KD

“ Kelly Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Kelly Davis - September 05, 2021 at 10:31 PM

JM

“ In Love Memory of Dad.A heart of gold,a love sincere,beautiful memories keep you near.Always love and miss dear.

Jeanette Manning - September 05, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *Kimberly Broomfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Kimberly Broomfield - September 05, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



maurice strong - September 05, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the family of Brother Willie Champ. He was a friendly and outgoing gentleman who always kept a smile. God bless his wife and family. Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy & Patricia Williams - September 05, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



sherry marshall - September 05, 2021 at 01:05 PM

TS

“ Terry Scott-Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Terry Scott-Hill - September 04, 2021 at 08:41 PM

VJ

“ Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Vevelyn Jackson - September 04, 2021 at 06:27 PM

Sally Jones

“ Sally Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



Sally Jones - September 04, 2021 at 01:48 PM

GJ

“ George Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ



George Jenkins - September 04, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Michael Clayton - September 04, 2021 at 11:01 AM

PM

“ *Prayers of comfort for the family.
What an awesome guy!
Back in the day he was the maintenance man, the gardener, the mechanic and disciplinarian to all the kids in Westwood. He will be truly missed. He was indeed a CHAMP!*

Peggy Morris - September 04, 2021 at 10:11 AM

ER

“ *Etta Rankin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Etta Rankin - September 04, 2021 at 09:42 AM


Jennifer
White

“ *Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie D. Champ*



Jennifer White - September 04, 2021 at 06:26 AM