



Mr. Willie Rhodes

March 20, 1943 - November 30, 2022

Willie Rhodes, 79, of Gainesville, FL passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at UF Health Shands Hospital.

Mr. Rhodes was born on March 20, 1943 in Alachua, Florida to William Rhodes and Emma Welch McNish. A lifelong resident of Alachua, he graduated from A. L. Mebane High School and later earned a living in his career at the University of Florida until he retired.

Mr. Rhodes was an entrepreneur, starting and maintaining his own business, Big Willis Lawn Service and enjoyed cars in his spare time. A devout Christian, he was a member of St. Mary Baptist Church in Alachua, FL.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his everlasting memory; his son, Ron Rhodes; daughters, Emma Rhodes O'Neal, April Rhodes Williams, and Renee Douglass; step-daughter, Andrea; step-sons, Lawrence Washington, Reggie Douglass, and Travis King; brother, Rev. Daniel McNish; sister, Min. Evelyn Daniels, Donna Mae DeSilvia, and Mozelle London; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and caring friends.

A Wake will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 15205 NW 278th Avenue, Alachua, FL 32615.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30am on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at The Female Protective Temple, 12610 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32606. Interment will follow immediately in Damascus Cemetery (Alachua, FL).

A repast will be held immediately after the service at: Hal Brady Recreation Complex 14300 NW 146th Terr., Alachua, Florida.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To offer online condolences to the family and to order floral arrangements, please visit www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/wilierhodes. Any questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT or admin@chestnutfh.com. "A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

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Chestnut Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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“ Emma and April and the whole family has my condolences 🙏.
Cherish those memories 💕

Phyllis Strickland - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Candace Gainer & Family lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Willie Rhodes



Candace Gainer & family - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Love and happiness!!!

Ishaanah Kinney - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lost of words ☐ Forever in my heart. I love you Fav

Shanperia - December 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Capital City Bank - December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM