



Mr. Willie Kimes

September 15, 1958 - April 30, 2025

Willie Kimes, 66, of Monroe, LA and a native of Durant, MS, passed away on April 30, 2025, at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas. Willie was born to the late Frank Kimes Jr. and Leonie Prymer-Kimes on September 15, 1958, in Durant, Holmes County, Mississippi. Willie was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Monroe, LA.

Willie was a May 1976 graduate of Durant High School. Willie enrolled at Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS where he graduated in May 1980, Cum Laude. Later, Willie earned his Master's of Business Administration Degree from Troy State University, in Troy, AL. Willie was an active member and officer of the Alcorn Alumni Association and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

On September 10, 1983, Willie joined in holy matrimony with Gloria Jordan, the love of his life, and to this union one son was born, Brandon DeShawn Kimes. Brandon was welcomed by his big brother, Sharod Wilkes. Willie was blessed with three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Willie began his professional career initially as an educator for the Warren County School District. He pivoted into the private sector with Entergy where he completed forty (40) years of service. He rose to the 2nd highest position available as the Transmission Substation North Louisiana Manager. Upon retirement, Willie became a consultant in the electrical safety industry. He held

that role for several years.

Willie was an avid hunter, fisherman, and was a very loyal Dallas Cowboys fan. He loved to host barbeques, parties and attend family gatherings. When Willie retired, he took up gardening. His "joy" was to work in his greenhouse in his backyard where he grew a variety of vegetables.

In addition to his parents, Frank Kimes and Leonie Prymer Kimes, Willie was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mary and Harvey Prymer; paternal grandparents, Frank and Viola Kimes; aunts: Flora, Anna, Annie Mae, Gussie, and Lorene; uncles: Charles, David, William, Dock Eddie, Richard, Andrew and Samuel; brother, Richard Lee; and a grandson, Sharod Wilkes, Jr.

Willie leaves to Cherish his memories his beloved and devoted wife of forty-one years, Gloria Kimes; two sons: Sharod (Alisha) of Jackson, MS and Brandon DeShawn Kimes of Lafayette, LA; three grandchildren: Ashara and Shaliah Wilkes of Jackson, and Katrina Wesley of Vicksburg, MS; one great granddaughter, Sabrina Sweet-Davis of Vicksburg, MS; 3 sisters: Bettye Jackson of Fayette, MS, Dorothy (Milton) Ramey of Lithonia, GA, Lisa (Calvin) Bruce of Brandon, MS; 3 brothers: Frank III (Mary) Kimes of Pickens, MS, Harvey (Francine) Kimes of Lexington, MS, John Kimes of Jackson, MS; a mother -in-law, Mae Frances Jordan of Durant, MS; two sisters- in-law: Bettie A. Mallett of Sallis, MS, and Eliza Odie of Killeen, TX; a brother- in -law, Sam Francis Williams of Durant, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will forever cherish his memory and legacy.

Public Visitation will be Friday, May 16, 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm at Hairston-Hairston Funeral Home in Lexington, MS. Funeral Service will be Saturday, May 17, 11:00 am at Durant M.B. Church, 16455 N. Jackson, Durant, MS. Interment at Kimes-Wood (Hudson) Cemetery, 17896 Emory Rd., West, MS.

Cemetery Details

Kimes-Woods (Hudson) Cemetery

17896 Emory Rd.
West, MS 39192

Previous Events

Private Viewing - Family Only

MAY 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Lexington
116 Yazoo St
Lexington, MS 39095
(662) 834-2617

Public Viewing

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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116 Yazoo St
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Viewing Prior to Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (CT)

Durant Missionary Baptist Church
16455 North Jackson Street
Durant, MS 39063

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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16455 North Jackson Street
Durant, MS 39063

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Monroe Chapter, TopLadies of Distinction purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.*



Monroe Chapter, TopLadies of Distinction - May 16, 2025 at 04:48 PM

KD

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. May God grant you peace, love and comfort from your family and friends. In time, I pray your fondest memories help to lift your grief.*



Karen Dunn - May 16, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MF

“ *Mr. & Mrs Gabriel A. Ducre Sr and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.*



Mr. & Mrs Gabriel A. Ducre Sr and family - May 16, 2025 at 01:23 PM

LD

“ Gloria, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Praying God's love will cover you and comfort you during this difficult time.
With Love,
The Day Family



Lakesha Day - May 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM

KB

“ Gloria, my thoughts and prayer are with you and your entire family during this time. Thinking of you, Kimberly Grzych-Benoit

Kimberly Benoit - May 16, 2025 at 09:38 AM

DS

“ Demetrice Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Demetrice Stewart - May 15, 2025 at 11:26 PM

FC

“ From Ida Jones family & Carolyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie Kimes.

From Ida Jones family & Carolyn - May 15, 2025 at 09:38 PM

FC

“ From Ida Jones family & Carolyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.



From Ida Jones family & Carolyn - May 15, 2025 at 09:38 PM

LF

“ To the Kimes family. Remember it is love that is stronger than death. God's blessings be with the family. The Lela Landfair-Figaro family.



Lela Landfair-Figaro Family - May 15, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Willie Kimes.

May 15, 2025 at 02:08 PM



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



May 15, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TF

“ *The Glover Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes*



The Glover Family - May 15, 2025 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy to the Kimes family! 🙏🙏 I will truly miss my friend and the big brother I never had. Such a beautiful and kind person, a man of high integrity and knowledge. Rest in peace my good friend!*

Calvin Brown 🙏

Calvin D. Brown - May 15, 2025 at 11:16 AM

NK

“ *Nephews-Ricky, Ronnell and Ricardo Kimes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.*



Nephews-Ricky, Ronnell and Ricardo Kimes - May 15, 2025 at 08:44 AM

GR

“ Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Glenda roberts - May 15, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Willie Kimes.

May 14, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.



May 14, 2025 at 08:14 PM

RR

“ Please accept my condolences, sympathy, and prayers.

Richard rvosburgh11@gmail.com - May 14, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Kimes.



May 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM

TK

“ Family, I am sooo sorry to hear of this. My deepest condolences to you Cousin Gloria, and sons. To my entire Kimes Family, sending you love and prayers for God's strength and comfort. Love you all. Traci Kimes



Traci Kimes - May 14, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DS

“ Frank and Mary, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Willie. Please the accept condolences and prayers of Connie Dave and I.
Love you guys.



Deidre Spight-Woodson - May 14, 2025 at 05:50 PM

BW

“ Brenda R. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Brenda R. Williams - May 14, 2025 at 05:42 PM

HW

“ Herbert And Linda Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Herbert and Linda Winfrey - May 14, 2025 at 05:07 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss Frank and Mary. May God give you strength, peace and comfort during your hours of bereavement. Earth has no sorrow heaven can not heal 🙏🙏



Betty Wesley - May 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM

WK

“ My condolences to the Family praying for strength for you all during this difficult time 🙏🙏

Walter Kirkwood - May 14, 2025 at 01:12 PM

MK

“ Mary Kimes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Mary Kimes - May 14, 2025 at 12:31 PM

FI

“ Frank Kimes, III lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Kimes



Frank Kimes, III - May 14, 2025 at 12:29 PM