



William Broadnax

July 4, 1932 - September 29, 2023

William James “Bill” Broadnax, 91, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, September 29, 2023, at his residence. He was born July 4, 1932, to the late Brook and Minnie Cora Broadnax. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ophelia Golson, and brothers, Edward Broadnax and Shannon Broadnax. William was a native of Autaugaville, Alabama. He confessed Christ at an early age. He was a faithful member of St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon and Trustee Board Member. He loved and served the Lord all his life with such a pure heart. Some might call him a “straight-shooter,” because you could always depend on him to give his honest and genuine viewpoint. Supplementing that was his infectious sense-of-humor, where he cleverly had his little sayings that you might call “Pop’isms,” like telling you “Making all that ‘mer’ney (money),” or “cheeeeeeeeeese.” The most special one, and you might call this a “family inside joke,” was when he both lovingly and affectionately called his beloved wife, Bessie, “Ba-beeee.” And, yes, just like that. He loved to crack jokes, especially when he was doing one of his favorite things: spending time with family, while eating his favorite food: Barbecue. Sweet potato pies were a close second. He worked as a truck driver for Falstaff for 25 years and retired from Chattanooga Patio and Pool. He leaves to cherish his memories, wife of 25 years, Bessie Clack Broadnax; sons, Tobias “Toby” (Bobbie) Gallardo, Kenneth (Deidre) Clack, and Reginald (Rosa) Clack; daughters, Lisa (Frank) McWilliams and Karen (Charles) Jackson; grandchildren, Ciara Gallardo &

{Clacks}--Kenisha, Brittany, Jasmine, Reginald, Jr., Kenneth "KJ", Dekendra, Jeremy and Kristi Martin; great-grandchildren, Rushiah, Quinton, Kymberly, Kennedy, Zeke, Lauryn, Jax, and Aston; sisters, Velma Broadnax, Lea Bertha Taylor and Gloria Jean Mitchell; God grandson, Antonio "AJ," brothers and sisters-in-law, James (Carolyn) Sanderfer, Larry (Laquette) Sanderfer, Dr. Clyde (Shirley) Sanderfer, Michael (Tammie) Sanderfer, Gerald (Regina) Sanderfer, Mahasin (Yusef) Abdullah, Mattie (Norman) Watson, and Elizabeth Gail Brown; special nieces and nephews who called him "Uncle Buddy," and a host of beloved family and friends. William will lie-in-state on Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, October 9, 2023, at 12 noon at St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Clyde Sanderfer as the eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **8**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

OCT **9**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church
2712 Cannon Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Kenneth Clack lit a candle in memory of William Broadnax



Kenneth Clack - January 10, 2025 at 01:56 PM

SC

“ In Loving memories from your nephew's Willie, Edward, the Jessie jr., Jerome, and Reginald Golson, your Neice's Regina Golson, Semeria Golson Clemons. We light this candle



semeria clemons - October 08, 2023 at 07:29 PM

SC

“ I remember growing up, my sister Regina and I had so much fun dancing in moms living room, at our uncle "buddy" request. you will be missed, and forever loved. From: Regina (Gina) and Semeria (Mickey)

semeria clemons - October 08, 2023 at 06:50 PM

SC

In Loving memory of you, we light a candle. Your Newpnew's Willie, Edward, Jerome, Reginald, late Jessie Golson and your Niece's Regina Golson and Semeria G.Clemons, your late sister Ophelia B.Golson

semeria clemons - October 08, 2023 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ To my Uncle you will be miss I'm going to miss talking with you on Sunday or Monday but I will always remember what you told me take care of yourself Baby girl and I ❤️ you



Diana salter - October 08, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JW

“ When I saw my cousin Buddy after so many years he jumped high and spinning around said good to see you. I'll never forget him. Condolences to my Broadnax family. Praying Jesus will comfort all.



Jackie Jones Wood - October 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM

SH

“ Uncle Buddy will be missed.

Shon (Golson) Hines

Shon Golson Hines - October 06, 2023 at 06:41 PM

JF

“ Joyce Fears lit a candle in memory of William Broadnax



Joyce Fears - October 06, 2023 at 09:40 AM

DS

To my Uncle I will miss talk with you Sunday or Monday but you know I will call before the week is out I will hold these special words in my Heart that you told me that Monday Baby girl take care of yourself and I ❤️ you your Niece Diana alway have these with me

Diana salter - October 08, 2023 at 06:23 PM

LF

“ Larry, Rolise, Velma and Broadnax Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Broadnax.



Larry, Rolise, Velma and Broadnax Family - October 06, 2023 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ Larry, Rolise, Velma and Broadnax Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Broadnax.

Larry, Rolise, Velma and Broadnax Family - October 06, 2023 at 09:11 AM

LB

“ My "Uncle Buddy" is my mom's oldest brother and was always the kindest man I knew. He loved his family with every ounce of his soul, especially Aunt Bessie. She brought a light to his life that will never be forgotten.

Love you Unc and already miss you.

Your nephew...Larry

Larry Broadnax - October 06, 2023 at 08:54 AM

CB

“ *Comm.Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of William Broadnax*



Comm.Greg and Pat Beck - October 03, 2023 at 09:43 PM

BB

“ *I know him as Uncle Bill like most everyone did. He loved and cared for my grandson Anthony and AJ like his own family, not only my grandsons but my family. He loved the Lord and would let you know he did. He was encouraging with prayer, words of encouragement, a smile and a hug. Uncle Bill will be truly missed. Love and Miss you Uncle Bill*

Betty Burgess - October 03, 2023 at 09:59 AM

DR

“ *Sending Our Condolences, To Cuz Bessie & Family. Sorry for your Loss, Absent From The Body, Is Present With Our Father. Take your Rest Cuzzin Bill. Until we meet again.
The: Readus, Sanderfer, Hatten, & Hamler Family*



Doris Readus - October 02, 2023 at 10:28 PM