



## Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.

October 5, 1953 - October 15, 2020

Mr. Matthew Washington, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 PM Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Opelousas, LA, for Mr. Matthew Washington, Sr., 67, who entered eternal rest, Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Opelousas General Health System. Visiting hours will be observed from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Pastor Ronald Freeman, Sr. will officiate the service. Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Park.

Mr. Washington is survived by his children, Matthew Washington, Jr. (Daneeka) of Bogalusa, LA, Jermaine Washington, Sr. (Nichole) and Patrice Washington Thomas (Joseph) both of Opelousas, LA; a brother, Ronald Washington, Sr. of CA; two sisters-in-law, Anna Acclis of Opelousas, LA and Mary Jane Acclis of Beaumont, TX; seven grandchildren, Zhanique, Zhyiah, Jermaine, Jr., Thorian, Aubree, Kaisley and Kash and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Washington was preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Washington Acclis; a sister, Mary Ann Washington; two brothers, John Allen Acclis and Edward James Acclis.

Share words of comfort with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)  
Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.



# Cemetery Details

## Serenity Memorial Park

7231 Hwy. 31  
Opelousas, LA  
jacquelyn\_a@yahoo.com

# Previous Events

## Private Viewing (Phase 3)

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
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## Celebration of Life - (Phase 3, Williams Funeral Home Chapel) 80 people NO rotation

OCT **24**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *I remember when I broke my arm in the 8th grade and Mr. Washington was my math teacher and my mom (who later went home to meet the Lord last year) had to help me take tests in Mr. Washington's class, which was really tough, especially when everyone was changing their answers or trying look over my shoulder when we took tests... Rest in peace Coach Washington.. you were someone I greatly respect and I will cherish your memory forever.*

**Bobby Richard** - November 09, 2020 at 03:37 AM



“ *Best math teacher I ever had. Bless his family in this time of loss.*

**John Davis** - October 30, 2020 at 07:31 AM



“ *So sorry for you loss. Praying for comfort during this difficult time.*  
*Toussaint Family*

**toussaint Family** - October 28, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

**Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz** - October 27, 2020 at 12:03 PM

CG

“ Cathy G lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



cathy g - October 25, 2020 at 12:50 PM

SF

“ Sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Sandra and Walter Davis, Jr. and family - October 24, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SP

“ One of the Coolest Math Teacher at East Jr. High and Coach. One thing about Coach Washington he made sure you got the fundamentals and was on track. Would often see him at the gas station and we would talk about our class he would always say Y'all Gave Me Hell, Lol. You Will Be Greatly Missed Coach. Rest Easy 🥺🙏🙏🙏



Shala Rene Pickney - October 24, 2020 at 12:24 PM

LW

“ Larry And Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



Larry and Catherine Watson - October 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RT

“ In your time of loss ... for your family, we're praying that God's grace will keep you, His blood will cover you, & His strength will sustain you. 🙏



To Matthew Jr, Jermaine, and Patrice ... On today, as your dad is laid to rest, we pray for peace, grace, strength, and blessings. Trusting God to embrace you in His arms. Our prayers are with you and the family. Be blessed. ❤️  
- Jimmy & Romona Thomas and the Nichols family

Romona L Thomas - October 24, 2020 at 09:35 AM

TJ

“ Best teacher ever cool as all get out and funny. Many times he would tell me get to class at East jr. High Rest in Peace

Trisha jones - October 23, 2020 at 09:13 PM

TJ

“ Trisha Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



Trisha jones - October 23, 2020 at 09:09 PM

JC

“ Johnnie Charles purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr..



Johnnie Charles - October 23, 2020 at 05:11 PM

RT

“ *In your time of loss ... for your family, we are praying that God's grace will keep you, His blood will cover you, and His strength will sustain you.*



*Our prayers for peace, grace, strength, and blessings to Matthew Jr, Jermaine, Patrice, the grandchildren, and the family. Trusting God to embrace you in His arms. 🙏 Be blessed. ❤️*

*- Jimmy & Romona Thomas and the Nichols family*

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**Romona L Thomas** - October 23, 2020 at 03:49 PM

PS

“ *Poland Junior High faculty and staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr..*



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**Poland Junior High faculty and staff** - October 23, 2020 at 11:36 AM

B'

“ *Brenda Leday Class Of '71 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*



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**Brenda Leday class of '71** - October 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM

BL

“ *Sending prayers & my sincere condolences to the Washington Family.*

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**Brenda Leday** - October 23, 2020 at 09:45 AM

MM

“ *Mark/Ommanda Major lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*



Mark/Ommanda Major - October 22, 2020 at 04:18 PM

BL

“ *Beverly Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*



Beverly Lewis - October 22, 2020 at 01:34 PM

BT

“ *Barbara W. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*



Barbara W. Thomas - October 22, 2020 at 01:21 PM

VC

“ *VICKIE COMEAUX lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.*



VICKIE COMEAUX - October 22, 2020 at 11:39 AM

CB

“ You and I graduated from Eunice High and Southern University. I will miss your occasion phone calls "Hey, classmate what you cooking? Hey , Hey, I will miss you.

Carolyn Baldwin  
Eunice High Class 1971

Carolyn Baldwin - October 22, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LC

“ TO THE WASHINGTON FAMILY MY PRAYERS ARE FOREVER WITH YOU IN SUCH A GREAT LOSS. THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1971 OF EUNICE HIGH. MATTHEW WAS AN AWESOME CLASSMATE WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM. LUCILLE (PEEWEE) WILLIAMS CARTER.RIP MY FRIEND



Lucille Carter - October 21, 2020 at 11:42 PM

BR

“ ❤️ Awww, Matthew, Our Deepest Prayers and Condolences to you Patrice and the Washington and Acclis families. 🙏🙏 May 🙏🙏 God Bless you all with Comforting and Strengthening Grace to sustain you in a time as this. He will Be missed. RIP Matthew. Fly High my friend.: 1: 🟫  
❤️ In sympathy Wil'Leah Cooks and Brenda Green.



Brenda,-Wil'Leah - October 21, 2020 at 10:55 PM

BC

“❤️ Awww, Matthew, My Deepest Prayers and Condolences to, Patrice and all the Washington and Acclis family. 🙏🙏🙏 May God give you all Comforting and Strengthening Grace to sustain you all in times such as this. He will be missed. RIP Matthew. Fly High my friend. ❤️: 1: 🙏🙏🙏. With deep sympathy, Brenda and Wil'Leah



**Brenda Green/Wil'Leah Cooks** - October 21, 2020 at 10:44 PM

MZ

“ Mr & Mrs. Ronald Zachery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



**Mr & Mrs. Ronald Zachery** - October 21, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JY

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy to the Matthew Family. Mr. Matthew was my teacher he will be greatly missed. 🙏🙏🙏😞😞



**Janetta Zachery Young** - October 21, 2020 at 07:55 PM

MF

“ Margaret C Francois lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



**Margaret C Francois** - October 21, 2020 at 07:49 PM

HS

“ A dedicated Brother to "Culture For Service and Service for Humanity",. Matthew "Smiley" Washington our beloved Brother has exemplified the true Brotherhood of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Smiley a Rho Chapter pledgee in the 70's, lead many Brothers to Phi Beta Sigma. Most of all, We the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.rest in great comfort knowing that Smiley was a man of God.

*Brothers of The Dove  
Phi Beta Sigma*

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**harold Semien** - October 21, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ Forever in our hearts ❤️ The twins and I are going to truly miss you ❤️🙏



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**Annette Young** - October 21, 2020 at 06:07 PM

JM

“ The Washington family has our condolences.May the Lord watch over your family.Rest In Peace. Joyce Gailles/Curley Milburn.

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**Joyce/Curley Milburn** - October 21, 2020 at 06:03 PM

GT

“ Gloria Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



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**Gloria thomas** - October 21, 2020 at 05:12 PM

PS

“ Priscilla Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



Priscilla Stevens - October 21, 2020 at 02:58 PM

MA

“ Meche Angela lit a candle in memory of Mr. Matthew "Smiley" Washington Sr.



Meche Angela - October 21, 2020 at 02:52 PM



My condolences goes out to the family 🙏🙏🙏

Doris Landor Pitre - October 22, 2020 at 11:04 AM

WM

Condolences from our family to yours. The Vigers family.

Wanda Monday - October 23, 2020 at 02:20 PM