



## Willie Lazare Sr

November 25, 1923 - November 22, 2014

Mr. Willie Lazare, Sr.

LEONVILLE- Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 29, 2014 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville, LA for Mr. Willie Lazare, Sr., 90, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 22, 2014 surrounded by his family at his residence in Leonville.

Interment will be in St. Leo the Great Catholic Church Cemetery. Father Ken Domingue will conduct the Mass of Christian burial.

Willie was born to Sanders Lazare, and Francis Marcel Lazare of Leonville, LA on November 25, 1923. Due to the early death of his father he served as a father figure to his two brothers and two sisters. He later joined the military and was a veteran of World War II. Willie married Verdna Mae Auzenne on December 26, 1954 where they shared almost 60 years together. To this union 13 children were born.

He attended vocational school and obtained a certificate in Farm Mechanics which covered welding, carpentry and mechanics. He was known as a “jack-of-all trades” and was a trusted mechanic to family and friends in the community. He worked as a heavy equipment technician for several construction companies in the Baton Rouge area for over 30 years. To relax, he enjoyed hunting and Sunday evening card games with family and friends. He was an active member of the Knights of St. Peter Claver Council #46 and a lifelong member of St. Katherine’s Catholic Church.

Willie Lazare, Sr. is survived by his wife, Verdna Mae Auzenne Lazare of

Leonville, LA; six sons, Kerry James (Julianna) Lazare and Benedict Lazare of Baton Rouge, LA; Anthony (Margaret) Lazare of Plano, TX; Dave William (Michelle) Lazare of Chicago, IL; Joseph Harold (Sandra) Lazare and Willie (Christie) Lazare, Jr. of Leonville, LA; five daughters, Deborah Ann (Amos) Johnson, Jr; Mary Verna (Stephen) Jackson; and Vanessa Ann (John) Miles, Sr. of Leonville, LA; Delores Lazare (Selwyn) White and Angela Lazare Alex of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Marie Mathilda "Martha" Charles and Sister Henrietta "Helen" Lazare of New Orleans, LA; in-laws, Israel (Wilda) Auzenne, Howard Auzenne, Benjamin (Helen) Auzenne, Julia Lazard, Sister Mary Benjamin "Eva" Auzenne, Bertha Lazare, Mathilda Auzenne, and Ella Mae Auzenne, 24 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Marcel Lazare and Sanders Lazare; two sons, Andrew Lazare and John Christopher Lazare; two brothers, Preston Lazare and Carlton Lazare; one daughter-in-law, Debra Gloston Lazare; one grandchild, Willie Lazare, III; a special uncle, Benoit Marcel; three aunts, Clara Lazare, Mable Keys, and Louise Roberts; one sister-in-law, Bertha Auzenne; five brothers in law, Vincent Auzenne, Henry Auzenne, Charles Auzenne, Marshall Lazard, and Joseph Antoine Charles.

Visiting hours will be observed from 7:00 am until the time of service on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville, LA. The rosary will be recited at 9:00 a.m.

Share words of comfort with the Lazare family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Lazare Sr*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Dear Lazare family:  
Please accept our sincerest condolences. Cousin Willie was a joy. We are glad that we were blessed to have met and spent some time with him while he was here with us. May you all feel God's warm embrace around you as you adjust to Cousin Willie being called Home. Love, Rita (Gayent) Dixon and Family*

**JANELLE DIXON** - December 05, 2014 at 01:06 PM



“ *The spirit can never die ... it continues to live. When the heart weeps for the end of a dear one's life, the mind tells you that this is not the end. It is a new beginning of the journey with God. Nonetheless, when grief over death, strikes us, it becomes difficult to be able to think rationally. The fact that we will not be able to speak to the person again, to hold, touch, smile, or even argue with him or her, is enough to make us feel vulnerable and helpless. Life would never be the same without their presence. As we continue to love and grow stronger, know in our hearts that our beloved continues his journey from this life to the next.*

**Leah Dixon** - December 01, 2014 at 01:39 PM

VM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Lazare Family during the passing of Mr. Willie. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bring you peace and comfort at this time.*  
*Lovingly, Velda Miniex- Jones*

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**Velda Miniex-Jones** - November 30, 2014 at 12:10 AM

RA

“ *I am forever grateful to have my uncle and godfather Willie Lazare in my life. My wife Monique and I will continue to keep our family lifted in prayer. We love you very much!*

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**Reginald Auzenne** - November 27, 2014 at 09:32 PM

GR

“ *Willie Lazare Sr*

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**GALE RODRIQUEZ** - November 27, 2014 at 12:10 AM

TS

“ *My family and I wanted to offer our sincere condolences to your family. I will continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. May God continue to Bless you all.*

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**Tyrone Stein** - November 26, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CA

“ *Rest Uncle, be at peace.*

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**Carl Auzenne** - November 26, 2014 at 05:55 PM

AJ

“ *My heart and prayers are with the family.*

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**ALTON PETER CARRIERE JR.** - November 26, 2014 at 04:28 PM

JW

“ *Debbie, Amos, Jason, and Jaren - my condolences to the family - Mr. Willie seems to have lived a very full life with many loving people surrounding him - our prayers are with you and your family*

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**jeanette wickham** - November 26, 2014 at 02:49 PM

PO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Patty Ohlmeyer** - November 26, 2014 at 02:26 PM

DA

“ *Sorry for your loss. May God comfort your family during this difficult time. My prayers are with you all. To the Lazare Family.*

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**Deanna Charles Anders** - November 26, 2014 at 01:20 PM

LK

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy To your Family. We pray that you all have comfort and strength. From The Family of the Late Rev. James Craig Keys and the Late Mrs. Mable Lazare Keys*

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**Lakeisha Keys-Auzenne** - November 26, 2014 at 12:16 PM

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“ *To the Lazare family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Lionel and Emily Sam** - November 25, 2014 at 01:26 PM