



## Willie Lee Borders

February 8, 1931 - August 2, 2019

**A Time To Be Born:** Willie Lee was born February 8, 1931 in Macon County, Tuskegee, Alabama to parents, John Taylor Stafford and Mary Fort Stafford.

**A Time To Share:** Willie Lee received her primary and formal education in the Macon County School system in Alabama. In 1948, Willie Lee married Jessie Lee Borders. To this union, two children were born, Dorothy Jean Borders and Jessie Borders, Jr. In those days, times had become hard and wages weren't fair to Jessie and Willie Lee's new family. In 1952, the family moved from Notasulga, Alabama to Apopka, Florida in search for a better opportunity for their budding family. In order to help feed her family, Willie Lee worked at various plant nurseries. Willie Lee worked two jobs as a housekeeper at Sunland Hospital in Orlando, Florida and Colonial Lakes Health Care in Winter Garden, Florida until her retirement.

In retirement, Willie returned back to gardening to help feed her family and her neighborhood. Willie Lee always wanted to give back to her community. She registered with the Foster Grand Parent Program and mentored young children at the John H. Bridges Head Start Center in Apopka, Florida.

Willie Lee and Jessie became members of Pleasant View Baptist Church. In her later years, Willie Lee renewed her faith and became a loyal member of Fountain of Life Baptist Church. At Fountain of Life, Willie served on the

Mothers Board.

On a rainy evening Friday, August 2, 2019, the Lord saw it was time for Willie Lee to be taken up to her heavenly home.

A Time To Mourn: Willie Lee was preceded in death by her mother: Mary Stafford; father: John Taylor Stafford; husband: Jessie Lee Borders; brothers: James Edward Stafford, Shirley Stafford, Garfield Stafford; sisters: Carrie Lee Stafford Swanson, Annie Lee Stafford Strozer; grand-son: Gregory Lamar Jones, granddaughter: Cassandra Jean Stewart Rowell; step-daughters: Frances Odell Vickers and Carolyn Marie Borders Johnson.

Willie leaves to cherish her loving memories...daughter: Dorothy Borders Stewart of Apopka, Florida; sons: Jessie Borders, Jr. (Burnett) of Mt. Dora, Florida, Eddie James Flakes (Petra) of Apopka, Florida and Jerome Flakes (Linda) of Apopka, Florida; step-sons: Andrew Flakes of Apopka, Florida, Jimmie Jones (Katie) of Apopka, Florida, Calvin Borders of Seattle, Washington and Charles Borders (Theresa) of Notasulga, Alabama; sisters: Ossie Wright of Apopka, Florida, Nettie Thomas (Willie Lee) of Orlando, Florida, Loretta Moss of Tuskegee, Alabama; sister-in-law: Liza Woods of Apopka, Florida; 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 17 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Apopka Memorial Cemetery

Intersection of W. 13th Street and Marvin C.  
Zanders Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 9.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

**AUG 10.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Fountain of Life Baptist Church  
38 West 15th Street  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Lee Borders*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Family, she endured and survived the trials and tribulations of life on this earth; enjoy the memories. Mrs. Willie Lee rest in peace and enjoy your journey.*

*Shirley R. Baker, Albany, NY  
Donald C. Baker, Apopka, FL*

**Shirley R. Baker** - August 10, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *JANICE DELONEY lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Borders*

**JANICE DELONEY** - August 07, 2019 at 07:39 AM



“ *JANICE DELONEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Lee Borders*

**JANICE DELONEY** - August 07, 2019 at 07:38 AM



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“ *Connie Robinson lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Borders*



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**Connie Robinson** - August 06, 2019 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Vert King Pollard lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Borders*



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**Vert king Pollard** - August 05, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Willie Lee Borders*



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**Lois Morss** - August 05, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Dorothy Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Lee Borders*



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**Dorothy Newsome** - August 05, 2019 at 08:48 PM

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**Dorothy Newsome** - August 05, 2019 at 08:47 PM

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**Dorothy Newsome** - August 05, 2019 at 08:42 PM