



## Willie M. Hughes

September 25, 1944 - September 13, 2023

Willie M. "Big Willie" Hughes, 78, a longtime Rushville resident, passed away September 13, 2023 at his home in Rushville. He was born to Adell (Ivory) Jackson on September 25, 1944 in Aliceville, Alabama. He served in the US Air Force.

Willie worked at Firestone in Indianapolis and retired from CLM Freight line after 15 years where he drove a semi wrecker and did tire repair. He was a longtime member & trustee at Wesley United Methodist Church. Willie was a member of the Rushville Elk's Lodge #1307, served on the ICAP board for 10 years and was the 2002 recipient of the NAACP Community Award. Willie loved spending time with his family & friends and time spent with his grandkids was special!

He is survived by his companion of 46+ years, Mary Beth (English) Hayes of Rushville, a son, Tony White of Chicago, daughters, Amanda Hayes (Greg) Bradley and Lana Hayes all of Indianapolis, his sisters, Irmal Jean Williams of Eutaw, AL and Sheila & Janice Jackson both of Dayton, OH and his grandkids, William Manning Jr., Ava & Maya Bradley. A great grandchild is on the way.

Willie was preceded in death by his mother, a daughter, Sheila Davis, son-in-law, Richard Davis, brothers, Dennis Jackson and Arthur "Lot" Crowell and a sister, Betty Fahnbulleh.

Services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, September 23, 2023 in Moster Mortuary, Rushville with Pastor's Alex Fahie and Elaine Stewart presiding.

Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 AM until time of service on Saturday. Burial will be in the Rushville East Hill Cemetery. The Rush County Veteran's Honor Guard will preside military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 North Main Street  
Rushville, IN 46173  
(765) 932-3914  
info@mostermortuary.com  
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

## Service

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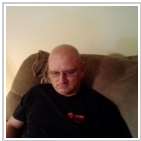
# Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Willie M. Hughes*



**Moster Mortuary** - September 23, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Willie M. Hughes*



**Jim Walker** - September 24, 2023 at 11:42 AM

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“ *No matter when or where you would run into Willie it was always special. The style and temperament he brought to a conversation was his own and priceless.  
Rest in Peace my friend.*

**Hohn Collyer** - September 23, 2023 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of Willie M. Hughes*



**Danny Bennett** - September 18, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ I met Willie when he was at CLM and I was working for Goodyear in Indianapolis. Willie was a good one. I always enjoyed running into him in town somewhere and catching up. My condolences to his family.

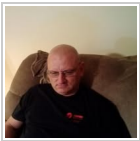
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**Dave Halterman** - September 18, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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“ Lots of great memories with Big Willie. The one I remember the most is taking all of us girls to Indy at a concert. We all decided White Castles afterwards. He went to the drive up and you can use your imagination from here!



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**Sally & John Collyer** - September 16, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Willie M. Hughes



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**Jim Walker** - September 16, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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“ RON D CAMERON lit a candle in memory of Willie M. Hughes



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**RON D CAMERON** - September 16, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Thank you for your service 🇺🇸 🙏



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**Greg Raike** - September 15, 2023 at 07:07 PM