



Willard Gregory

April 28, 1948 - December 25, 2004

Willard Dale Gregory, 56 year-old resident of Decatur, Arkansas, died December 25, 2004, at Gravette Medical Center, Gravette, Arkansas. Born April 28, 1948 at Brush Creek, Washington County, Arkansas, he was the son of Samuel Henry Gregory and Ora Faye McVay Gregory. He was a retired household electronics repairman. He married Frances Norene ?Blossom? DeShazer in 1967. He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Gregory and one brother, Michael Gregory. Survivors include his wife Norene ? Blossom? of the home; two daughters Cyndi Corider and husband Gary, and Connie Gregory, all of Decatur, Arkansas; two grandchildren; his mother Ora Faye Dancer and her husband Bruce of Colcord, Oklahoma; three brothers, Truman Gregory of Decatur, Arkansas, Hank Gregory of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, and Pete Gregory of West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma; four sisters, Jamie Eldridge and Norma Patterson, both of Springdale, Arkansas, Sammie Lou Gregory of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Marsha Davidson of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs with Mark Rotramel officiating. Burial will follow at Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Arkansas. Visitation will be 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

M_

“ Willard,

Thanks for being the only man I have ever known to do something for me without expecting anything in return. Thanks again for all that you taught me while probably never knowing I was learning by watching you. Thanks for our last day together being no different than our first. Thanks for the days I can look back on as good only because of you.

You were a friend I will know only once in this life and you are missed everyday.

I'll see ya later, Woody...

M_ - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

CG

“ My dear Beloved brother Willard,

I hope you knew how much I loved you and how very special you were to me. You were a very rare and special man. I was always so proud of you, you were a man of your word. You had the most beautiful voice and I told you how you were the best male singer ever, but you never thought you were, because you were a humble man. I don't know why God choose to take you from us so soon, but I do know He is in control of all things, and He is never cruel or unkind. You have won the last battle, and have done what we all must do sometime and I know you are with our Loving Lord. I feel like a part of me is gone. I love you dearly and will always miss you as long as I live, our family will never be the same without you. You were my Hero.

connie gregory - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

TL

“ Willard was a terrific guy. He will be missed.

Toni and Angela Lamb - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

NP

“ Willard

My beloved brother, I have so much I would like to say to you! But today I want to tell you how much you meant to me. I want to thank you for being a tower to us and for the example you set for us. You were a great man in my eyes and a "Gentle Giant " to the family. You were a rare man and we all know it. You were both strong and humble.

I think our family will never feel quite as strong or safe since God took you to His kingdom.

You would never let me say these things if you were here, but I wish I had tried to more often to. I have tried to question God about why you, but all I know is that to live is to die. And you... lived not so very long but so very well!

I will miss you as long as my days last on this earth.

Norma

Norma Patterson - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

RM

“ *I first met Willard about seven years ago. Over those years I was more than fortunate to have visited with him on a number of occasions. He was described as a "Giant" and not for his size. Anyone that has ever met him will know exactly what that means. He was also known for many years as one of the finest musicians in four states. I was glad to have heard him perform. The last song that I remember him singing was "You gave me a mountain", and when they played that song at the service, it wasn't Elvis singing it, to me it will always be Willard's voice I heard that day.*

Ronnie Morris - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

NM

“ Willard was on of the best men that i have ever known. I dont know if he new how much we all loved him over the past years i havent seen much of him or blossom but i remember so of the best times of my childhood over at there at there house eating pizza and watching a fight or baseball . i already miss him dearly and everyone else does as well. All of the Gregory men are the best men in the world they as well as Willard like to joke and have a good time and dont take nothing from anyone. Willard i love you and miss you so much and i will help mom take care of granny and help Blossom, Cindy and Connie if they need anything.

Nichole (Bipper) Morris - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ Willard,
I just can't imagine our family without you.
You have always been my rock, my protector and my wonderful brother. I love you with all my heart and will miss you so bad. Don't you worry I will take care of mom and help her thru this, if it is possible to get thru this. I hope you know how much I love you. I will be there for Blossom, Cyndi and Connie anytime they need me. I love you and miss you Willard.
Marsha

MARSHA DAVIDSON - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

DB

“ NORENE AND FAMILY, I just wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear about Willard. I'm thinking of you and praying for you in this time of great sorry. I always enjoyed working with Willard. He was always fair in everyway to me and everyone that worked with him and for him. Please except our deepest sympathy. May GOD be very real to you in this your most difficult time.

DIANE, ANDY and family.....

DIANE (PRESLEY)& ANDY BENNETT - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ I wanted to let you know how sorry I am. I enjoyed working with Willard at Ozark Electronics. I had just seen him a couple of weeks ago and enjoyed talking with him. I'll always remember that laugh he had.

Karen Stidham - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

SE

“ Our thoughts are with the family. Our memories are of Willard.

Scott Edgmon and Dwight Edgmon - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

RE

“ Although i was not around Willard much the last several years except at holidays, i sure thought alot of him and will sure miss him. I have heard from several people that Willard was the rock and strength of the family, and always there to help out anyone in the family that needed him, although its too late to tell him how much he was appreciated i think somehow he knows. To Blossom, Cindy and Connie, i'm so sorry you all have to go through this, i cant even imagine . But think, Jesus got the most awesome gift on Christmas day....

Rusty Eldridge - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ *I sorry for all the years I missed not being able to know you better.*

Don&peggy miller - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

AB

“ *Dear Family Members of Willard D. Gregory,*

I pray for your strength during your time of mourning this fine man. I pray for this mother who has seen the second of her dear children go to see the Lord before her. I know Willard is with our Lord and will help prepare a special place for a special mother.. words fail where faith strengthens, have continued, growing faith....

God Bless you!

Anne Britton - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

FW

“ *Blossom I know nothing I could say right now would ease the pain of your loss. I just wanted you to know you and your family are in my prayers.*

Freda 'Lattimer' Willingham - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

DK

“ *Regards to the family of Willard Gregory
With Sympathy,
Dave Knudson*

Dave Knudson - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

CL

“ Norene, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything I can do to help you give me a call. Connie

Connie (Russow) Lashley - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

BD

“ Norma has told me that Willard was a faithful committed reader of the Word of God and I would like to contribute to JoyHouse Ministries in Willard,s name in order to purchase Bibles for the people of Haiti that are introduced to Jesus Christ by JoyHouse.

Bobbie Dorman - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

NG

“ I loved Willard. We all did. He was such a "rock" of the family, everybody depended on him for all kinds of reasons. I just can't get past the fact that I'll never see him again on earth--laughing, telling stories, or anything. One thing I keep trying to remember is this: Willard must have been one special man for God to take him Home on the day His own Son was born.

NORMA GLOVER - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

EL

“ TO NORMA, SAM AND JAMIE.
REMEMBERING ALL THE GOOD TIME WE HAD WITH YOU AND THE BOYS WHEN WE WERE KIDS IN GRAVETTE. OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY. HUG YOUR MOM FOR US AND TELL BLOSSOM AND WILLARD'S GIRLS ALLTHE FUN THINGS AND HOW ORNERY WILLARD WAS BACK IN OUR GRAVETTE DAYS.

LOVE
LIZ AND JOYCE

ELIZABETH(HAGGARD)SMITH - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

AM

“ We are so sad about Willard's death. What a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God be your strenght through out this sad time in your lives. We love you all!

Andrea Robinson Moran - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ We are deeply saddened by Willard's death and would like to offer our prayers and condolences to the family.
Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. plans to strengthen you and never to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.

Joe and Sue McVay - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM

VW

“ I'll have to submit later.

Vickie Waddell - September 19, 2012 at 12:03 PM