



William Ellis Means

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William Ellis Means, 77, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in a local hospital. He grew up in the South Side Community of Chattanooga, Tennessee. William graduated from Howard High School in 1963. He was a star athlete, track star, captain of the track team, and tight end for the Hustling Tigers football team. After high school, he attended McKenzie College and Chattanooga State. William served in the United States Navy. In 1964, he married Jannie Jones, and they were married for 59 years. William was employed at Signal Mountain Cement Company, now Buzzi Unicem, for 23 years. He attended Second Saint James Missionary Baptist Church and served on the Usher Board. William was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Means, Sr.; brother, Ralph (Mary Ruth) Means, Jr.; mother, Rosa Mae Pounds Means; stepmother, Arie Means; three brothers-in-law, Freddie Collier, Tillmon Jones, Jr., and Albert "Chuckie" Fifer; sister-in-law, Evella Jones Fifer; first cousin, Charlene Elizabeth Nelson; father and mother-in-law, Tillmon Jones, Sr. and Alma Jones; aunts, Grovenia Pounds Perryman and Ruth Sanders; niece, Inetha Collier Word; and nephew, Freddie Collier, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Jannie Jones Means; daughters, Kathryn (William) Hall, Sonya Holmes, Tara (Corey) Campbell, and Jannelle Means; brother, Thomas E. (Tempie) Means; brother-in-law, Darnell Jones; sisters-in-law, Alma (Don) Hunt and Lorene Collier and a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. William will lie-in-state on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Ron B. Cook, Sr. officiating and Minister Stephen Means as the eulogist. Burial on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery.



Events

William Ellis Means

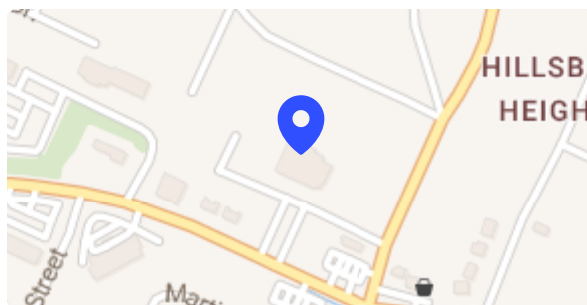
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Lie-In-State

Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:00 AM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411

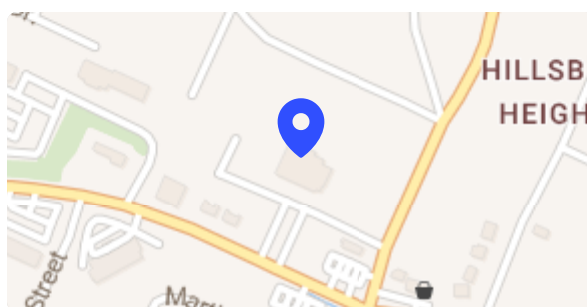


Service

Thursday, June 15, 2023

2:00 PM ET

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411

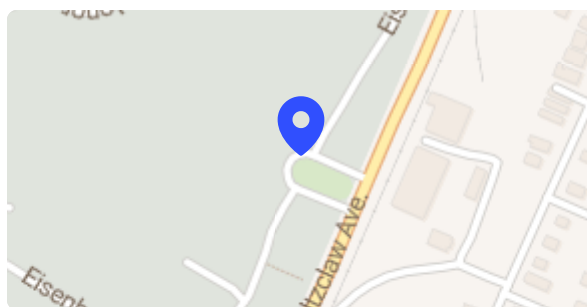


Burial

Friday, June 16, 2023

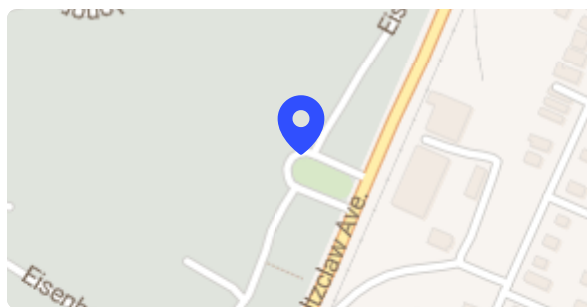
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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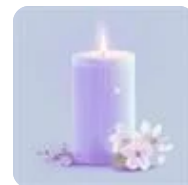
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Carolyn Malone lit a candle in honor of William.

The Malone Family sending their condolences to The Means Family Earth Has No Sorrows That Heaven Can Not Heal

June 14 at 5:22 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Means family.

June 14 at 8:28 AM



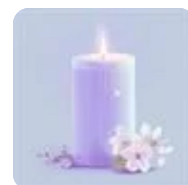
Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

June 14 at 8:28 AM



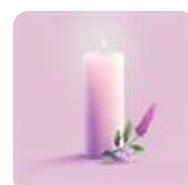
Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of William.

June 13 at 6:04 PM



Marilyn Bruell Brown lit a candle in honor of William.

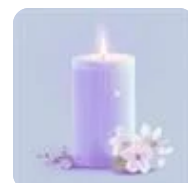
June 13 at 6:02 PM



Natalie Carter lit a candle in honor of William.

Lit a candle in memory of William E. Means

June 12 at 6:22 PM





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Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in honor of William.

June 12 at 2:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Means family.

June 12 at 12:06 PM



Denise Hunt-Wilkerson lit a candle in honor of William.

To the family of William Means:Wishing you Peace, Comfort and Hope in the midst of your sorrow. My deepest sympathy.Denise Hunt-Wilkerson

June 12 at 11:14 AM



Janet Eskridge posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family during your bereavement. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace

June 12 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Means family.

June 9 at 3:32 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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