



## Deacon Willie T. Sensley Sr.

October 28, 1931 - December 26, 2013

Obituary of Deacon Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And he delights in his way.”

~ Psalm 37:23

Willie Toler Sensley, Sr. was born in Clinton, Louisiana October 28, 1931 and departed his earthly home on December 26, 2013. The fourth of five children of the late Booker T. and Idella Wiley Sensley, he was formally educated in the East Feliciana Parish School System, graduating from Clinton’s East High School in 1948. He received a bachelor’s degree in vocational agriculture from Southern University in 1952 and attended Louisiana Tech in economics in 1972 before earning a master’s degree in agricultural economics from Prairie View A & M University in 1973. He served in the United States Army from 1952-1955, where he earned the rank of Captain, and served during the Korean War. After receiving employment with Louisiana State University Agriculture Extension Service for Union and Lincoln Parishes, Deacon Sensley made his home in Farmerville, LA, where he remained a resident until his death.

He was united in marriage with Goldie Johnson on February 22, 1955. Their union was blessed with two children: Ercel Gelety and Willie, Jr. Deacon Sensley accepted Christ at an early age, thus beginning his Christian stewardship in the Mount Carmel CME Church, and he remained a dedicated

and faithful Christian until death. He was a devoted member of the Blooming Grove Baptist Church for the 50 years, serving as a deacon and chairman of the finance committee.

An extremely active member of the Farmerville community, Deacon Sensley spent over thirty years as an area agent for the LSU Agriculture Extension Service for Union and Lincoln Parishes, and served 16 years on the Union Parish Police Jury – President for 2 years. His contributions while in office were numerous and are still being enjoyed by the residents of this parish. An entrepreneur, in partnership with his son, he owned and operated a 580 acre farm where they produced poultry and beef cattle. He was also the owner and operator of Sensley's Thrift-E Village, a community shopping center. In 2007, he developed the largest community housing complex in Union Parish,, Union Village Farmerville North Villa Subdivision, consisting of 50 apartments and 24 duplexes.

His service extended outside of his community to this state, where he served the Southern University system as a member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, serving as Chairman from 1990-1993. Deacon Sensley was also a member of the Louisiana Economic Development Council, Ark-La-Tx Gas Company Advisory Committee, the Selective Service Board #35 for 15 years, Southern University Commissioned Reserve Office Federation, LA Private Sector Initiative Program and a Lifetime member of Southern University Alumni Federation.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one daughter, Ercel Gelety Sensley Brew (Rafash) and one son, Willie "Butch" Toler Sensley, Jr. (Debra) both of Farmerville, LA; one aunt, Ella Sensley Pitts of Zachary, LA; one brother-in-law, Sie Larry Terrell; one sister-in-law, Dianne Marshall Sensley; seven grandchildren: Ashel E. Carter (David) of Dallas, TX, Maurice S. Jordan (Shayla) of Houston, TX, Goldie C. Jordan of Baton Rouge, LA, Spencer Sensley, Skyler Sensley, Alacia Brew of Farmerville, LA, and Kimberly Pillette of Shreveport, LA; six great grandchildren: Cameron Jordan, Cody Jordan, Madisyn Jordan of Houston, TX, David Carter, Xavier Carter of Dallas, TX and

Alexander Moody of Shreveport, LA; a special son, Elder James Jones of Ruston, LA; one special daughter, Elnora Benson of Farmerville, LA; two Goddaughters, Stephanie James and Helena Fennoy; and a host of relatives and friends.

Willie was joined in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Goldie Johnson Sensley and preceded in death by his parents, Booker T. Sensley and Idella Wiley Sensley; two brothers: Booker T. Sensley, Jr. and Robert "Hoover" Sensley; two sisters: Bessie Sensley Dunn and Lillie Mae Sensley Terrell; and one grandson, Dontrelle Tucker.

"...O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever."

~Psalm 106:1

# Cemetery Details

## Sensley Family Cemetery

300 Willie Sensley Dr.  
Farmerville, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Blooming Grove Baptist Church  
702 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Farmerville, LA

## Church Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Farmerville, LA  
400 N. Main Street  
P.O. Box 1157  
Farmerville, LA 71201  
millco1935@msn.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Willie T. Sensley Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 03:35 AM



“ *Deacon Willie T. Sensley Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:22 AM



“ *I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY CONDOLENCES OUT TO THE FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVE ONE WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.*

*WITH LOVE NINA LEICHMAN AND FAMILY*

**NINA LEICHMAN** - January 16, 2014 at 02:09 PM



“ *To Willie Jr. and Ercel I'm sorry to hear of your lost. I know that things may seem overwhelming and somewhat dark but God gave us a Light Jesus will bear your burdens. I feel that this family is a part of my family our deepest wishes of sorrow are with you we share in your loss. From Rev. & Mrs. Clark L. Clark and the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church of Clinton, LAI*



**Rev. Clark Clark** - January 05, 2014 at 03:27 AM

EB

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Sensley touched all of our lives as we traveled through school, in the church, and throughout the community. We will always cherish the memories of all their acts of kindness.*

*Jesse, Frankie, Lelia, Ralph, Barbra, Joe, Elaine, Charles Bilberry*

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**Elaine Bilberry** - January 03, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SA

“ *ERCEL, BUTCH AND THE FAMILY MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. EARTH HAS NO SORROW HEAVEN CAN'T HEAL. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO PRESENT WITH THE LORD. GOD IS ABLE TO SUSTAIN YOU. LOOK UP UNTO THE HILL FROM WHICH COMES OUR HELP, ALL OUR HELP COMES FROM THE LORD!!!!*

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**STEVEN ANDREWS** - January 03, 2014 at 01:11 PM

HF

“ *"Thinking of you all today, Ercel, Butch and family, praying God's comfort and strength for you. A good family friend he was to the Roberts/Brown family. He will be well remembered." God bless you all."*

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**Hilda B. Tellis & Family** - January 03, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DE

“ *God has called a wonderful saint from labor to rest. Our prayers are with you.*

*Deanna Ellsworth*

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**Deanna Ellsworth** - January 02, 2014 at 11:35 PM

MW

“ To Ercel And family, Willie T.(Butch) Sensley Jr. And family. I am thinking of you and the family and sending you love. Your parents were surely my role models. They both had a great influence on me becoming a teacher and now retired. The greatest came from mr Sensley. Mr Sensley took us to 4-H camp in Colfax La. During the summer. He also took us to state 4-H activities at Southern University in Baton Rouge La. I cannot express my total love and appreciation for the both of them.

May God bless and comfort the Sensley family in your loss. Remember this. A marriage from heaven now a marriage in heaven. Mitchell Ray Watley. Cleveland Heights Ohio.

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**Mitchell Ray Watley** - January 02, 2014 at 10:46 PM

VF

“ Vil Patrick Johnikin & Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Deacon Willie T. Sensley Sr..



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**Vil Patrick Johnikin & Family** - January 02, 2014 at 09:47 PM

VI

“ Butch and Ercel, I am truly sorry for your loss. Today I learned of your parents home-going and was reminded of a story about my times with your father and 4-H that I shared with my grand-son only last week. I hope that you can find comfort in knowing how many lives your parents touched and will continue to touch. Please accept my family's condolences as we will keep your families in our prayers. Vil Patrick and Lydia Johnikin

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**Vil** - January 02, 2014 at 09:07 PM

BF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. The loss of two such very special loved ones so closely together is a great burden to bear. Please accept our condolences. We will keep your family in our prayers.  
*Bud and Carol Farrar*

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**Bud and Carol Farrar** - January 02, 2014 at 05:00 PM

BC

“ Our condolences to the family. Bill was one bright, shining star in our lives. During his last visit to Mobile, Alabama, he was not satisfied until he saw us. We saw the glow in his eyes when he visited with us and saw that we were comfortably set up after Hurricane Katrina. We will always remember the kindness and love that he shared. We pray for your strength and comfort. May his soul rest in peace and live forever in all of the lives, hearts, and minds that he touched. We loved him so much.  
*Love always, cousins Bennie and Robert Cooper (Mobile, Alabama).*

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**Bennie & Robert Cooper** - January 02, 2014 at 08:49 AM

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**Bennie and Robert Cooper** - January 02, 2014 at 08:45 AM

BB

“ We are so so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and condolences are with each of you during this difficult time.

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**Bro. Bill and Lynn Bearden** - January 01, 2014 at 06:04 PM

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“ *I'm Gone now, but I'm still very near.  
Death can never separate us.  
Each time you feel a gentle breeze,  
It's my hand caressing your face.  
Each time the wind blows,  
It carries my voice whispering your name.  
When the wind blows your hair ever so slightly,  
Think of it as me pushing a few stray hairs back in place.  
When you feel a few raindrops fall on your face,  
It's me placing soft kisses.  
At night look up in the sky and see the stars shining so brightly.  
I'm one of those stars and I'm winking at you and smiling with  
delight.  
For never forget you're the apple of my eye.*

--- *Mary M. Green*

*Sorry for your loss...they are well and together.*

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**Ollie Fields** - January 01, 2014 at 03:24 PM