



## Mr. Willie Irby Jr.

September 23, 1928 - October 7, 2013

Mr. Willie Irby, Jr. was born on September 23, 1928 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, to Annie Clay Stenson and Wilile Irby, Sr., who preceded him in death. He made his transition on October 7, 2013.

Willie attended Howard Elementary School and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, in Columbia, SC in 1950. After serving his country proudly in the United States Army from 1952-1954, he attended Benedict College. In 1965, Willie relocated to Charleston, SC, and worked diligently for the Veterans Administration Hospital until 2002. He enjoyed serving the patients, working with the staff and doctors and forming lifelong friendships. After retirement in 2004, he returned to Columbia and renewed old friendships with many of his childhood friends and college buddies. He loved attending the Howard School get-togethers, Booker T. Washington High School functions, and of course Benedict College Football games. His children and grandchildren were a source of pride as were his nieces and nephews, who affectionately called him "Uncle Son". He was an active and vital member of the Wardlaw Apartment Senior Community and will be missed by all. He was a great conversationalist, loved baseball, and football, especially the Los Angeles Dodgers and Kansas City Chiefs.

Mr. Irby is survived by his son, Lester Irby (Patricia) of Savannah, GA; daughters, Beverly Irby of Charlotte, NC and Doris Irby Drayton of Columbia, SC; three grandchildren, Lester Antwan Boykins, Davielle Drayton and Dominique Drayton; and one great grandchild, Mariella Sky Boykin.

Services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, October 11, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel, with interment to follow later in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6-8 pm Thursday, October 10, 2013 today at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

The family request that you make memorials tributes on the their memorial website @[www.palmermemorialchapel.com](http://www.palmermemorialchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Irby Jr.*

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October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM