



## Willie T. Gathers

April 5, 1951 - July 16, 2025

Willie T. Gathers, son of the late Julius Gathers Sr. and Elizabeth (Clea) Gathers, was born on Thursday, April 5, 1951, in Sumter, SC. He was affectionately known as “Cheese” by family and friends.

Very early in his childhood, the Gathers Family relocated to Steelton, PA, where he was educated in the Steelton School District graduating from Steelton-Highspire High School, Class of 1971. After forty-eight years of dedicated service, Willie retired from the former Bethlehem Steel Company. His community affiliations included membership with Cyrene Lodge No. 169 and Club 320. Willie simply enjoyed living life and supporting his favorite football team, The Washington Redskins.

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Willie T. Gathers transitioned from this life into eternal life at seventy-four years of age.

His memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of his children, Shaun Pugh (Gretchen) of Mechanicsburg, PA, Carina Dixon (James), Stephanie Pugh, all of Harrisburg, PA, and Jeremy Gathers (Joy), Philadelphia, PA; his siblings, Susie Turner of Camp Hill, PA, Julius “Sonny” Gathers Jr. (Carolyn) of Virginia, Lillie Gathers of Steelton, PA, and Dorothy Whiteside of Harrisburg, PA; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

## Viewing

JUL 26. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUL **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Wallace Funeral Directors - July 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DJ

“ I recently learned of Willies passing. He was such a nice person. Sending my condolences to the family. Respectfully, Donna Jackson



Donna Jackson - September 10, 2025 at 10:52 AM

FW

“ Condolences and prayers for the family.



Frances Waters - August 16, 2025 at 09:54 PM

KH

“ *Kelli Hawkinschids lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers*



**Kelli Hawkinschids** - July 26, 2025 at 07:25 AM

TA

“ *Todd Allen Ammerman-Laxen lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers*



**Todd Allen Ammerman-Laxen** - July 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM

TA

*Willie Veena a great friend, always had a kind word toward me. RIP my friend Willie*

**Todd Allen Ammerman-Laxen** - July 25, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TA

*Sorry mistyped, Willie been a great friend and always had a kind towards me. RiP my friend Willie*

**Todd Allen Ammerman-Laxen** - July 25, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JC

“ In remembrance of Willie aka "Cheese". He would always stop and say hello to me when he was going up Lincoln Street. He always dressed sharp and had the nice cars. To dedicate 48 years in the mill was outstanding, you knew he was a great worker. I was saddened to hear of his passing, because as you know Steelton is family whether you are blood related or not. So,rest well my brother, you will be missed but never forgotten.

#oncearolleralwaysaroller 💙👍💙👍



Joyce Culpepper - July 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM

RC

“ Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Robert Collier - July 25, 2025 at 08:44 AM

SW

“ Sonja Wright lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Sonja Wright - July 24, 2025 at 07:39 PM

MC

“ *Rest In Peace Cheesehead.*



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**Michael Anthony Collins** - July 24, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CS

“ *Cissy Segar lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers*



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**Cissy Segar** - July 24, 2025 at 01:03 PM

DF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Gathers family. Cousin you are missed. May God Bless.*



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**Daniels family** - July 24, 2025 at 09:18 AM

PR

“ *To the Gathers family, we send our deepest condolences to you.*



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**Phyllis Clea Robinson** - July 24, 2025 at 08:06 AM

KP

“ Keith Phillips lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



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Keith Phillips - July 24, 2025 at 05:26 AM

CF

“ Fleming Family



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Chrissy Fleming - July 23, 2025 at 08:01 PM

BA

“ BARBARA ASEMOTA lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



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BARBARA ASEMOTA - July 23, 2025 at 04:34 PM

AM

“ Althea W Manning lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



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Althea W Manning - July 23, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RT

“ Renee Taylor lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Renee Taylor - July 23, 2025 at 02:10 PM

DR

“ Carina, my condolences to you and the rest of your family

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DIANA RAMSEY - July 23, 2025 at 01:34 PM

DS

“ DAVID SEAY lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



DAVID SEAY - July 23, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DB

“ Prayers of comfort and strength over his family and friends  
Dee Barbour



Dee Barbour - July 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KC

“ *Kay L Carelock lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers*



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**Kay L Carelock** - July 23, 2025 at 11:31 AM

KP

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to Lillie and family.*



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**Kathy Poole** - July 23, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LR

“ *Lucille Ray*



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**Lucille Ray** - July 23, 2025 at 09:07 AM

RC

“ *Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers*



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**Robert Collier** - July 23, 2025 at 12:25 AM

LL

*RIP Willie. My deepest condolences to the family. May God bless you all 🙏❤️🙏*

Lee Lathan - July 23, 2025 at 08:26 PM

SP

*“ Cheese was my sister's mate in younger times and after her passing ???Cheese became closer to my niece and nephew, Steph and Shaun.I am glad that happened for their sake. He will be missed by all his kids and siblings. Cheese lived his life as he wanted to, and he is now in a better place. Memory Eternal. Shaun and Steph's Aunt Sue..*

Sue Petrovich - July 22, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DP

*“ Dear Shawn and Steph,  
We are sending you our love and heartfelt blessings during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing that your father is now in a peaceful place, free from pain and sorrow. May he rest in eternal peace.  
With love and God's blessings  
Danny and Sharon Pugh. Xoxo*

Danny and Sharon Pugh - July 22, 2025 at 08:27 PM

FT

*“ Farewell Willie. May your soul be blessed. Sincerely, Frank Turner*

FRANK A. Turner - July 22, 2025 at 08:12 PM

SS

“ Sherry Belton Saxton lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Sherry Belton Saxton - July 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM

AH

“ Albert Hicks lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers



Albert Hicks - July 22, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LL

Lit a candle in memory of Willie T. Gathers 🙏 100

Lee Lathan - October 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM