



## Willie Joe Sorrells Sr.

March 13, 1931 - February 4, 2016

Willie Joe Sorrelles was the 3rd child born to the late Mr. Alvin and Mrs. Myriel Sorrelles on March 13, 1931 in Manchaca, Texas. He attended school at Manchaca Elementary.

Willie served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict where he was wounded.

Willie Joe Sorrelles met Helen Sorrelles in 1955, then left for Phoenix, Az only to return in 1969. Joe married Helen Braxton on March 13, 1970 in Eloy, Arizona. In 1972 Joe and Helen moved to Phoenix, AZ, Helen loved and stood by Joe until his departure on February 4, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his father Alvin Sorrelles, his mother Muriel Sorrelles, 6 brothers: Alvin Sorrelles, Leroy Sorrelles, Walter Sorrelles, James Sorrelles, Raymond Sorrelles, and David Sorrelles, 3 sisters: Margaret Sorrelles, Eva Bradford and Bessy Fields.

Willie Leaves to mourn: his wife of 46 years Helen Ruth Sorrelles of Phoenix, AZ; 3 sons: Johnny Ray Sorrelles of Dallas Texas, Theron Alvin Denmans/Teresa of Phoenix, AZ and Anthon R. Denman/Donna of Goodyear, Arizona; 5 daughters: Diann Whit/TA of Avondale, AZ, Royella Mirchell/ Lafuin of Phoenix, AZ, Louise Sorrelles, Kathy Denman/Billy, And Barbara Sue Sorrelles/Melvin; 1 brother Bobby Sorrelles; 4 sisters: Precious Sorrelles of Austin, TX, Floris Sorrelles of Austin, TX, Shirley Hills of Buda, TX,

and Marie Hernandez of Buda, TX; 38 grandkids; 26 great grand kids; a

special grandson and friend who love and cared for his grandpa without hesitation; a special grand daughter Tiffany who loved her papa, he was the first man she loved and the last papa she will ever love; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and 2 special friends in Phoenix, Tangle Eye Jack and Tangle Eye Jack.

A legend, Willie Joe was the last living grandson of a former slave, Smith Sorrelles of Manchaca, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## **Brown Family Cemetery**

Manchaca, TX

# Previous Events

## **Public Visitation**

FEB 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips-Upshaw & Richard Funeral Home Chapel  
1410 E 12th Street  
Austin, TX 78702

## **Celebration Service**

FEB 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Joe Sorrells Sr.*

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October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *The Sorrell have my deepest condolences*

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