



## Willie Ray Allen

January 6, 1955 - June 30, 2025

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## Visitation

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

AUG 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *What I'll remember most about Willie was how he could be quite the jokester once you got to know him and gained his trust. He was a great person to talk to while at the Portland House. He also always would cook on the weekends and was always a treat when the whole house was eating good because of chef Willie. Sending love to his family and friends at his unfortunate passing.*

Joe - August 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Heavenly Father we come to you today with thanks,prayers and praise upon our tongue. Father we ask that you protect our hearts,spirit,and minds from the evil one. Father we ask for protection and forgive us of our sins. If it's in Your will Father we ask that You direct us to the path that You Father want us on, with Your mercy and grace Father. In Your sons mighty name [JESUS]! We All Say Amen, Amen and Amen. God bless yall day.*



Birdie Joso - August 10, 2025 at 10:09 AM

SH

“ *I worked with willie at Portland House for the last 6 years. He was so knowledgeable about so many things. We often chatted in the morning over a cup of strong coffee about politics, old movies, audio books and what we thought the day was going to look like. He also shared so many stories about his teaching career.He loved to cook and always made sure to add his special flavor. He always stepped in when anyone needed a helping hand. Willie you have touched so many people's lives and you are truly missed.*

Sheri - August 09, 2025 at 02:58 PM

LU

“ I met Willie back in 2016 while working together at PH. He was often smiling, and his booming, contagious laugh could light up any room. Willie brought so many moments of laughter and joy to all of us. Rest Easy old Friend.

~Luke

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**Luke** - August 06, 2025 at 10:55 PM

DG

“ I was a small part of Willie's life, and after seeing him for almost a year almost every day, I got to notice how huge of an impact he had on myself and many others while at Portland House. What a tough job, what a great job. Something I think about when I think about Willie was he had great work ethics. He did the job that needed to be done. And just his genuine demeanor. Such a great guy, So sudden, and so sad. Willie, you'll be missed.

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**Dan G** - August 05, 2025 at 06:20 PM

LW

“Willie always provided an ear to listen, especially when people were going through some of the hardest times in their life and working on doing new and uncomfortable things. He was a stable force for hundreds of people. He instantly made people feel comfortable and eased anxiety. He loved good food, good coffee and a good cook out! He often provided a sense of peace with his jazz music, a deep conversation around current events and compassion for others trying their best. He quickly made friends with co-workers and acquaintances. He often stopped by on his days off to say hi and check in. He treated his friends like family and was always a great support for them. He thought of others before himself and often has to be reminded to take time for him. He enjoyed his regular stay-cations at his favorite hotels where he enjoyed a nice hot tub and a quiet space with his favorite movies. I will miss you Willie. You always had a good perspective to share and a caring heart. Rest easy.

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**Lauri Woodard** - August 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM

LO

Willie was not just a colleague but a friend, I have known Willie for more than ten years, in all that time, I have never seen his vexation, Willie was always Mr. Cool, never seen him "sweat" under any circumstance. Gentle man was always there when needed. Willie was a history buff and intellectual Juggernaut. He will be missed immensely. Rest in Peace buddy.

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**Leo Oshozekhai** - August 09, 2025 at 08:49 AM

Jl

“Willie was more than just a coworker—he was like a brother to me. Working alongside him was one of the most memorable and meaningful experiences of my career. From day one, he took me under his wing, training me with patience and care. He always encouraged me to do things the right way, reminding me not to take shortcuts and to stay patient, even when things got tough. He constantly reminded me that asking questions wasn't a sign of weakness—it was a sign of growth.

*Beyond work, we shared countless laughs and meals together. Whether we were cracking jokes during lunch or supporting each other through challenges, our bond went far beyond the job. Willie brought a sense of warmth, wisdom, and genuine friendship that I'll always carry with me. His impact on my life and career is something I'll never forget.*

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**James Iyere** - August 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BR

“I am saddened to learn of Willie's passing. I met Willie at Portland House around a decade ago. Willie was so much fun to talk to and so nice that whenever we crossed paths in person or on the phone I knew he'd want to catch up on my family and my work. He remembered every conversation we had and each time I saw him it was like we picked up right where the last one left off.

*PH isn't just work, it's a family where we all care about each other and Willie was as much a part of that as anyone. He will be missed by all of us.*

*I will miss our conversations whenever I come by to fix a computer or randomly stop in just to see the team. Godspeed, Willie.*

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**Brent R.** - August 04, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LO

*Leo Oshozekhai. I have been so saddened by Willie's passing, he was not just a colleague but a friend whom I shared world history with. We had in-depth discussions on history and current affairs, Willie was gentle man and friend who will lend a helping hand without hesitation. I will miss my buddy terribly. It's not been easy since hearing about is demise. May your gentle soul rest in peace my friend.*

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**Leo Oshozekhai** - August 04, 2025 at 01:53 PM