

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

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If Roses Grow in Heaven

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Don't think of her as gone away, Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets, This earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort Where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness Can really pass away.
And think of her as living In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost And she was loved so much.



And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NLT)

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*A Celebration of the Life
of
Saint Ida Lee Williams*

SUNRISE
AUGUST 11, 1931

SUNSET
FEBRUARY 1, 2014



*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints
Psalms 116:13*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014
11:00 A.M.

UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

APOSTLE C. SUTTON, PASTOR

The Obituary

On August 11, 1931, God in His perfect wisdom manifested His plan to enrich the earth with the life of Saint Ida Lee Williams. This blessing, received with joy, greatly enhanced the lives of her parents, the late Apostle Faries Ware Thompson and Mozell Hart Thompson in McDuffie County (Dearing), Georgia.

With her father having heard the call of the late Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace in 1927, Saint Williams became a member of the United House of Prayer for All People from birth and remained a strong and faithful servant of this organization for all the days of her life.

Saint Williams excelled at many roles within the United House of Prayer, advancing from a maid to Bishop Grace in her youth to ultimately presiding over auxiliary boards such as the Heavenly Lights Queen Board as an adult. At the United House of Prayer in Harlem, Georgia, she was regarded as a "Tip-Top Worker," spearheading efforts that led to the renovation of the Harlem edifice during the 1990s. She was also renowned for being Harlem's key musician and house pianist.

Once the Thompson Family moved from Dearing to Augusta in the 1930s, Saint Williams began attending the public schools in Richmond County. She was a member of the A.R. Johnson High School Class of 1951 and was one of the first in her generation to pursue a college degree at Paine College. To help fund her education, she also studied cosmetology and managed a very successful beauty parlor at her parent's home, demonstrating her high level of industriousness and entrepreneurial manner. She was also a charter member of the Augusta Alumni Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Augusta Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from Paine College in 1955, she embarked on an illustrious 42-year career as an educator in the Richmond County school system. The majority of her career was spent serving the needs of children who suffered from mental and behavioral disabilities. Her dedication to those children led her to pursue special certifications and graduate studies from universities in both Florida and New York (Columbia and NYU).

On April 6th 1963, she married Landirs Williams. Together they created a marital relationship that endured for 51 years. To this union two sons, Shaun and Benji, were born. She was a loving mother who instilled strong Christian values within her sons. She sacrificed so that her sons could achieve higher heights in education with both sons receiving graduate degrees from distinguished universities and one son becoming a doctor of medicine.

Known for her warmth and keen, "quick" wit, Saint Williams brought joy and humor to the countless church members, colleagues, students, friends and family whom she encountered over the course of her life.

On February 1, 2014, God in His perfect wisdom called Saint Ida Lee Williams to eternal rest. The beauty of a life well lived becomes a legacy that stays behind and provides us with cherished memories for a lifetime; the legacy of Saint Williams will be a life well lived. She touched so many lives and brightened many of our days. The love she had for her family is best demonstrated through her God-fearing children and grandchildren who will carry on the faith in her absence.

To continue the celebration of her life, she leaves to cherish the memories of her love: a devoted husband of 51 years, Landirs Williams, Augusta, GA; two loving sons, Dr. Landirs S. (Joanna) Williams, Davidson, NC, and Farris Benjamin Williams, Atlanta, GA; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Thompson, Augusta, GA; one brother, Willie H. (Dorothy) Thompson, Chester, VA; three granddaughters, Erin Monique Williams of Cambridge, MA, Erica Michelle Williams and Elise Morgan Williams, both of Davidson, NC; one goddaughter, Valerie G. Thompson, Atlanta, GA; sisters-in-law, Doretha Thompson, North Augusta, SC, Ora B. (Courtney) Jones, Grand Rapids, MI, Norma (Frank) Delley, Betty Beard, Augusta; brother-in-law, Donald Williams, Augusta; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Order of Service

Elder J. Blair – Presiding
Elder J. Wilcher - Officiating

Processional

Hymn Apostle C. M. Scott

Scriptures Old & New Testaments

Prayer Elder J. Butler

Mistress of Ceremonies Sister J. White

Selection Bailey Spiritual Voices

Band

Selection Bailey Return Choir

Remarks (Three Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements & Obituary Sister J. White

Selection Bailey Adult Choir

Eulogy Elder J. Wilcher

Recessional

Interment United House of Prayer Cemetery
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