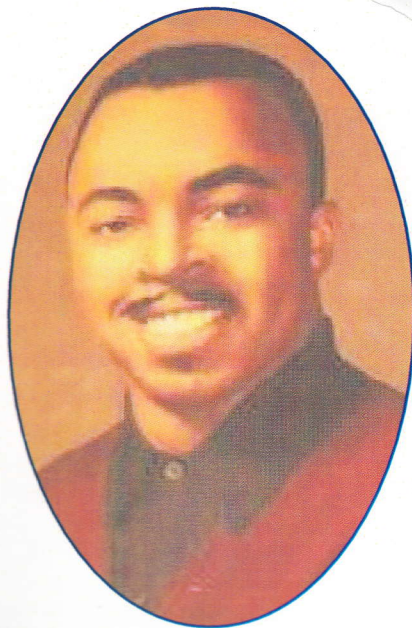


*Celebrating the Life of
Christopher L. Williams*

January 5, 1935 - July 23, 2021



Saturday, July 31, 2021

Wake: 10:30 A.M. Funeral: 11:00 A.M.

Gospel Temple MBE

1958 W. Washington Blvd • Chicago, IL 60612

Pastor Marvell D. Beckham, I

Pastor Charles Rogers (Greater Mt Vernon) ~ Officiating

Obituary

Christopher L. Williams was born on January 5, 1935, to the union of Robert Lewis Williams and Curley (née Penn) Williams in Chicago, Illinois. He was the second of five children: Dionysus, Naomi, Robert Jr. and Isaac. He received his elementary and high school education in the public schools of Chicago, as well as at Wilson Junior College.

Chris' childhood religious training began at Progressive Baptist Church. In his teenage years, he and his sister, Dionysus joined the Greater Mt. Vernon Baptist Church where he served more than 65 years, under the pastorage of Rev. William McDowell, Rev. Charles Alexander, Rev. Phillip Sneed and Rev. Charles Rogers. Among his activities were Sunday School student and teacher, Baptist Training Union Superintendent, and Trustee. Later, he was ordained as a deacon under the leadership of Pastor Alexander. and eventually became Chairman of the Deacon Board, under the leadership of Pastor Rogers.

In 1967, Deacon Williams met his wife of 52 years, Freddie M. McCaskill at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and they were married on January 19, 1969 at Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church. To this union, two daughters were born: Crystal Lynne and Dawn Dietrich. Chris and his family loved to travel. They attended the National Baptist Sunday School Congress yearly for the next 20 years. He has traveled extensively to the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Germany and almost all 50 states.

Deacon Williams was drafted in the United States Army and upon returning home, he began a career in the United States Postal Service where he worked for more than 53 years.

In 1989, Deacon Williams partnered with Mrs. Pernella Pugh of Gospel Temple MBC in a prayer partnership that connected almost daily, regardless of his traveling, until a day or two before his demise.

Deacon Williams also loved music and continued a tradition from his mother with playing piano and singing gospel music. He often sang accompanied by his daughters and grandchildren. He also was a strong supporter of Healing Temple MBC under the pastorate of Rev. Sterling Edwards.

Deacon Williams answered God's call for heavenly reward on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 6:15 am.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Freddie Williams; two daughters, Crystal (Chet) Love, Dawn Dietrich (Jasen) Robinson; three grandchildren; Christopher Jobe, Isaiah James, and Haley Lynne Robinson; one brother, Robert Williams, Jr.; one sister-in-law, Sadie Skeen, all of Chicago, IL; one brother-in-law, Vincent Kerold Bass of Olive Branch, MS; extended in-laws: Enterjoy Thurman, Lillie Penn, Omega Davis, Mary (Reggie) Carter, Bobbie Penn, Willie Mae Penn, Preston Penn, D.A. Penn, and Michael Penn, all of Georgia; many other relatives including nieces, nephews, cousins, and the Greater Mt. Vernon Church Family.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Tributes to Dad

**Acknowledgements, Condolences
& Resolutions**

Obituary

Remarks (2-Minute Limit, Please)

Mime Ministry

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Prepast

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Family

**Old Testament – Rev. Wallace Bass, Jr.
New Testament – Pastor MD Beckham I**

Rev. Leon Jenkins, Jr (Greater Salem)

**Crystal Williams Love
Dawn Dietrich Robinson**

Charlotte Adams

Isaiah Robinson (Grandson)

**Rev. Thelton Parker (Greater Mt Vernon)
Dea. William Pugh (Gospel Temple)
Elder Tommie Murray (Bass Family)
Dea. Raymond Pearson (Healing Temple/
US Post Office)**

Christopher Robinson (Grandson)

**Pastor Charles Rogers
Greater Mt Vernon Baptist Church**

Interment

**Cedar Park Cemetery
12700 South Halsted
Calumet Park, IL**

Pallbearers

Hollis Davis
Lester Jones
Chet Love

Carl Penn
Jasen Robinson
Dea. William Pugh

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgements

The family of **Deacon Christopher Williams** wishes to express sincere thanks
and their deepest gratitude to all who knew and loved him.

We will embrace your loving expressions
as they carry us through our hours of bereavement.



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