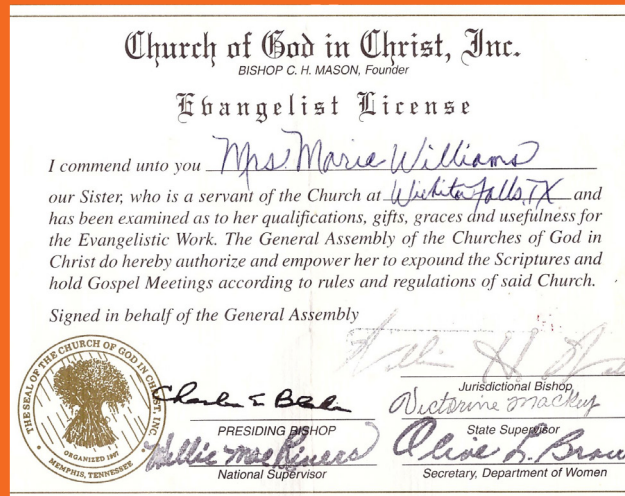


Casket Bearers

Reginald Austin Johnathan Lewis
Christopher Lewis Elisha Lewis
Kenneth Kindred Kenneth Powell



Marrie Williams will be installed as District Missionary on Sunday, January 9, 1994, by State Mother Victorine Mackey.

For the past 29 years, Williams has been involved in several local, district and state services. Local services include serving as a Sunday School Teacher; Y.P.W.W. Assistant President, Prayer Warrior; Adjutant of Church, Home and Foreign Mission Treasure. District services including District Adjutant and Chairman of the Women Department and Aid. State services include participating as Assistant State President of Communion and Assistant Prayer Warrior. *NAFON #6 HJSL*

The installation service will be held at Jackson Memorial Church of God in Christ.



Click on QR Code to view the digital program.

Family Expression

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming love and support that has been received during this challenging time in our lives. Your heartfelt words, prayers, and the warmth of your presence at the service mean so much to us. May God bless each of you.

The Family of District Missionary Emerita Marie Williams

A Professional Service By

Ainsworth & Young Funeral Home
822 Roosevelt St. - Wichita Falls, Texas - 76301
940-766-1941

Interment

Crestview Memorial Park
Garden of the Cross West
Block N - Lot 5 - Space 2

"Please Turn On Headlights and Obey All Traffic Laws During Procession."

A Celebration of Worship and Honor For



Psalm 116:15
Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of his saints

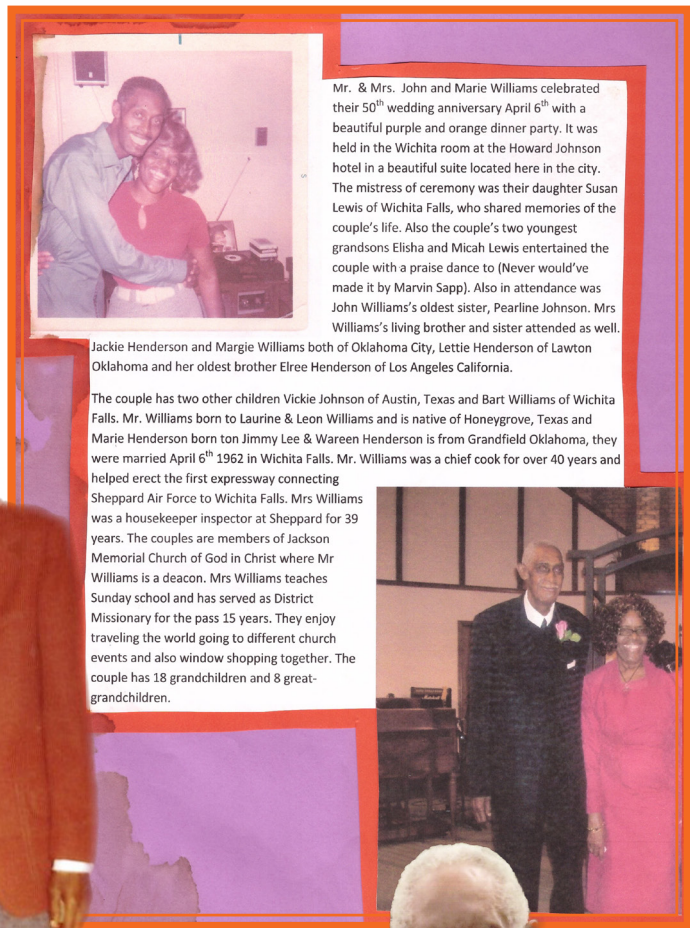
District Missionary Marie Williams (Emerita)

To Live Is Christ

To Die Is Gain

November 25, 1938

- August 14, 2025



Mr. & Mrs. John and Marie Williams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 6th with a beautiful purple and orange dinner party. It was held in the Wichita room at the Howard Johnson hotel in a beautiful suite located here in the city. The mistress of ceremony was their daughter Susan Lewis of Wichita Falls, who shared memories of the couple's life. Also the couple's two youngest grandsons Elsha and Micah Lewis entertained the couple with a praise dance to (Never would've made it by Marvin Sapp). Also in attendance was John Williams's oldest sister, Pearlina Johnson. Mrs. Williams's living brother and sister attended as well.

Jackie Henderson and Margie Williams both of Oklahoma City, Lettie Henderson of Lawton Oklahoma and her oldest brother Elree Henderson of Los Angeles California.

The couple has two other children Vickie Johnson of Austin, Texas and Bart Williams of Wichita Falls. Mr. Williams born to Laurine & Leon Williams and is native of Honeygrove, Texas and Marie Henderson born to Jimmy Lee & Warren Henderson is from Grandfield Oklahoma, they were married April 6th 1962 in Wichita Falls. Mr. Williams was a chief cook for over 40 years and helped erect the first expressway connecting Sheppard Air Force to Wichita Falls. Mrs. Williams was a housekeeper inspector at Sheppard for 39 years. The couples are members of Jackson Memorial Church of God in Christ where Mr. Williams is a deacon. Mrs. Williams teaches Sunday school and has served as District Missionary for the past 15 years. They enjoy traveling the world going to different church events and also window shopping together. The couple has 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



Together Again

The years have passed, a gentle breeze,
Since you went first, beneath the trees.

Now Mom, your journey has ended,

To join your love, banish all fear.

No more the tears, the lonely nights,

Just endless joy, and warming lights.

In realms above, where love resides,

Your hands will meet, where true love bides.

We'll miss you both, your guiding grace,

But find such comfort in this space,

Knowing you're one, forevermore,

Walking hand-in-hand, on heaven's shore.

so, mom has reunited with you dad.

I'm glad you're together ...

So rest in peace, dear mother, go,

Where love's sweet melody will flow.

Your love remains, a guiding star,

Until we meet, beyond the sky.



The Order of Service

11 AM Saturday, August 23, 2025

Kingdom Life International Church

Apostle Samuel Abbott - Pastor / Elder David Cleaver - Eulogist

Processional

Congregational / COGIC Theme.....Micah Lewis, Grandson

Prayer.....Superintendent T. Thompson
Evangelist East District, COGIC

Comfort from the Holy Word

Old Testament

Rev. Johnny Mims

New Testament

Rev. Ricky McGee

Selection.....Powerhouse Cathedral Choir

Words of Tribute.....District Missionary Angelia Newton
Evangelist East District COGIC

Resolutions / Acknowledgments.....Sis. Marilyn Jackson

Perusal of the Obituary.....Sabrina Lewis, Granddaughter

Solo.....Mother Brown

Remarks.....Superintendent Edward Downing
Wichita Falls District COGIC

Remarks.....District Missionary Patricia Pringle
Wichita Falls District COGIC

Reflections "Limit 2 Minutes Please"

Family and Friends

Closing Reflections - Susan Lewis, Daughter

Acknowledgments from Clergy

Remarks.....State Mother Mary Barnes/or Appointee
Texas Northwest COGIC

Solo.....Amber Williams, Granddaughter

The Eulogy.....Elder David Cleaver
The Son of her late Pastor, Superintendent Leroy Cleaver, Jr.

Video Tribute

Parting Glance.....Matthew Ainsworth & Staff

Recessional

Reflections of District Missionary Emerita Marie Henderson Williams

On August 14, 2025, our beloved mother, grandmother, and servant of God, Marie Williams, received her heavenly wings. Born on November 25, 1938, in Grandfield, Oklahoma, Marie was the cherished daughter of Warren Henderson and Jimmie Lee Gilmore Henderson. She was one of five siblings, including her twin sister, Margie; her baby sister, Lettie Henderson; her eldest brother, Elree Henderson; and her youngest brother, Jackie Ray Henderson, who survives her today.

Marie experienced loss early in life. Her mother passed away when she was only six years old, and her father when she was nineteen. Despite these hardships, she carried remarkable strength and resilience.

At just sixteen years old, Marie became a mother, welcoming her first child, Vicki Wingfield Johnson. Motherhood at such a young age required her to grow up quickly, balancing work and responsibility. She took whatever respectable work was available to provide for her family, and as Vicki would later say she too worked the cotton fields in those years. With the help of her twin sister Margie, Marie took her first bold step forward, moving to Wichita Falls, Texas. There, she began working as a waitress while Margie lovingly cared for Vicki, until Marie was able to reunite her daughter with her.

In 1961, she met the love of her life, John E. Williams, and they married in 1963. Together they built a home filled with warmth, faith, and perseverance. As one of the first young Black families in their community to purchase a home, they created a foundation of stability and pride for their children and future generations. Within those walls, Marie and John lovingly raised their three children: Vicki, Eric, and Susan.

Marie worked diligently for many years as a housekeeper before joining Sheppard Air Force Base, where she built a distinguished 33-year career. She advanced from housekeeping to inspector and became an active member of the employees' union. Her work ethic, integrity, and dedication were evident in every role she held.

Above all else, Marie's greatest devotion was to her relationship with Jesus Christ. She gave her life to Christ in the early 1970s and became a dedicated member of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC). For more than four decades, she served faithfully in numerous capacities: Sunday School teacher, prayer warrior, district adjutant, chairman of the women's department, and assistant state president of communion, among others.

On January 9, 1994, Marie was installed as District Missionary of the Wichita Falls District by State Mother Victorine Mackey. She served with distinction in this role for over 20 years, leaving an indelible mark on her district and state. During her tenure, on January 30, 2010, she was appointed Adjutant Sister President, a highly prestigious role within the Church of God in Christ. Marie carried these responsibilities with grace, authority, and unwavering dedication.

Her ministry was not confined to the church walls — she spread it throughout her family. She played a pivotal role in raising many of her grandchildren, ensuring they were active participants in YPWW, Sunday School, district meetings, state gatherings, and national conventions. Her home was always a place of refuge and faith, where generations could find both love and direction. So powerful was her example that even her lighthearted husband, John, eventually embraced church leadership, serving faithfully as a deacon.

Through her service, Marie touched countless lives not only in her church, but across her family and community.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Jimmie Lee Henderson; her siblings Margie, Lettie, and Elree Henderson; and her children Vicki Wingfield Johnson and Bart Eric Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children Susan Lewis and Micha Lewis; her brother, Jackie Ray Henderson of Oklahoma City; 20 beloved grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and the church family she dearly loved.

Marie's life was one of faith, family, and fortitude. She will be remembered for her steadfast love for God, her devotion to those she cherished most, her strength in the face of hardship, and her joyful humor even when recalling the days when she told us no pants in her house and continuously asked us on almost a daily basis "You don't believe fat meat greasy do you"

Though her earthly journey has ended, Marie's bright smile, strong spirit, prayers, and her legacy of love will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched.



