# Celebrating the Life of

## Josephine Stewart Williams

4 July 1951 — 25 November 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

## HARMONY M.B. CHURCH

PASTOR BERNARD KENNEDY, OFFICIATING

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm
following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my
back and left it all
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to
work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found
that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with
remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these
things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for
you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much, Good
friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it
now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God wants
me now, He set me free.

# *Order of Service*

*DIANNE COLEMAN, MISTRESS OF CEREMONY*

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| Processional | Ministers & Family |
| Scripture & Prayer | Pastor Marcus Mann |
| Song | Pastor Marcus Mann |
| Obituary | Read Silently |
| Remarks | Family & Friends (2 minutes please) |
| Special Tribute | Murphy High School C/O 1970 |
| Song | Talisha Smith |
| Eulogy | Pastor Benard Kennedy |

**Whitehead Funeral Directors in Charge**

*Recessional*

# Obituary

Josephine "Josie" Williams was born to the late Ivory G. Stewart and Queen Esther Stewart, on July 4, 1951. She attended Murphy High School/South Leake High, in Walnut Grove, MS, where she graduated in 1970. After graduation she moved to Detroit, Michigan where she met and married Charles Williams, who preceded her in death.

Josephine "Josie" worked for Chrysler Corporation for 30 years, until she had to medically retire. She was a member of the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, where she served on the Senior Usher Board and loved attending Sunday School. Josephine was involved in several organizations: The Eastern Stars, The Red Hatters and she served as a Circle Keeper for The Black Family Development Inc. Josie was the coordinator of the Ferrell/Mann Reunion, every year until Covid hit.

Josie was blessed with a loving family. She leaves to cherish her memories, her son Antione Williams of Detroit, MI, her grandson Antione Williams Jr., also of Detroit, MI. Her brothers Malcom Stewart (Josie) of Madison, MS and Ira D. Stewart of Las Vegas, NV, three sisters, Oneice Marion (Melvin), Annie Mae Black (Richard) and Bobbie Nell Stubblefield, all of Las Vegas, NV. One Aunt, Virginia Ealy, of Lena, MS. Special Friends Rodinma Fitzhurgh, Marcella Brundidge, Manja Boyce, all of Detroit, MI, and Pat Jones, of Milwaukee, WI. Josie was preceded in death by her father and mother, Ira G. and Queen Esther Stewart, her loving husband, Charles Williams, and two sisters, Dorothy Mays and Quillie Parrott.

Josie loved her family and friends. Josie's untimely passing leaves a void in the lives she touched. Josie may your bold and unwavering love remain in our hearts and comfort us until we meet again.

# Special Tributes

Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.

**Love, Antoine**

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep

**Love, Antoine, Jr**

Aunts have no wands or wings,
So they work with wisdom, love, and things.
Having taken on this role,
You loved me right down to my soul.
You offered kindness
And greetings with a hug and kiss,
Each freely out of love which I will miss.
I chose a twinkling star in the sky at night,
To say a prayer for you to it's bright light.
You're in God's Heavens now and no longer in pain,
In my thoughts, you'll always remain.
How lucky I was,
How blessed I've been,
You were more than my Aunt,
You were also my friend.

**Love, Your nieces amd nephews**

## Active Pall Bearers

Antione Williams, Jr.

Taras Stewart

Shaun Parrott

Oscar Parrott

## Honorary Pall Bearers

Jerry Stewart

## Flower Bearers

Nieces and Friends of the Family

# Acknowledgements

The Family of

# Mrs. Josephine Williams

**Would like to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. The phone calls, cards, visits, and kind words all consoled us to the utmost. Our gratitude can't be adequately expressed with mere words, but this is the best that we have to offer. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.**

**The Family**

## Professional Services Entrusted To:

### Interment

Harmony M.B. Church
Lena, MS

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### Repast

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