



## *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*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.*

## *Expressions of Appreciation*

We, the family of Velcenia Burton Williams, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to for each expression of gratitude shown to us during this difficult time. We are grateful for all our you and pray God's blessings upon each of you.

—The Wise Family



*Services Entrusted To:*

**F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME**  
601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina  
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*Homegoing Services  
Celebrating the Life  
of*

*Mrs. Velcenia Burton Williams*

Sunrise  
March 2, 1954

Sunset  
June 6, 2021



Monday, June 14, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

*Greater Hopewell A.M.E. Church*  
106 Hopewell Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina

Reverend ????, Pastor  
Reverend Wanda Rapley, Officiating

## Obituary

Velcenia Williams was born March 2, 1954, to the late Jessie Burton, Sr., and Helen Tucker in Irmo, SC

Velcenia attended Richlex High School in Irmo, SC, but graduated from Mid-Carolina High School in Prosperity, SC. She was predeceased by her parents and siblings Eugene Burton, Joseph Burton, Johnny Ray Burton, Ernest Boyd, James Williams and Josephine Wise.

In her spare time she enjoyed going to church and attending many gospel programs. She also enjoyed going fishing and her husband, children and sisters.

She worked at Heritage at Lowman formerly known as Lowman Home, where she was the Head Cook for 20 years and was well known for her cooking. She cherished her family, but adored her grandchildren.

She is survived by her devoted and loving husband of the home Mr. Andrew Williams. Her two daughters Lucretia (Randy) Sanders of Blair, SC, and Bridgetta Williams (Kelvin Wallace) of Chapin, SC; two sons Alonzo Burton (Tracey) of Columbia, SC, and Lamont (Tara) Williams of Chapin, SC. Three surviving sisters, Ruthie Mae (Billy) Cox, Hazel (Sherman) Cannon both of Columbia, SC, and Hattie (Eddie) Hinnant of Irmo, SC; three brothers Jessie (Louise) Burton, Jr., Paul (Mary) Burton, both of Columbia, SC, David (Pamela) Burton of Irmo, SC. She is also survived by 4 sisters-in-law, Shirley Burton, Irmo, SC, Rosetta Burton, Columbia, SC, Ruth Brown and Beathrie Mayers, both of Newberry, SC; brothers-in-law, Anthony (Shirley) Williams of Little Mountain, SC, Olin (Judy) Williams of Prosperity, SC, Johnny (Gail) Williams and Charlie (Lois) Williams both of Irmo, SC, Benny (Vena) Dreher, of Annapolis, MD, Thomas (Clayvon) Williams of Columbia, SC and James (Wilma) Williams of Batesburg, SC. A grandchild reared in the home Zandron Sanders. Kevin Burton of Newberry, SC, Jalon Jackson of Winnsboro, SC, Bryan Mayers, Xavier Williams and Kayla Garmany all of Chapin, SC, and a great niece she considered her granddaughter Samayah Williams (Puddin) reared in the home. A host of nieces, nephews, family and friends that will truly miss her.

## Expressions of Love

Mom,

We would have never thought this day would come so soon. Our hearts were not prepared and definitely not ready. You left us too soon but we find comfort in knowing that you knew God and never left Him out of anything. Your faith was so strong and you instilled into us all of how important a relationship with God was a must. Your love for your husband, and the love he had for you was like no other. The love for your children, grandchildren and family was beyond amazing, you loved every one!! You never met a stranger, you would give to anyone in need, you would feed everyone that came to your house, even if it was the whole neighborhood, you made sure no one left hungry. We will definitely miss your cooking!! We will miss our long nights of talking and listening to gospel, singing every lyric that played, we will miss you calling loud and clear Andrew, Mont, go get your daddy, Cissy, you ain't my mama, I'm yours, Biscuit stop that hollering, Pollo turn that loud car off. Always greeting your daughter and sons-in-law with so much love and as if they were your own. Your grands whom you thought the world of and if anything they ever needed, you and dad made sure it was provided.

The bond between your sisters and brothers, reminiscing on y'all younger days of who did this and who did that was oh so hilarious. Don't worry about Dad we all will make sure he is well taken care of, just like you taught us, but for now take your rest mama for you fought a good fight and kept the faith, now your reward is in heaven.

We will never forget your love for us all, the sweet memories is all that we have left and those memories we will hold so dear, we know that it's not a good bye but just a farewell until we meet again. We love you even beyond death!!

*Written by your daughter-in-law Tara Williams*

from your  
Husband, Children and Grandchildren!!!

## Order of Service

Final Viewing ..... Tara Williams

*"I Shall Wear A Crown"*

Prayer ..... Bishop Emmanuel Spearman

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Reverend Krystal McHoney

New Testament ..... LaTurisha Chapman

Solo ..... LaTurisha Chapman

Words of Comfort ..... Wanda Rapley

Interment ..... Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina

1:00 P.M.