

“Should I Go First”

Should you go first and I remain.
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
In spring, I'll wait for roses red,
when fades to lilac blue,
In early Fall, when brown leaves call
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
Should you go first and I remain.
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile
through blindly I may grope,
the memory of your helping hand
will busy me on with hope.
Should you go first and I remain.
To finish with the scroll,
No length'ning shadow shall creep in
To make this seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.
Should you go first and I remain.
One thing I'd have to do;
Walk slowly down the long, lone path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same.
For some day down the lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.

Ballbearers:

Friends of the Family

Floral Bearers:

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late Mr. Donald Williams, would like to thank each and every one of you for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God continue to shower His blessings upon you forever. A special thanks to Prisma Health Baptist, Dr. Ann Hutchinson and Staff and Kershaw Health Hospital.

The Williams Family

We, the staff of Nelson-Haile Funeral Home, sincerely hope that our service has been a source of comfort to each of you. Our goal, for the past five generations, has been and continues to be to provide excellent services to those families we are privileged to serve.

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Moments of Meditation

Sunday Mornings - 7:45 - 8:00 AM

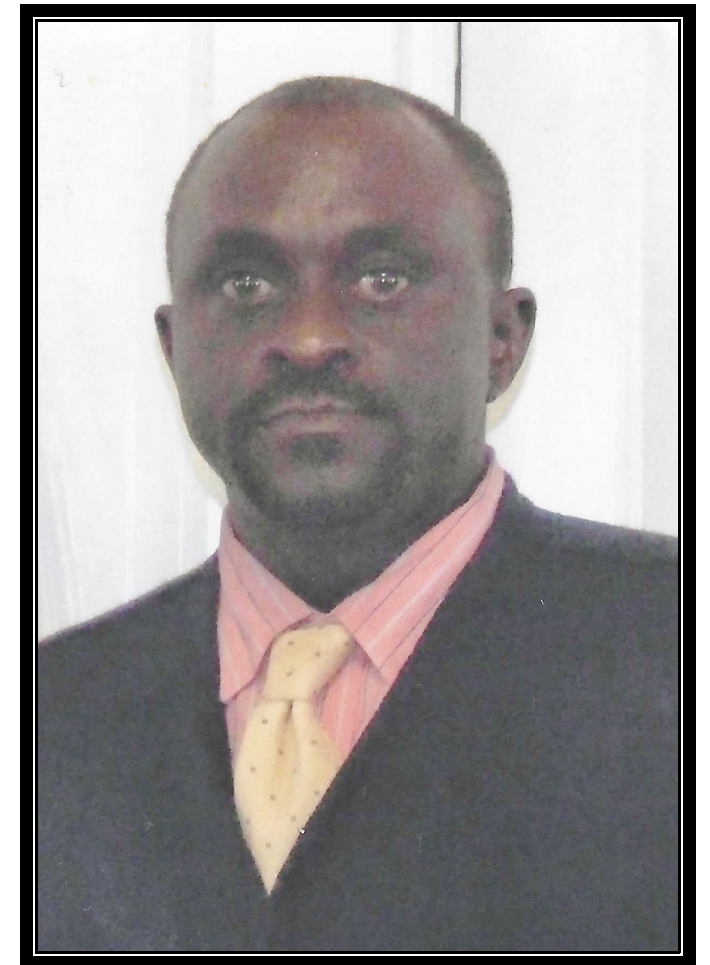
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A Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory of Mr. Donald Williams

Sunrise
November 1, 1961

Sunset
October 7, 2020



Jerusalem-Stuckey Baptist Church

1407 Jamestown Road
Bishopville, South Carolina 29020

Monday, October 12, 2020

12:00 P. M.

Reverend Julia V. Sanders, Pastor

Obituary

Donald was born on November 1, 1961, in Greenville, South Carolina, to Elease McCord Williams and the late Clarence Williams. He was affectionately and fondly known to many of his friends as “Donald Byrd.” He departed this life on October 7, 2020, at Prisma Health Baptist Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Donald was educated in the Kershaw County Public School System and graduated from Camden High School in 1979. He has been a lifelong member of Jerusalem Stuckey Baptist Church where he professed his faith and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was baptized at an early age at his beloved Jerusalem Stuckey Baptist Church. He served as a reliable and dependable Trustee.

During Donald’s early age, he met the love of his life, Bessie Graham. They dated and enjoyed each others’ company for several years before they became Mr. and Mrs. They married on April 18, 1981. They continued to love, cherish and comfort each other until Donald’s untimely passing.

“**Donald Byrd**” had an infectious laugh and an upbeat personality. He liked to cook steaks with all of the fat on it and make banana pudding. Donald considered work as a hobby. He was a jack of all trades. He fixed computers, was an electrician and a construction worker. He later started his own business from his many hobbies; Handyman Repairs (SC). Donald was also employed with the State of South Carolina as a inspector.

Donald was preceded in death by his father, Clarence; a sister Shaw A. Farmer and a brother, Clarence, Jr.

Donald leaves to cherish his precious memories his best friend, his soul mate and his wife of forty years, Bessie Graham Williams; his mother, Elease McCord Williams; three sisters, Ellen Nelson of Lugoff, SC, Mary Crowell of Detroit, MI and Dianne (Ricky) Miller of Rembert, SC; one brother, Clyde (Doris) Williams of Columbia, SC; two sisters-in-law, Rosa Holiday and Patricia Holiday both of Rembert, SC; six brothers-in-law, James Graham, Thomas (Linda) Graham, Charles Wilson, John (Earline) Graham, Steven (Dorothy) Graham all of Rembert, SC and William (Frances) Graham of Camden, SC; three special cousins, Gwendolyn Williams, Gloria Lanthan and Linda Bennett; a close friend and employee, Alvin Holloman; very special friends, Mr. and Mrs. Javon Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rufus; two aunts, Nelly Taylor and Pearl Drakeford both of Camden, SC; three god-children, Justin Rufus, Katlyn Stevens and Taylor Holiday and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Reverend Lorenzo Dinkins, Presiding

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL.....Minister, Family, Friends

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT.....Rev. Kenneth Carter

NEW TESTAMENT.....Minister Harriett Trapp

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. Lillian Williams

SOLO.....Mrs. Patricia Holiday

WORDS OF WITNESS (2 minute limit please)

Friend.....Mr. Herbert Rufus

Community.....Mrs. Doris Williams

Family.....Mrs. Patricia Holiday

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Ms. Cynthia Holiday

SOLO.....Mr. Justin Rufus

EULOGY.....Rev. Julia V. Sanders

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL.....Minister, Family, & Friends

INTERMENT

Jerusalem Stuckey Baptist Church Cemetery