Let us hold fast to the profession of our faith without wavers; (for he is faithful that promised)

Hebrew 10:23



The family of the beloved **Mother Edythe Marie Williams** wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and thoughts and deeds during this difficult time.

~ The Williams Family~

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Antwan D. Carter A'Shawn Weathers
Dwayne Cannon Jace Berry

Corwin Lawrence Marcus Reed

Roderick Taylor Sucory Weathers

D'Shawn Carter-Hughes

FLOWER BEARERS

Williams Temple Church of God in Christ Mother's Board & Women's Department

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Isabelle Reed

Leighton Williams

Zania Reed

INTERMENT

Crow Cemetery Kensett, Arkansas



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MOTHER EDYTHE MARIE WILLIAMS

Our Gift Received: Saturday, April 25, 1925 God's Gift Returned: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Friday, August 9, 2019 ♦ 2:00 p.m.
Williams Temple Church of God in Christ
509 S. Pecan Street | Searcy, Arkansas 72143
Pastor Cedric L. Smith, Officiating

Celebrating 94 Years of Life

The Life and Legacy Reflection

Mother Edythe Marie Williams, 94 years of age, was fearfully and wonderfully chosen by God. Our gift was received on Tuesday, April 25, 1925, in Fayetteville, Georgia to Mother Gladys Thornton and Mr. James Cofield. She was raised and nurtured by her loving and devoted grandmother, Mother Lucy Beasley, affectionately known as 'Big Ma'. Her grandmother reared and taught her the way of the Lord.

Mother Williams was educated in the Georgia Public School System where she graduated with honors. Early on in life, she used her artistic fingers to make clothing garments for active military soldiers. She spent countless hours quilting beautiful bedspreads for family and friends.

Mother Edythe Williams married Johnson Weathers and to this union Earlean, Patricia, Marsha, Faye, John Marcus, and Anita was born. Mother Edythe Williams remarried the love of her life, Mr. Bill Williams on December 17, 1963, in Toledo, Ohio to this union Sandra and Terri was born. They settled in Detroit, Michigan and raised their eight (8) children in the fear and admiration of the Lord. Although their prize possessions were their grandchildren.

On her journey of life, she accepted Christ as her personal savior and was a vessel of grace and love. Mother Williams was a pioneer of true holiness, saved, sanctified, full of the Holy Ghost and a force to be reckoned with; a dedicated solider in the army of the Lord. While residing in Michigan, she served faithfully in the Historic Northeast Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ under the leadership of First Assistant Bishop P.A. Brooks. Mother Williams served as one of the Senior Armor-Bearers and caregiver for Mother Mary Jane Hopkins, Elder and Mother Warren, and was the Jurisdictional Hospitality President. Mother Williams served various local, state and jurisdictional leaders.

Mother Williams was the epitome of hospitality, serving family, friends and strangers by opening her home, feeding and clothing, and she would take the youth in the community every year to the amusement park. Mother Williams and her husband relocated to Arkansas and the work for the Lord continued. She joined Williams Temple Church of God in Christ in 1983, serving various leaders and auxiliaries, including presidents of the Mother's Board helping to build and develop strong, spirit-filled women. She was dedicated and faithful until her health began to fail, but yet supported the ministry.

Mother's charm captivated you, her wisdom wowed you, her sincerity and honesty embraced you, and her testimony inspired you. Mother Williams fought the good fight of faith. Although she experienced many hardships and trials, she was yet a SURVIVOR. The Matriarch of the Williams Family is preceded in death by her husband, parents, grandmother, and four (4) of her children: John Marcus, Faye Delores, Marsha Deb and Anita Marie.

Mother Edythe Williams lived for this day when she would be with the Lord. No more tears, pain or heartaches. On the evening of Tuesday, August 6, 2019, surrounded by her family, the Lord quietly called His gift 'Mother Edythe Marie Williams' from laborer to reward.

Mother Edythe Marie Williams leaves to cherish her loving memories, four daughters (4) daughters: Earlean Lawrence of Hamtramck, Michigan; Mother Patricia Mae Johnson and Sandra Williams of Detroit Michigan; and Terri (Dwayne) Cannon of Searcy Arkansas, ten (10) grandchildren: Roderick Taylor, Corwin Lawrence, Leticia Weathers, District Missionary Aletha Weathers, Missionary Alfreda Weathers, Donna Lawrence, Latasha McCullough, Aretha Weathers, Tiffany Daniels and Shanae Williams; fourteen (14) great-grandchildren, five (5) greatgreat grandchildren; cousins: Joann and Annette of Atlanta, Georgia; Pastor Cedric and Elect Lady Estellia Smith and the entire Williams Temple Church of God in Christ.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



| The Organ Prelude | Elder Donald Perkins |
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| The Processional | The Family & Clergy |
| The Sealing of Bearer | |
| Prayer & Scripture Reading | |
| Musical Selection | Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. |
| Acknowledgement of Cards, Telegrams, | |
| and Condolences | Evangelist Michelle Pointdexter |
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Heartfelt Expressions of Love

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| Church Family | v , |
| Family Representative | Mother Patricia Johnson |
| Family Friend | Reverend James Hart |
| Reflection of Life | Missionary Alfreda Weathers |
| Musical Selection | Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. |
| Message of Comfort | Pastor Cedric L. Smith |
| | Pastor of Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. |
| Recessional | The Family and Clergy |
| Organ Postlude | Elder Donald Perkins |

Drivers in the funeral procession please turn on headlights for safety.

 ${\it Repast\ at\ Williams\ Temple\ following\ the\ internment.}$