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Sammie Akins, Jr.
Daniel Jordan
Terrance Green
Rev. Albert Jordan, Jr.
William Jefferson

Flower Bearers

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church Women

Interment

O'Neil Community Cemetery
O'Neil, Florida

Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges the many acts of kindness that have been expressed in words and deeds during the passing of our loved one. We are blessed to have your love and support and we pray that God will continue to bless each of you.

The Family of the late
Gloria Williams

Please join the family in the T.V. Harris Parish Hall
immediately after the burial for food and fellowship.



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A Requiem Mass

for

Gloria D. Williams



Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church

**5235 Moncrief Road West
Jacksonville, Florida 32209**

***The Rev. Canon Eddie E. Jones, Jr. – Celebrant
Mr. James Sturdivant – Organist***



Obituary

“I am the resurrection and the life.” – John 11:25

Gloria D. Williams, daughter of the late Stephen and Flaury Williams, was born in Jacksonville, Florida February 10, 1935. She was baptized in Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Gloria attended St. Peter Claver Catholic School and Peck High School, graduating in 1952. She was a member of the Peck Basketball Team, Drama Club and New Homemakers of America. Gloria was a domestic worker and caretaker for the Carnegie Family, the Rice Family and Aunt Leila C. Taylor.

Gloria transitioned to her heavenly home December 3, 2019. She was preceded in death by her brother, Steven Williams, Jr.; sisters, Jannie Alvarez and Lucy Richo; and son-in-law, Sammie L. Akins, Sr.

Gloria leaves to cherish her memory: a devoted daughter, Leila P. Akins; granddaughter, Andretta Akins; grandsons, Sammie L. Akins, Jr. (Donna) and Brian E. Akins; great granddaughter, Lashonda Thompson; sister, Elsie W. Green; sister-in-law, Margaret Williams; many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; special cousins, Lorine Jordan and Martha Burns; and grand dog, Chelsea.

and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant **Gloria**. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive *her* into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Benediction Fr. Eddie Jones

Recessional Hymn: **“Soon and Very Soon”** **LEVAS II # 14**



receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; an at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and With him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

The Lord’s Prayer (All stand, join hands and sing)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heave. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever....*Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread (All Kneel)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed
On him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns
“Take My Hand, Precious Lord” LEVAS II #106
“I Am The Bread of Life” 1982 #335

Celebrant and People:
Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and pledge of our inheritance in that king- dom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Commendation

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints.
People: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Celebrant: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You are dust,

THE MASS OF THE RESURRECTION
for the Late

Gloria D. Williams

Solo..... Luella Blount
Reception of the Body Page 466 BCP

Sentences in Procession (All Stand) Page 491 BCP
Processional Hymn: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia: 1982 #208
The Prayer Page 483 BCP

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word Page 494 BCP
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3 Rev. Albert Jordan, Jr.
Psalm 31:1-5 Sheryl Green
New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-16-5:9 Kevin Green
Gospel Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”..... LEVAS II #60

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Gospel: John 14:1-6 Fr. Eddie Jones
The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HomilyFr. Eddie Jones
The Apostle’s Creed (All Stand) Page 496 BCP

The Prayers for the People (All Sit or Kneel)
For our sister, **Gloria**, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”
Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near. To us who mourn for **Gloria** and dry the tears of those who weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.
People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with The Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.
People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: She was nourished with your Body and blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
People: Hear us, Lord.
Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Father of all, we pray to you for **Gloria** and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.
(Extend the Peace to those around you.)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST
All stand (Eucharistic Prayer A-Page 361 BCP)

THE OFFERTORY
(All sit)

Offertory Hymn “Amazing Grace” 1982 #671
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (All Standing)

Celebrant : The Lord be with you.
People : And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People : We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People : It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant Proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you And for many for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Sprit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully