



Acknowledgements

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Active Pallbearers

John Childress, IV • Glenn Childress, Sr.
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Gregory M. Williams • Michael Williams, Jr.

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Jerome M. Lewis, Jr. • Calvin Peeples • Sterling Price
Ronald Reed • James Byrd, Sr.* • Robert T. Lyons*
Melvin L. Colemon, Sr.* • Thomas McDowell*
Donald Williams, Sr. • (*Denotes deceased)

Flowerbearers

Janet E. Anderson • Shirley V. Colemon • Barbara R. Tipper
Delores R. Norman • Jacquelyn "Jackie" D. Virgil



Interment

Graceland Memorial Gardens
5989 Deerfield Road • Milford, OH
(Off Rt. 28 and Woodville Pike)

Psalms 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help! My help cometh from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not permit thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper; the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.



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Celebrating the Life of Alice Jean Williams

SUNRISE
January 16th
1935

SUNSET
August 20th
2020

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Visitation – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Service – 11:00 a.m.

Greater Liberty Baptist Church

6209 Desmond Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

Pastor Herbert Mabry, *Officiating*

Obituary

Alice Jean Williams was born on January 16, 1935 in the West End to the late Robert M. Virgil, Jr. and Alma Liggins Virgil. Jean was called to her eternal resting place August 20, 2020 at Meadowbrook Care Center in Montgomery, Ohio. Alice was affectionately known as Jean. Jean was a graduate of Withrow High School. At the age of 12, she became a member of Greater Liberty Baptist Church and was a very active member. She was like the “Energizer Bunny.” She kept going and going until her health prevented her in participating in active services. Although her health began to decline, she continued to give GOD the glory.

As a member of Greater Liberty, Jean served as the pianist for the “Bells of Liberty Gospel Chorus.” She loved playing for residents of various nursing homes in and around the community. Jean also held many active roles such as a Sunday School Teacher, Women’s Sunday School Class, as well as served on the Vacation Bible School Kitchen Crew Committee. Jean’s involvement did not stop there. She was also a member of The Bettie Cocrel Circle, Senior Missionaries, Silverton Playfield Mothers Club, Soroptmist Service Club, and Bathe It in Prayer, where she prepared and delivered meals so that the elderly and others could enjoy home cooked meals. Jean was an active member in and around the community that enjoyed her missionary work.

In the midst of Jean serving through her mission work, she found time to start selling Amway with her husband, Bo. While working the business, she developed a color-coding business through Amway. Although Jean loved Amway, she also developed a “Mother-Daughter” duo named Glamour and Such. Glamour and Such was a specialized boutique that displayed her passion and love for fashion and style while working with her daughter, Karen.

Jean’s greatest joy was spending time with her late husband, children and grandchildren. She was a loving and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She loved spending time with her family and celebrating their accomplishments and achievements. Jean’s personal experiences brought her closer to GOD. She would often tell her family that she learned how to lean on him and find peace in the midst of the storm. She will be missed immensely and will never be forgotten for her loving and caring spirit and those warm kisses.

She’s preceded in death by her husband, Walter S. Williams, Sr. of 52 years; her parents, Robert M. Virgil, Jr. and Alma Liggins Virgil; and two brothers, Robert M. Virgil, III (Tess) and Maynard C. Virgil.

Jean leaves to cherish: her three children, Karen W. Lowry, Walter S. Williams, Jr. and Adrian S. Williams, Sr. (Janis); seven grandchildren, Shayla R. Williams, Adrian S. Williams, Jr., Kendrea L. Williams, Chyna G. Bryant, Kirsten L. Williams, Samantha J. Williams and Deandre A. Covington; 10 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Janet E. Anderson, Shirley V. Colemon, Barbara R. Tipper (Thomas) of Silverdale, WA, Delores R. Norman and Jacquelyn “Jackie” D. Virgil; brother-in-law, Donald Williams, Sr.; sister-in-law, Mabel (Tess) Virgil; sister/cousin, Joann Rakestraw; and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends.

Messages from the Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Grandma,
My cheerleader, my protector, my financial advisor, my friend, and my principal. You have taught me so many life lessons that I did not understand when you were teaching me, but as an adult, I can always lean on what you instilled in me as a kid. A0t times I thought you went overboard, but now I laugh and say, Thank you for preparing me for this world! I will always miss the way that your hands caress the piano on Sunday mornings, along with your “Shouts” in between playing keys and NEVER missing a beat when you began playing again. I will miss your warm kisses. I will miss your loving hugs. I will miss the “Yoo-who” when you enter the room and the feel that you “Never” met a stranger. You will FOREVER be missed, but you will FOREVER live in my heart! Until we meet again.
— Kendrea

As we lay my sweet great-grandma to rest, I reflect on all that she has given to us. There are few people you meet in life that embody the epitome of what it means to be a Godly woman. When you are around somebody who does, you just know and take in all their energy. She walked in his path and made a way for me and others to as well. She introduced me to the church — she gave me my first Bible. She is one of the greatest people I’ve ever known.

Even in her decline you still saw God within her spirit. How is it that someone in such a condition can still be humming church tunes, laughing and just giddy for life. Seeing that brought me closer to God. When we last saw her, we played her favorite gospel music (Never Would’ve Made It and Center of My Joy) and her eyes opened. Grandmas provide us all the wisdom and warmth we need to keep going. Even watching my Aunt Karen, her daughter carry this strong spirit, just goes to show the power of faith. She would always say, “Janiah, your grandbaby came to see you, she just had to see you.” I remember last year I came to see her and she was making these goofy faces and Aunt Karen told her to stop being silly

and smile, so she then smiled.

They shared a story with me about when I was a toddler. I was struggling to put on a sock and my shoes, but wouldn’t let anyone help me because I wanted to do it by myself. She said I don’t know if she’s stubborn or determined. On the back of the picture she wrote, “So determined.”

I will always cherish the weekend sleepovers, the dinners and most importantly, church, especially when I was a young girl. Her memory is within me forever — having her as a foundation for what a woman should be, led me to be the person I am today. As I look to the sky, say hi to grandpa for me. I come from this matriarchal family, one who instills a sense of kindness, responsibility, service, compassion, Godliness, but don’t ever get it twisted and mess with us!
— Janiah

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Eric Oliver/Shon Hubble
Scripture Readings	Old Testament – Psalms 121 Pastor Robert Harper <i>First Baptist Church, Kennedy Heights</i> New Testament – Matthew 6:33, Galatians 6:9 Pastor Mark A. Stephens <i>Miami Baptist Church</i>
Prayer.....	Minister Kim Norman
Selection.....	“My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord” Minister Princess Hearn
Acknowledgements	Sarah Wilson
Precious Memories (A Family Tribute)	Ashleigh Lyons-Marable
Resolutions	
Remarks	Judith Coleman-Kinebrew Larry Frazier, Janiah J. Miller The Honorable Judge Andrea Peeples-Pringle
Tribute	Vernetta Lewis
Moment of Reflection	Video Tribute/Silent Reading of the Obituary
Selection.....	“Center of My Joy” Judith Coleman-Kinebrew and Herman Anderson
Eulogy.....	Minister Donald Williams, Jr.
Selection.....	“I Shall Wear A Golden Crown”
Benediction.....	Pastor Herbert Mabry <i>Greater Liberty Baptist Church</i>
Recessional.....	Minister, Family, Friends