

A Family Prayer

*Oh, Lord, be gentle with her.
Be merciful and kind;
For she was loved so dearly,
By those she left behind.
Walk slowly with her, Lord,
As you take her to the
Promised Land.
Stay ever by her side,
Sing sweetly in her ears,
And when she cries of missing us,
Gently wipe away her tears.
And Lord, when what we've
asked is done,
We pray our hearts you'll touch,
And let her know we love her so,
And we miss her just as much.*

Pallbearers
**Deacons, Trustees,
Family and Friends**

Flower Bearers
Ushers, Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

We, the family, extend sincere thanks and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. We will always be grateful for your love and support. May God continue to bless you.



Service entrusted by
J.H. Robinson's Funeral Home
190 Railroad Avenue, W.
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Velma Williams *Homegoing Service*



November 12, 1944 - February 21, 2023



**Saturday, March 11, 2023
1:00pm**

Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church
1186 Smyrna Church Road
Springfield, South Carolina 29146

Rev. Roydell Dicks, Sr., Pastor
Officiating Minister

The Obituary

Velma Williams

November 12, 1944 - February 21, 2023

Velma (*Dollbaby*) Williams was born on November 12, 1944 in Kitchen Mills, South Carolina to the late Gladys Williams (1967) and Jessie Gant(2006). Velma spent the early years of her life on the family's home place.

Velma began her education at Pine Grove Elementary in South Carolina. After moving to New York with her family she attended P.S. 27 in Brooklyn, NY. Velma graduated from Sarah J. Hale Vocational High School in 1962 as a Cosmetologist. In addition to working for over 61 years as a cosmetologist, Velma also worked for the New York City Department of Housing and Urban Development for twenty-five years until her retirement.

As a child Velma attended Smyrna Baptist Church. After relocating to New York and keeping with the "Church Covenant" she joined Bethany Baptist Church where she strengthened her relationship with the Lord. Velma was also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star where she participated in charitable and educational events supporting women of the African Diaspora.

Dollbaby loved thrift shopping and sharing our family's history. At every family gathering she was a wealth of information about our heritage. We learned so many "secrets" through Velma that helped us truly understand who we are and why we love each other so much.

Waiting to greet her in glory are her mother, Gladys; her father, Jessie; her granny, Miley Williams; her sister, Jacqueline Butler and her nephew, Nathaniel Butler. Left to cherish her memories are her loving daughters, Tonya Williams and Chastity Williams; one grandson, Dante Williams; one granddaughter, Cheyanne Brown; her brother, Abraham Williams; her sister, Gloria Nipper; her aunt, Alwillie Sease and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

In Memory

*When I must leave you
for a little while
Please do not grieve and
shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you
through the years.
But start out bravely with
a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same;
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort
and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and
hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

Order of Service

Rev. Roydell Dicks, Sr., Pastor

~~ Presiding ~~

The Processional

Opening Selection.....Choir

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalms 23:1-6

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Prayer

Solo.....Deacon Gene Quattlebaum

~ REFLECTIONS ~

(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements.....Jessica Reader

Obituary.....Bernadette Locust

Selection.....Choir

Words of Comfort

.....Pastor Roydell Dicks, Sr.

~ Musical Postlude ~

The Recessional

Interment

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