

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of Rev. Alexander Williams



Acknowledgements

The Williams family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity during this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Alexander Williams may be sent to either of the following organizations:

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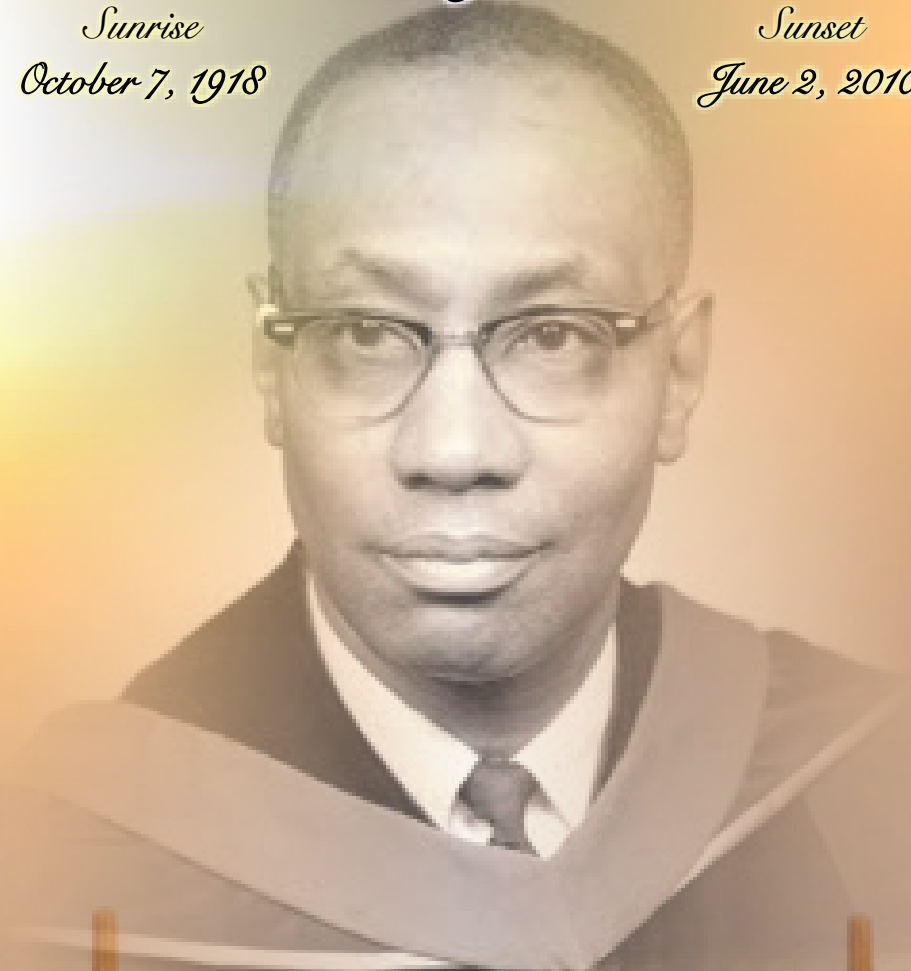
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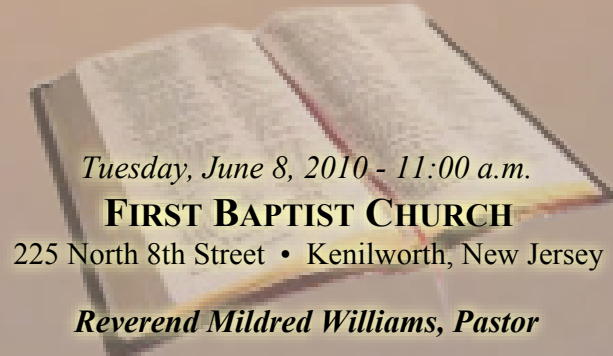
Home Going Service For

*Sunrise
October 7, 1918*

*Sunset
June 2, 2010*



*Rev. William
Alexander Williams*



Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

225 North 8th Street • Kenilworth, New Jersey

Reverend Mildred Williams, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional **Presiding Minister - Rev. Dr. James W. Ealy,**
Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Rahway, NJ

Congregational Hymn "I Will Trust In The Lord"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 121 Bishop Wayne Johnson
Pastor, Bibleway Deliverance Center – Roselle, NJ
New Testament - John 14:1-14 Rev. Tom Pollard

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Tammy R. Williams

Solo "Precious Lord", Sister Lynette Sheard

Acknowledgements Chris Gordon, Trustee FBC Kenilworth

Reflections: (brief - 2 minutes please)

Rev. Elmo Familiaran, Area Minister – American Baptist Churches NJ
Rev. Odessa McNeil, Agape Family Worship Center
Rev. Laverne Ball, Pastor, Rose of Sharon, Plainfield, NJ
Rev. BJ Whipper, Pastor, Jehovah-Jireh Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY

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Special Tributes

First Baptist Church.....Rev. Valarie Pyles
Friends.....Hazel Kelsey
Grandchildren
Children.....Dea. Timothy Williams, FBC Kenilworth

Obituary Grandchildren

Solo Rev. Anthony L. Bennett, D. Min.
Pastor, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, CT

Eulogy Rev. Thomas Williams
Asst. Pastor, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, CT
Co-Pastor, First Baptist Church in Kenilworth, NJ

Recessional

INTERMENT
Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

William Alexander Williams was born on October 7, 1918 to Alexander and Emma Williams of Roselle Park, New Jersey. He was the youngest of his two brothers and sister: Robert, George, and Edmonia. He remained a life-long resident of Roselle Park and graduated from the public high school. He later received his B.A. from Rutgers University. After being employed by the Singer Company as a young man, he ended his professional career as a social worker at the Union County Board of Social Services in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he served as a supervisor.

He was a longtime member of Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Under the guidance of the late Rev. A. A. Lewis, he answered a call to pastoral ministry and served there as an assistant pastor. While serving under Pastor Lewis, he prepared for ministry academically by obtaining his B. D. (M. Div.) degree at New Brunswick Theological Seminary while working full-time as a social worker. He was one of the first African Americans to graduate from the Reformed seminary.

His tenure at Union Baptist was pivotal in another respect—it was there where he first met Mildred Lisa Fennell, who became his wife of forty-eight years and partner in ministry. Three children were birthed from this union: Rev. Dr. Tammy Williams of Durham, North Carolina; Timothy Williams (Peggy, deceased) of Rahway, New Jersey; Rev. Thomas Williams (Dorothy) of Stratford, Connecticut, and five beloved grandchildren: Alexia, Domanique, Caleb, Kelsey, and Justin. After working successfully to attain his own degrees, Pastor Williams took pride in watching all of his children further their education and enter the ministry in various ways, Tammy as a theology professor at Duke Divinity School and an associate minister; Thomas as an associate pastor at Mt. Aery Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and co-pastor of First Baptist Church of Kenilworth; and Timothy as the chairperson of the deacon board at First Baptist of Kenilworth.

He was called to pastor the First Baptist Church of Kenilworth, New Jersey in 1967. Under his leadership the congregation, which had worshipped without an edifice for a number of years, completed the church building. Through the assistance and support of the American Baptist Churches USA, the congregation was able to obtain a loan, which helped to finance the building. April 16, 1972 stands as a milestone in the history of First Baptist Church, for it is the date in which the "small but determined membership," in the company of many friends, dedicated the church sanctuary. While marching down Monroe Avenue in route to the sanctuary the congregation sang, "We've Come This Far By Faith," a hymn that remained a favorite of Pastor Williams. In addition to his pastoral ministry, Pastor Williams did visitation at the Union County Jail for several years, and participated in ministerial alliances.

He transitioned to the position of pastor emeritus when his wife, Rev. Mildred Williams, who also received her seminary training and credentials from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, was installed by the congregation as its new pastor in January 1998. Free from the full-time responsibilities of shepherding a church in the later years of his life, Pastor Williams stayed active by faithfully attending the Engel Center in Cranford, New Jersey; spending time with his sister-in-law; and traveling. He also invested time doting upon his grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as "Papa Al." He prayed for their spiritual growth and rejoiced in their educational achievements. His oldest grandchild, Alexia, will be a college freshman this fall. Beyond his beloved wife, children and grandchildren, he is survived by two brothers-in-law: Elder Hally Fennell (Doris) and Roosevelt Fennell (Ruth), both of Yemassee South Carolina; and two sisters-in-law, Louise Mims (Jimmy, deceased) of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Agnes Fennell, formerly of Elizabeth, New Jersey. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Looking back upon his long sojourn of ninety-one years, Pastor Williams testified at the end of his life that God had brought him "this far by faith."

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