

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Mary Lewis Williams, smiling. She is wearing a white top and a bright pink jacket. The background of the entire image is a soft-focus field of pink flowers.

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Mary Lewis Williams*

*March 26, 1923 - July 28, 2010*

*Thursday, August 5, 2010  
6:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 Eighth Avenue  
New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating  
Min. Tyrone Richardson, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Mary Lewis Williams** was born on March 26, 1923 in Tar Boro, North Carolina. She came to New York in 1946. She was once a housekeeper at the Pennsylvania Hotel. She created other opportunities for herself through cooking. Mary was known by friends as (Jakie). She would cook the best dinners for parties ever. Her cooking skills came in handy for a mother of ten children. On July 28, 2010 Mary lost her fight with pneumonia. Mary's final hours were with family and friends. She laughed and was happy. She's not gone, she just moved to a better place.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory: her sons, Willie Sr., Larry and John; godson, Dennis; daughters, Josephine and Margie; goddaughters, Vernell, Linda, and Marcelyn; grandsons, Boss, Solomon Jr., Robert Sr., Leonard, Anthony, Jeffrey, Akil Sr., Rasheen, Max, Luke and JonPaul; granddaughters, Sandra, Beverly, Victoria, Josephine, Nicole, Aaminah, Lisa, Nateesha and Dayna; great grandsons, Kenny, Derrick, Jack IV, Markel, Akil Jr., Elijah, Carlil, Robert Jr., Lance, Lawrence, Tasmeen, Jaialic and Deyon; great granddaughters, Naykara, Diane, Debralina, Frances, and Sierra; sons-in-law, Al and Graylin; daughters-in-law, Lorna and Loretta; and a host of nieces, nephews, great great grandchildren and friends.

Welcoming Mary with open arms are her children that have gone on ahead into the Eternal Kingdom of Heaven: children, Shirley, Frank, Ferbis, Gerry and Tyler; daughter-in-law, Diane and son-in-law, Carlil.

The family wishes to thank Mary's home caregiver Darlene Ellis.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we celebrate our loved one going home.

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Selection ..... Organist

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 46:1-11

New Testament Matthew 5:1-10, 14-16

Prayer ..... Clergy

Selection ..... Boss Williams, grandson

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr.

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

**Final Disposition**

*Oxford Hills Crematory*

*Chester, New York*

# Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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