

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Franklin D. Williams*  
*“One Cool Guy”*

*Sunrise*  
January 10, 1942

*Sunset*  
February 8, 2013

**Service**

Monday, February 18, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

*Sis. Roxanne Goodley, Officiating*

*Elder Jerry Smalls, Eulogist*

## Obituary

**Franklin Williams** was born on January 10, 1942 in Harlem, New York to the late Mr. Douglas Williams and Mrs. Susie Williams. Our beloved brother departed this earth on February 8, 2013.

Franklin was a man of simplicity, truly a man of very few words. He was a Harlem man, he was born in Harlem, he lived in Harlem and he loved Harlem, and he said that he would never ever leave Harlem! His smile could light up a room and his gentle heart could be felt from afar to those who ever had the opportunity to have been in his presence. If you knew him, you know that he was a very generous, and a gentle man. He was, “one cool guy”.

One of his joys in life was singing with the gospel group The Mighty Mellotones. The story goes there was a singing contest between the group that Franklin was a member of and the group his father, the late Mr. Douglas Williams was a member of which was known as The Mellotones. Franklin's group won the contest and the Mighty Mellotones was formed. The Mighty Mellotone's toured internationally and recorded several albums. The surviving members of the group are Richard, Sylvester, Wilbert and James whom will always be his brothers.

He is predeceased in death by his son, the late Gregory Williams his New York family, the late Robert Williams, Ronald Williams, and Laverne Williams, His extended family of Warrenton, North Carolina, the late Mr. and Mrs. Ora Lewis, Jerry Ingram, George Lewis and Al Lewis.

Franklin leaves behind to cherish his memory: his daughters, Crystal Brown and Shay Dixon, his son-in-law; and his three grandchildren; Ms. Susie Williams; his New York family, Eloise Williams (Gregory West), James Williams (Vonnie Williams); aunt, Mamie Davis who resides in Florida; His extended family of Warrenton, North Carolina, Nancy Lewis, Joe Lewis, Mike Lewis and Toot Lewis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from New York and Warrenton, North Carolina.

# *Order of Service*

Officiating.....Sis. Roxanne Goodley

Organ Prelude

Processional/with song

Hymnal

Opening Prayer.....Sis. Ozie Holt

Readings of Scripture.....Sis. Roxanne Goodley

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-2

Song

Reading of the Obituary

& Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Nannette Wilson

Remarks

Selection.....Evangelist Mary Jackson

Eulogy.....Elder Jerry Smalls

Benediction

Recessional

**Final Disposition**  
Oxford Hills Cemetery  
Chester, New York

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all of the words of encouragement received during this hour of bereavement.*

*Crystal and Susie would like to thank the staff at Greater Harlem Nursing Home for their care, compassion and concern provided for Mr. Franklin Williams over the past several months.*

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