

Celebrating The Life Of



Celestine Williams

March 8, 1955 ~ August 28, 2014

Service

Saturday, September 6, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Bishop Robert Ferrer, Celebrant
Assisted by, Pastor Simms, Liturgist*

Obituary

Celestine Williams was born in Charleston, South Carolina on Tuesday, March 8, 1955 to the late Rubin H. Williams and Lillie Mae Gaston. She was one of seven children. Her sister, Janie Mae Pope preceded her in death.

Celestine was raised in Charleston, South Carolina before relocating to Harlem, New York in 1969. In Charleston S.C., she met and fell in love with her childhood sweetheart, Lester Mazyck. From this union their daughter, Valerie Williams was born. After the birth of her daughter she began working at the YMCA in midtown Manhattan. Her passion for helping others led her to have a career with the YMCA in customer service for over 20 years.

At the age of 26 years old, she gave her life over to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout her time at Faith Temple Deliverance Church in Harlem, New York she became a Deaconess later to become an Ordained Minister. She was an advent servant of the Lord, she spread the word of God to everyone she knew. She was well known as “Sister Williams.” To those who knew her, she was passionate about helping others, inspirational, loving and kind. She had a great sense of humor. She had a contagious laugh and peaceful heart. She loved to sing and dance (praise), a form of freedom for her soul.

In 1990, she attended the College of New Rochelle, in Bronx, NY to advance her career. Not long after returning to college, Celestine’s health began to deteriorate at a rapid pace. Though she fought hard to return to the person she once was due to the severity of her ailments, she became a resident at the Bay Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Home in Co-op City, Bronx, NY. There, she was deeply loved. To everyone there she was known as “My Baby”. She fought a long and hard battle throughout the years.

Celestine Williams was called home peacefully on Thursday, August 28th, 2014 at 10:35 pm. She leaves to cherish in her memories: her only daughter, Valerie Williams-Barr, and son-in-law, Stephen Barr; her two grandchildren, Quanasia Green and Stephen Barr, Jr.; and one precious great grandson, Karter DeBrady; siblings, Marvin Pope, Alphonso Williams, Vanessa Pope, Samantha Pope-Thompkins, Tanya Pope; sisters-in-law, Dana Robinson, Vanness Pope and Sandy Hicks; brother-in-law, Mark Thompkins; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other family members and close friends.

Order of Service

***Bishop Robert Ferrer, Officiating
Faith Temple Deliverance Church of God
Elder Ferguson, Organist***

Call to Worship..... Elder Robert Ferrer

Opening Praise..... Jordan Ferguson

InvocationPastor Simms

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13..... Stephen Barr, Jr. (grandson)

New Testament - Psalm 121Shakia Pope (niece)

Musical Selection.....Faith Ministry Choir

Words Of Reflection..... Pastor Simms

- Evangelist Corrine Campbell
- Vanessa Pope (sister)

Poems..... Samantha Pope (sister)
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Acknowledgements/Cards

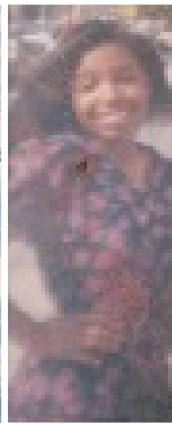
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Eulogy..... Elder Robert Ferrer

Committal and Benediction..... Elder Robert Ferrer

Interment

The Kensico Cemetery
273 Lakeview Avenue
Valhalla, New York 10595



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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