

A Celebration of Life
Home Going Service for



Elder Alfred Williams

Sunrise
February 5, 1927

Sunset
March 5, 2015

Service
Friday, March 13, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN/ST. PAUL
UNITED PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

10-12 Hobson Street • Newark, NJ 07112

Reverend Glenn Mason, Presiding
Bishop Eddie Andrews, Officiating

Obituary

Alfred Williams was born on February 5, 1927 in Mountville, Pennsylvania. He was the second born son of the late Overseer Clarence Sr. and Rosie Williams. He entered into eternal life on March 5, 2015.

Alfred's early educational training was within the Lancaster, PA school system. Upon moving to Newark, NJ in 1941 with his family, he attended and graduated from East Side High School. After graduation he enlisted in the Army and served overseas before being Honorably Discharged in 1947. Upon his return home, he worked for several companies as a mechanical inspector. Later he attended and graduated from Rutgers University and earned a Master's Degree from NYU.

Alfred became a very serious believer in Jesus Christ in his mid thirties and studied under his father, the late Overseer Clarence Williams, Sr. for seven years. He then established his own church – St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Alfred began his professional career as an elementary teacher in the Newark Public School system in 1965. Serving at Hawkins Street School, he taught grades five through eight. He was a Vice Principle at Quitman St. School and his last twelve years were as a Vice-Principle at Chancellor Avenue School where he retired from in 1992. His lifetime relationship with children over the years was fruitful and rewarding. His love for The Lord was the driving force in his diligence to share the gospel with the youth. On Sundays he'd drive down in the church van to the projects to pick up young people and carry them to church in Paterson, NJ, as well as, Virginia, North Carolina, and Nyack, NY. He also enjoyed taking them roller skating, apple and strawberry picking, to the county fairs and other outings as well. However, sharing God's Word and His gift of salvation was paramount. The impact for good he had on the youth down through the years has impacted their lives to this day.

Elder Williams was introduced to foreign missions via Dr. Theodore Epp's radio broadcast, Back to the Bible. It was at this time he personally began supporting foreign missionaries financially. Later he became affiliated with SIM (Sudan Interior Missions) located in Charlotte, NC. This affiliation allowed him and his late wife, Carole the opportunity to go on their first missionary journey to Liberia, West Africa in 1987. He was responsible for teaching the Bible in SIMs Discipleship Training School in the interior town of Kolahun some 200 miles from Monrovia. As his love for foreign missions grew, he became independent from SIM but continued his foreign missionary work for twenty-seven years where he would spend two-three months at a time preaching, teaching, counseling and working alongside the people. When he'd return home he enthusiastically shared with various churches and anyone he'd come in contact with, how The Lord worked in the lives of the people through the teaching and preaching of The Word. Preaching and teaching The Word of God was Elder Williams' passion. He always encouraged the saints to live a life of holiness and remain faithful to The Lord. In addition, he always encouraged the saints to join him on the mission field to just "come see"; if perhaps The Lord may be calling them to take part in foreign missions. In November 1990, he married Shirley L. Clark who faithfully worked alongside him in their labor at the Church and in foreign missions.

Elder Williams remained on fire for the Lord and encouraged us to take our salvation seriously. He always noted how living saved was an adventure and because of how God had taken such good care of him down through the years why wouldn't he serve Him. He always encouraged us to embrace the spiritual truths of God's word. Some of those truths were...

- "Embrace (hug it!!!!) all trials and tribulations because when you do you're embracing God."
- "God has done that which has pleased Him."
- "We have power and authority to do everything God has commanded us to do."
- "Obeying God is a win, win situation."
- "Keep it simple."

Elder Williams was preceded in death by his parents, Overseer Clarence Sr. and Rosie Williams; wife, Carole Williams; daughter, Sandra Williams; brothers, Frank and Clarence (Bud) Jr. Williams; sisters, Rosalie Williams and Grace McKnight, and brother-in-law, Walter White.

Elder Alfred Williams leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Shirley Williams; daughters, Hope Clark and Melvina Williams; sisters, Lucinda White and Regina Williams; step-mother, Viola Williams; sister-in-laws, Marcia Williams and Lena Hines; niece, Michele A. Williams; nephews, Moses McKnight Jr., Kevin Williams (Rhoda), and Marqus White, Sr. (Sandra) and great-nephews, Nathaniel and Samuel Williams, Marqus Jr. and Jordan White; spiritual sons and daughters both here and in Liberia, West Africa; as well as a host of relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation

Opening Hymns..... *“He Will Understand And Say Well Done”*
“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalms 115: 1-3

New Testament.....II Timothy 4:2-8

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Sister M. Flowers

Words from the Mission Field.....Reverend Glenn Mason

Remarks and Reflections (2 minutes).....Bishops and Elders

Poem.....Sister Mobley

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Sister K. Gordon

Solo.....Sister Y. Andrews

Eulogy.....Bishop Eddie Andrews
Miracle Temple Apostolic Holiness Church, Brooklyn, NY

Recessional

~**Internment**~

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Do Not Stand By My Grave & Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep;

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush I

*am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.*

*I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do
not stand at my grave and cry; I am not
there, I did not die.*

Acknowledgements

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