

Home Going Service for

Esther Louise Williams

Sunrise

March 30, 1928

Sunset

March 20, 2015



Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Messiah Baptist Church

13-17 Oak Street, East Orange, NJ 07018

Reverend Dana P. Owens, Pastor, Officiating

Obituary

On March 20, 2015, **Esther Louise Jackson Williams**, of 300 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ, was called home and entered eternal rest. Esther was born on March 30, 1928 to the late Julius and Virginia Jackson in Newark, NJ. Esther was raised in East Orange on Amherst Street and attended Elmwood Elementary School, Vernon L. Davey Junior High School, and East Orange High School (Class of 1947). She also earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Seton Hall University in 1980.

As a child, Esther grew up on Amherst Street where she loved music and dancing. As a teenager, she won numerous dance contests at the Colored YMCA on Oakwood Avenue in Orange, NJ. Esther loved the Lord and was baptized and became a member of the Union Baptist Church, Orange, NJ, under Pastorate of Rev. James Vance McIver. She served as a Youth Usher and sang in the Youth and Adult Choirs. She later joined Messiah Baptist, East Orange, NJ, where she has been a faithful member for over 30 years.

She was employed at the Essex County Division of Welfare as an Assistant Training Supervisor for over 30 years until her retirement in 1995. She remained in touch with her coworker friends and attended a monthly pizza luncheon at Star Pizza in West Orange. She was also very active in the East Orange community as a County District Leader. Esther cared about the people in her community while she fulfilled her passion to help people. She has received numerous awards from the county and city for community service.

Esther was married to the late Samuel Williams, Jr. and they were blessed with a son, Alan K. Williams, Sr. Esther was a caring and loving Mother who would often be heard calling out her Son's name "Al" during his school band concerts and sporting events. And wherever Alan and his family lived around the world (.i.e., Germany, Kentucky, Maryland), she has visited them with little fear of traveling.

In addition to helping people, Esther also had two other passions: Listening to jazz music and sending birthday cards to friends and relatives. Even in senior years, Esther would travel throughout the local area to attend jazz concerts. And if you really got to know her well, you would receive a timely birthday card every year on your birthday from her. This effort was handed down to her by her loving Mother, Virginia Jackson.

Esther lived her life to the fullest while enjoying her independent and self sufficiency until her death. She is predeceased by her father, Julius Jackson; mother, Virginia Jackson; brother, Frederick Jackson; sister-in-law, Evelyn Jackson; 7 aunts, (Dorothy Harris, Sadie Fleming, Neva Minis, Eleanor Lewis, Sally Wright, Esther Fleming, and Ada Green); and 3 uncles, (Clarence Jackson, Linwood Lewis, and Emmitt Lewis).

Esther leaves to cherish her memory: a loving son, Alan K. Williams, Sr.; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Williams; grandson, Alan K. Williams, Jr. and his wife, Sharday; granddaughter, Amanda Williams; a great granddaughter, Camren Williams; a nephew, Frederick Jackson and his wife, Yvonne Jackson; a great nephew, Douglas Jackson and his wife, Roni, a great niece, Courtney Jackson; two great great nephews, (Douglas Jr. and Noah Jackson); and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Pastor Dana P. Owens

HYMN OF COMFORT..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

New Testament: John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Deacon Eddie Davis

HYMN OF ASSURANCE..... “How Great Thou Art”

READING OF THE OBITUARY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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CHOIR SELECTION

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE “It Is Well With My Soul”

RECESSIONAL..... “I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Fairmont Cemetery
620 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ

Repast

*immediately following the interment
in the Church Fellowship Hall*

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Acknowledgements

We appreciate your expressions of love, kindness,
and sympathy during this time of loss.

May God bless you all!

The Family

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