

In Loving Memory of



Reta Mitchell Williams

Sunrise
December 21, 1919

Sunset
March 26, 2015

Services

Monday, April 6, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Israel Memorial AME Church

54 Lincoln Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Rev. Robert Jackson, Pastor

Rev. John G. Ragin, Eulogist

Obituary

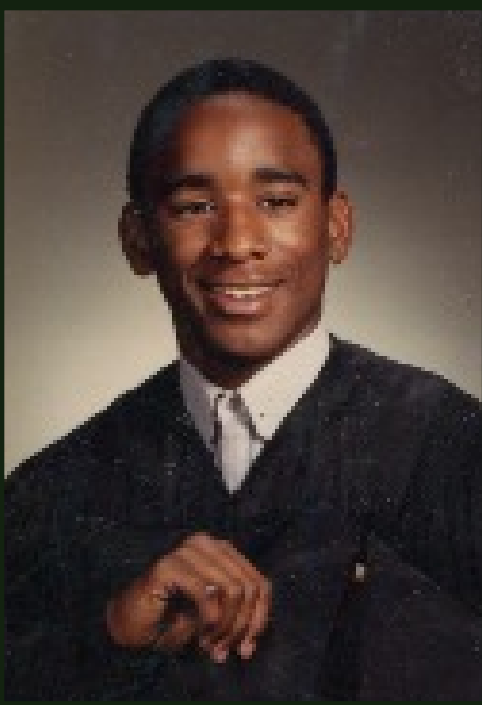
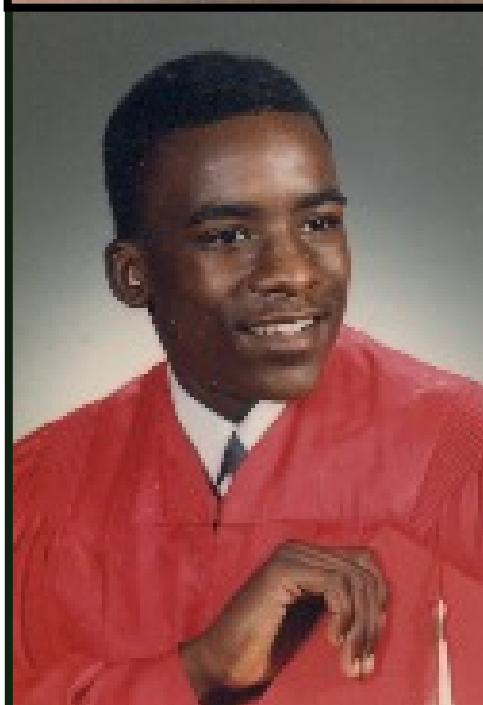
Ms. Reta Mitchell Williams was born December 21, 1919 to Reverend E.M. Mitchell and Annie Rogers Mitchell. Reta and her family moved to Newark, New Jersey in “1922” where she attended and graduated from South Side High School.

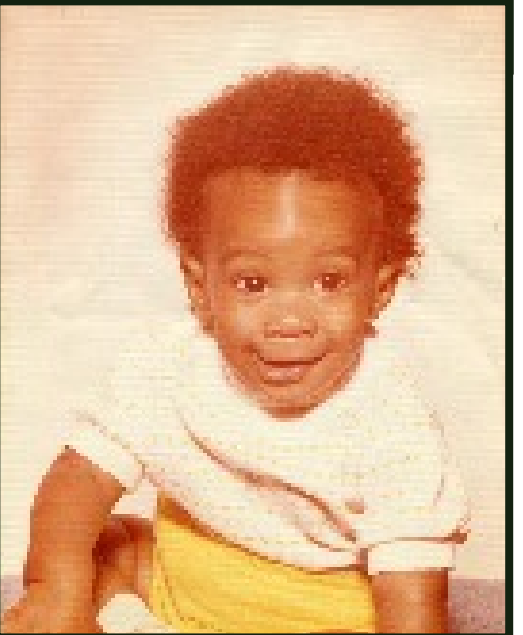
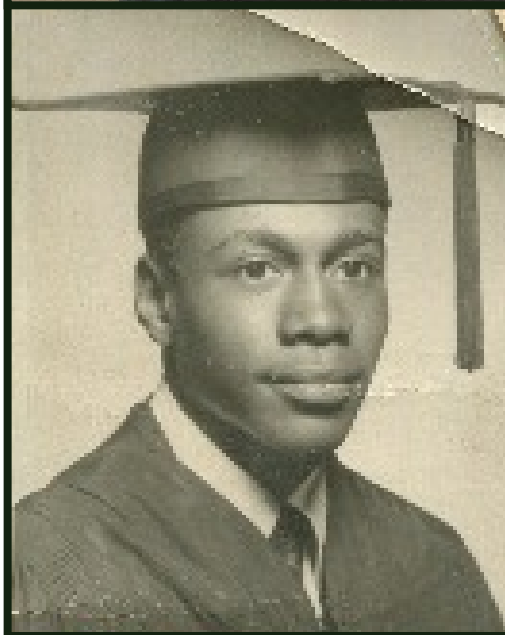
Reta met and married the love of her life Herman (Jelly) Williams, to this union two sons were born, Gerald and Donald.

Reta surrendered her Christian life to Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church, where she spent seventy-five years humbly serving. She became President of the Stewardess Board, President of the Flower Club and Business Manager. She was also a member of the Credit Union for more than four decades. Reta’s unconditional love for Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church was unwavering, as was her fifteen year employment with the city of Newark, New Jersey.

Reta was predeceased by her, husband, Herman (Jelly) Williams, two sons, Gerald and Donald, her devoted sisters, Ida Winbush, Carrie O’Neal, Odessa Mitchell, Estelle Marshall, Tomell Crooms, Vera M. Dukes and one brother, James Mitchell.

Reta leaves to cherish her memory, her faithful and loyal grandson, Rahim Williams and wife, Shemone Williams; a devoted niece, Carolyn Kelley Shabazz and husband, Almustafa Shabazz; and a host of nieces and nephews.





Order of Service

Processional

Solo Missionary Carrie Holder

Scripture Readings Rev. Fran Gilford
Old Testament
New Testament

Words of Comfort ... Honorable Sharpe James, Former Mayor City of Newark Mayor/Senator
Honorable Mildred Crump, President of Newark City Council
Honorable Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins, Council Woman Central Ward Newark

Selection Gospel Choir

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Remarks/Reflections Rahim Williams

Welcome Congregational Remarks

Solo Missionary Carrie Holder

Obituary Norma Wise

Solo Rosa Randall

Eulogy Rev. John G. Ragin
Former Pastor of St. Luke AME

Benediction Rev. John G. Ragin

<p><u>Interment</u> Glendale Cemetery 28 Hoover Avenue Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003</p>
--

Repast
Israel Memorial AME Church

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!*

The Family

Acknowledgement

Special thanks to Israel Memorial Congregation for the support and comfort Reta Williams was given during her time of need. Special thanks to Rev. John G. Ragin,

Emma Herron Rebecca Peters

Norma Wise Kathy Cummings

Bobby Hawkins Rosa Randall

Oadline Truitt

Professional Services by:

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey 07102

973-622-6872

Carolyn Whigham, Director

