

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Earl Williams*



**Sunrise**  
March 9, 1931

**Sunset**  
November 9, 2015

*Friday, November 13, 2015*

*Visitation: 9:00 AM*

*Service: 11:00 AM*

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

224 West Kinney Street

*To My Father,*

*A man wiser than his years; he's made me  
the man I am. Thank you Dad.... Rest in  
peace. Love you.-*

*Earl Jr.*

*To My Beloved "Speed",*

*Words can never convey the profound love  
and respect I have for you. I could never  
say "goodbye". You will be with me  
**ALWAYS.***

*Loretta*

*My Father, "Speed",*

*How do I say "goodbye" to the one man  
who has always been an anchor in my life?*

*You have taught me so many things,  
including the strength of God, and that's  
the strength I will need to get through this  
tough time. I will always love you and try  
to continue the legacy you left for me and  
my children.*

*Shirley*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Earl Williams** was born to the late Sam Williams Sr. and Sallie Williams in Sicily Island, Louisiana on March 9, 1931. The younger of two sons, he received Christ at an early age and was baptized at True Light Baptist Church in Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Soon after, he joined Second Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev L.B. Brass, where he served in the youth choir, usher board, and Sunday school.

Earl graduated from Franklin Parrish Training School in Winnsboro, Louisiana and Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, New Jersey where he graduated with certification in auto mechanics. Aside from his formal education, Earl was fondly known as “**Mr. Fix-It**”. Earl was a master at plumbing, masonry, carpeting, electrical work-- he even built his own garage! He was simply phenomenal. “If he could see it, he could do it!”.

In elementary school he met “the love of his life”, Jacqueline Brown and was joined to her in marriage in 1949. The couple was blessed with 3 children from this union: Earl Jr., Loretta Faye, and Shirley Jean.

With “*a leap of faith*”, Earl left his small rural town at the age of 19 and moved to the large metropolitan city of Chicago to make a better way of life for his family. Jacqueline did not like Chicago and as a result the couple returned to Louisiana. Discontent with life in Winnsboro, they came to Newark, NJ to join his brother. Earl was employed by an electronic company for a short time and then landed a job at General Motors in Linden, NJ. After 30 years of employment, he retired at 52 years old.

In 1953, Earl joined Abyssinian Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. R.P. Mean where he joined various organizations such as the “Young People Choir”, the Prayer Band, and also served as a Sunday School teacher. Earl was ordained a deacon in 1963 under the leadership of the late Rev. Sharper. He initially served as secretary of the deacon board but was later promoted to vice-chairmen and ultimately promoted to chairman in 1985. Earl was the longest serving chairman so far at Abyssinian Baptist Church, having served for 30 years.

Earl, affectionately known as “Speed” or “Smooth” to some, was a generous, even-tempered man who loved life and dearly loved his family. Earl was a lover of music and had a beautiful singing voice, which was often heard on Sundays at his church. Earl contributed his natural tenor voice to the Abyssinian Baptist

Church Gospel Chorus. He was an officer and board member of the Community Financial Services Federal Credit Union, a member and officer of the Linden Seventh Ward Democratic Club and even obtained a charter to start a local Boy Scout Troop in Linden to keep the local boys out of trouble. After a full life of selflessly serving others, in the twilight hours of November 9, Earl transitioned to his heavenly home. His parents, Sam and Sallie preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his lovely wife of 66 years, Jacqueline; children, Earl (South River, NJ), Loretta (Reading, PA) and Shirley (Al) (Scotch Plains, NJ); grandchildren, Tammy, Jacqueline Nicole, Earl III, Matthew, Danielle, and Michelle; great grandchildren, BreAnna, Camari, and Taj; brother, Sam Williams (Alma) (Ferriday, Louisiana); sister-in-law, Earline Daniels (Fremont, CA); brother-in-law, Milton Brown (Mari) (Lithonia, GA), Lily Brown (San Antonio, TX), and a host of nieces and



## Order of Service

Processional

Hymn

Scriptures

*Old Testament*

*New Testament* . Rev. Angela Sims

Prayer of Comfort . Rev. Rahmin Wynn

Selection . Choir

Remarks

Tributes. Terron Sims Sr.

Dwayne Daniels  
Matthew McDuffie  
Danielle McDuffie

Selection

Obituary and Condolences

Selection

Eulogy

### **Interment**

Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey

### **Pallbearers**

Terron Sims Sr.   Matthew McDuffie  
Terron Sims Jr.   Eric Williams  
Dwayne Daniels   Albert Smith Jr.

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do,  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess,  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I travel alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted and in God you trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories in your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
So if you need me, call and with God's help I'll come.  
Though you can't touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear.  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
When you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and open arms,*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The Family would like to acknowledge and deeply appreciate all the condolences to the family in this hour of bereavement. We thank you for all the prayers that have gone up before the*

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