

Celebrating The Life  
of  
*Marella Williams*

Sunrise  
August 17, 1971

Sunset  
October 22, 2020

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020 - 11:00 AM**

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

106 Sussex Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07103

*Rev. Ron Burgess, Officiating*

# Obituary

Marella Williams was born on August 17, 1971 at Martland Hospital in Newark, New Jersey to Shelby and Roy Reddick. Marella started kindergarten at Eighteenth Avenue School in Newark. Her family moved to Orange, New Jersey in 1976 where she attended Forest Street Elementary from 1st through 4th grades, transferring to Central Elementary School for the 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Marella went to Orange Middle School for the 7th and 8th grades, completing her high school education at Orange High School graduating with the Class of 1990. Marella continued her education at the Empire Technical School in East Orange, New Jersey from 1993 to 1995 where she received certificates as a Medical Secretary Transcriptionist and a Dental Assistant.

Marella began her career as a Dental Assistant followed by a Dental Receptionist and finally finding a career she loved as a Medical Supply Tech where she sterilized instruments in hospitals for all medical clinics and operating rooms. First at the Rutgers School of Medicine and Dentistry, known as University Hospital. Marella ended her career at the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey where she worked for over 14 years as a Medical Supply Tech. Marella was an avid reader of bible and romance novels. She was a diehard New York Giants football fan, win or lose.

You would find Marella camped out in front of the television watching her team during their Sunday or Monday night games. Marella was a Christian and she had an awesome and devoted personal relationship with God. She was a member of Newark Bible Fellowship Church for 28 years under the leadership of Pastor Delbert Baker, who was Pastor for 40 years. The current pastor, Pastor Ron Burgess, has led NBFC for the past 6 years. During her years as a member of Newark Bible Fellowship Church, Marella served in the Nursery, Sunday School and as a Vacation Bible School Teacher as well as working with the Homeless Outreach and Food Ministry where she helped with repasts, church anniversaries and holiday baskets.

Marella was a member of SOS (Supporting Our Sisters), an empowerment group for women. She loved attending Women's Conferences and marches to Stop Violence. Marella was a strong woman, but she knew that God gave her the strength to be the Christian woman that she was. She was a hard worker and loved spending time with her parents and served as caregiver for her dad, for 3 years, while also dealing with her own health issues as a dialysis patient for 12 years. Marella was ten minutes older than her identical twin sister and she made sure her twin knew it. Marella was affectionately called by her nickname, LittleBit, because her twin was born one pound heavier than her at birth. Marella told everyone that her best friend was her twin sister Mareta, they did and went everywhere together.

Though she never had biological children of her own, Marella loved her nephew Hakeem like he was her own. She was his second mom and she also had a godson Jason Long. Marella was a straightforward person. She never minced her words and she always spoke her mind. But if you were fortunate enough to be loved by her, you were one of the luckiest persons in world because she loved her family and friends unconditionally. Marella loved her brother( pet dog Midnight). Marella loved all genres of music, from Gospel to 70's Old School Music to Rap and Jazz and she loved attending concerts. Marella's favorite colors were silver and black and she loved wearing silver jewelry. She also loved stylish clothes, shoes and handbags. Marella was a patient at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, New Jersey from September 23, 2020 to October 20, 2020.

On October 21, 2020 she was transferred to Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey where she departed this life on October 22, 2020 from an unknown lung condition. Marella leaves to cherish her parents Shelby and Roy Reddick, her six siblings, brothers Raymond Jackson, Zachary and Perez Williams, and sisters Yolanda Easter, Ardrene Williams and her identical twin Mareta Williams. Proceeding her in death were her two brothers Thomas and Kim Williams and one sister Wanda Lewis, maternal and paternal grandparents, four uncles and five aunts and one niece Betty Jean Easter.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Walk Around Heaven All Day ( Jai Allen)

Opening Hymn ..... When We All Get To Heaven

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Isaiah 41:10

New Testament – John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Poem ..... Keicha Williams

Acknowledgment/Resolutions/Reading of Obituary

Sister ..... Stephenia Burgess (Church Clerk)

Reflections (2 minutes) ..... Family and Friends

Musical Selection ..... His Eye is on The Sparrow (Jason Long)

Eulogy - John 14:1-6..... Pastor Ron Burgess

*Newark Bible Fellowship Church 30 Randolph Place*

*Newark New Jersey 07108*

Recessional ..... Clergy, Deacons and Family

## Interment

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, NJ

# Footprints

*One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*



## Acknowledgement

*The family of **Marella Williams** would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, prayers, love and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. We pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.*

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