



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 my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall 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 life 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.

Until We Meet Again

*We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
And you never ever will.
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain.
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Lilian Marie Williams** wishes to acknowledge and offer our deepest appreciation for the many deeds of kindness, expressions of sympathy, and prayers of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement.*

Celebration of Life for



Lilian Marie Williams

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

St Augustines Episcopal Church
155 Prospect Avenue • Asbury Park, NJ 07712
Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi, Officiating

Order of Service

OPENING HYMN..... “Blessed Assurance”
OPENING ANTHEM
COLLECTS
OLD TESTAMENT READINGS
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33.....Stephanie Parker
Psalms 23.....Tyron Puryear
NEW TESTAMENT READING
2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:9..... Karen Brown
SELECTION..... “Precious Lord, Take my Hand”
Paula Sloan & Maxine Dixon
THE GOSPEL..... *John 14:1-6*
READING OF OBITUARYKaprice Smith
REFLECTIONS..... Leslie Dona
SELECTION..... “Welcome Home”
Paula Sloan & Maxine Dixon
HOMILY.....The Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi
APOSTLES’ CREED
LORD’S PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE COMMENDATION
CLOSING HYMN..... “I’ll Fly Away”
DISMISSAL

***The repass will immediately following
service in the undercroft.***

Obituary

Lillian Marie Williams, 88, of Ocean, passed away peacefully at home on October 8, 2021. Marie, as she was affectionately known, was born in Long Branch, NJ, raised in Asbury Park where she attended school. After graduating from Asbury Park High School, she attended the former Monmouth Junior College and later Brookdale Community College. She worked for New Jersey Bell and AT&T as an operator for 31 years. She was married to her beloved husband, James W. Williams Sr. for 49 years.

Marie led a life that was deeply rooted in her church and service to others. As a devoted member of Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, she was very active in multiple church ministries, including the Lay Eucharistic Ministry, Lector, Choir, Altar Guild, Episcopal Church Women (ECW), United Thank Offering Bag Project; the Sunday Soup Kitchen, the ECW Food Pantry, the Hunger Outreach Program, and the Bible Study Group. She also served as Vice President of the Alleluia Chapter and President of the Monmouth District Episcopal Church Women, and served on the Order of the Daughters of the King, Saint Thomas Church in Red Bank, and volunteered for the Neptune Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, she was involved with the Telephone Pioneers of America, H.G. McCully Chapter, Asbury Park Life Member Club and the Monmouth County Cotillion Golf Tournament Committee. She also supported her husband’s membership in the Liberty Fire Company of Neptune, by being a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the department for over 50 years.

She chaired and/or has been involved in multiple volunteer activities concerning young children and the elderly which were very dear to Marie's heart. These include CROP Walk, Lay Hospital Visitor for Pastoral Care at Jersey Shore Medical Center, St. Augustine’s Sunday School as Coordinator and teacher; Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) advisor; Brownie and Girl Scout Leader; Consultant and Chairperson for Trident Neighborhood; Girl Scout Day Camp volunteer counselor;

West Side Community Center in their Play School Nursery teaching arts and crafts; and the Golden Age Seniors in their Summer Day Camp Programs. Her other community involvement included: MCAP Summer Enrichment Program for Hispanic Youngsters; St. Peter Claver Church's Mini Operation Improve Program; and the State Adoption Program encouraging the adoption of African American children ages 2-12.

Marie received numerous awards and honors including The Central Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Humanitarian Service Award (1977); NJ Bell Telephone Company's Good Citizen of the Month (1977) and of the Year (1978) Awards; the Delta Sigma Theta Alumnae Chapter Award for Christian Endeavor/Community Service (1989); Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of NJ President's Honoree (1999), the National Episcopal Church Women's Board Honoree Award (2000) and the Central Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. National Association's highest award, the Sojourner Truth Award (2007).

She loved spending time with her family and friends, loved chocolate, golfing, sewing, all kinds of puzzles, and traveling the world.

She was predeceased by her parents, Gertrude and Harold Saunders, her brother Charles L. Smith and her beloved husband, James W. Williams Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, James W. Williams, Jr., two daughters, Frances E. Dixon and Jeanmarie Lee; two granddaughters, Paula Sloan (Michael Jr.) and Maxine Dixon; and one beautiful great-grandson, Michael III. She is also survived by her five sisters, Amy Ludlow, Viola Smith, Cicely Saunders, Patricia Roberts (Daniel) and Sharon Saunders; one brother Thomas L. Smith (Margaret) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and other relatives and friends.