



In Loving Memory of
Burnell Williams

April 4, 1929 - November 16, 2021

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

St. Rose Of Lima

11 Gray Street • Newark, New Jersey

Father Joe, Officiating

Obituary

On November 16, 2021, Mrs. Burnell White Williams went home to be with the Lord. She was born April 4, 1929, in Waycross, GA. She was the seventh child of Grover C. White and Pearlle Humphrey. In her early childhood, around 1937, she and her family moved to Orange, NJ. She was a graduate of class 1945 of Central High School, Newark, NJ.

On May 19th, 70 years ago, at the age of 21, she married Mr. Archibald Webb Williams, Sr. Together, the couple raised four children.

Throughout her life, she ventured into many job opportunities and careers. For a period, she was a federal civil servant working for the United States Postal Service. She was employed by Presbyterian Hospital, Newark NJ, as a data entry keypunch operator, as well as working as a real estate agent for Century 21.

While managing a busy household, with the support of her husband and family, she returned to school receiving her Associates Degree at Essex County Community College, Newark, NJ. Ultimately, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Montclair State University, Montclair NJ.

She exhibited her passion for education as an elementary school teacher at Saint Rose of Lima School, Newark NJ. She ventured into another career path as an administrative assistant for the municipality of Newark, NJ. Mrs. Williams' assignment was to support the Office of the Deputy Mayor for the City of Newark, Mr. Carmen A. Biase, under the administration of the Honorable Kenneth A. Gibson. After this administration, she moved into the position of administrative support within the City of Newark Judicial chambers. Mrs. Williams' gift of gab would lead her to engage in conversations that touched the lives of many.

She loved plants, flowers and yes, hats! She demonstrated her love of music as an active choir member in church. She was a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary; she also supported church's fellowships bringing her culinary dishes for everyone to enjoy. She loved the Lord. She would end every conversation with an enthusiastic "And God Loves Us All!"

She had a zest for travel, be it by cars, trains, boats and planes. She had the opportunity to enjoy vacations to see natural wonders in California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina and Saint Thomas. Her passport has stamps from international destinations such as Canada, Costa Rica, Bahamas, Mexico and Venezuela. She was indeed embracing her vision of being a world traveler.

People saw her as a warm, kind, generous, sweet, loving and welcoming person. She has been preceded in death by five brothers; Joseph, Charles, Glover, John and Willie and four sisters; Willie Ann, Annie Ruth, Gustine and Nadine.

She leaves to cherish sweet memories her spouse of 70 years, Archibald Webb Williams, Sr., of Newark, NJ. Daughters; Frances L. Harvey (Henry) of Upper Marlboro, MD; Cynthia A. Williams of Denver, CO; sons, Archibald W. Williams, Jr., of Newark, NJ, Jason P. Williams (LaTanya) of Atlanta, GA. Grandchildren Michael Crawford, Ngozi Thomas, Caleb Harvey, Gabrielle Williams, and Grant Williams; great grandchildren Scott Vaughan and Naazir Thomas, along with a host of nieces, nephews, grand, and great-grand nieces, nephews, and many extended family members who loved her.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

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Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, NJ



1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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