

Celebration of Life for



Mildred Shephard Strickland

Sunrise: January 2, 1934

Sunset: July 3, 2024

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 - 11:00 AM

St. Paul Sound Of Praise

593 18th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Mildred Japonica Williams was born on January 02, 1934 in Florence, SC. She was born to the late Bert and Marie Williams. She had eight siblings: James (deceased), Dora (deceased), Shirley, Mattie, Chonsie (deceased), Walter (deceased), Archie (deceased), and Earlie. Mildred was the third of the nine children.

Mildred graduated from Savannah Grove Elementary and Wilson High School in Florence, SC. She later went to trade school for sewing in Newark, NJ. Her love for service and helping others led Mildred to work in Food Service and Home Health occupations, prior to her employment at Revlon. Her hobbies were sewing and making beautiful quilts, crocheting, and ceramics. She also enjoyed cooking and one of her specialties was making pans of homemade South-Meat for family and friends.

In 1971, Mildred united in marriage to the late Johnnie Lee Strickland. They were married 45 years, until Johnnie's death in 2017. They had a blended family of three children, Mildred sons Marvin and the late Leonard (Karim) of Newark, NJ and Johnnie's son Gregory of Wilson, NC.

Mildred was affectionately known as Mother Shephard to her church family. She loved to worship and praise God and the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a member of St. Paul Sound of Praise Church in Newark, NJ (Formerly the St. Paul Fire Baptize Holiness Church in Newark, NJ) for many years (1980 – 2012). In 2012 Mother Shephard was led to join and was a dedicated worker at the Pillar and Ground of Truth FLC ministry.

Mildred prayed, encouraged and provided outreach anywhere she went, to many people for many years. She had tremendous love for her family and friends. She was a role model and an inspiration to those she encountered and to all those who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory two sisters, Shirley Williams of Winston Salem, NC and Mattie Williams of Timmonsville, SC; brother Earlie Williams of Winston Salem, NC; son, Marvin Williams of Newark, NJ; six grandchildren (Khalid, Stephen, Elijah, Kasim, Zahir and Zarina); two Sister in Laws, Jean Williams (wife of the late Walter Williams) and Dorothy Lee Coachman (sister of the late Johnny Strickland); special nieces, Felicia Williams, Elaine Keels and Deborah Strickland-Lindsey; Daughter in Laws, Shanita and Kenya; and a host of Great Grand Children, nieces, nephews and special friends.

Order of Service

Bishop Timothy Wayne Griffin, II, Pastor

Prelude & Procession - Clergy & Family

Musical Selection - Kiyamma Griffin
(Hymn) - "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Officiant - Elder Leslie C. Headley

Scripture Reading

(Old Testament) - Elder Lee Cooper

(New Testament) - Elder Sabrina Martin

Prayer of Comfort - Mother Linda Bardge

Reflections (2 mins. please) - Family & Friends

Tribute - Elder Rosezena Perry

AcknowledgmentCards, Poem, Resolution - Elder Bonita Griffin

Obituary Reading - Deborah Lindsey

Musical Selection - William Moore

Eulogy - Sr. Pastor Oswald Francis
Pillar and Ground of Truth FLC.

Prayer and Benediction - Dr. Pauline Francis

Recessional

Interment

William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, NJ

Repass

St. Paul Sounds of Praise Manors House

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

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thoughtfulness and concern.*

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