



Mary M. Swimpson Williams

April 7, 1937 - July 31, 2020

Mary Magdalene Williams was born on April 7, 1937 to the late Reverend Jart and Mrs. Choncie Swimpson in Martin County, North Carolina. On Friday, July 31, 2020, Deaconess Williams departed this life and went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At the age of two, Deaconess Williams' family relocated to Virginia where she was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools and later graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth. During her adolescent years, Mary, affectionately known as "Lean," and her sisters formed the dynamic gospel singing group, The Swimpson Gospel Singers, under the direction and management of their father, Reverend Jart Swimpson. The Swimpson Gospel Singers were widely known throughout the Tidewater region for their melodious, spirit-filled harmonies. Mary and her sisters even recorded a song at a radio station in Richmond, VA. In fact, it was after ministering one evening with The Swimpson Gospel Singers that Mary met her soon-to-be husband, Mr. Louis L. Williams, Sr. The couple married December 12, 1958, and from their union, they welcomed six beautiful children--one girl and five boys--whom she cherished and loved dearly. Mary was the proud grandmother of 20 (12 granddaughters and 8 grandsons), as well as the great-grandmother of 15 (7 great-grandsons and 8 great-granddaughters). As a devoted wife and mother, Mary insisted on cultivating a home of Christian principles--prayer, devotions, and music. Mary later became a member of Union Baptist Missionary Church for almost forty years where she served as a deaconess and a member of the Senior, Gospel, Memorial, and C.V. Russell Inspirational church choirs. She also served on the Evangelistic Outreach Ministry and the Intercessory Prayer Warriors Team. She faithfully attended Sunday School and weekly prayer meetings. Mary was not afraid to use her voice to usher in praise, and she was best known for her spirit-filled solo, "Down on My Knees When Troubles Rise."

Over the course of her adult life, Mary served as a loving caretaker to numerous children in her community for decades. She was respected and admired as a woman of grace, wisdom, and faith in her church and community, alike. Her spiritual maturity and joyful demeanor were reflected in her kind-hearted conversations, her infectious laugh, and her

selfless words of encouragement.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Jart and Choncie Swimpson; her brothers, Robert, Willie, David Lee, and Marvin (Arlene), James Arthur Hudson (Dorothy Mae); her sisters, Easter Mae (Johnnie) and Gloria; sister-in laws, Martha Jean, Juliet; and brother-in-laws, George E. and George. Mary will be forever cherished and remembered by her loving husband, Louis, Sr. also known as "Bobby," her daughter, Sheryl (Rudy), her sons, Louis, Jr. (Vickie), Steven (Dena), Mark (Angela), Reginald (Patricia), Vincent (Wendy); grandchildren, Shanique, Chantel, Tiffany (Jonathan), Shadé (Tyrone), Camarrie, Brittnie (Robert III), Darrius, Rashada, Justina (Harold), Ashley, Daniel, Rubi, Samuel, Mark, Jr., Vincent, Jr., Reginald, Jr., ReNaya, Greg, Daryl, and Kim; great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jr., Mya, Amina, Elle, Olivia, Gabriel, Tamia, Tiana, Jurnee, Robert IV, Rio, Malik, Autumn-Rai, Asaiah, Kash, and Dior. Also, to honor her memory are her surviving sisters, Elsie and Delores, her sister-in-laws, Margaret, Maggie, Gloria, and a brother-in-law, Willie, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, church congregational family, and dear friends.

Mary M. Williams was a gentle heart, a courageous soul, and a powerful spirit. Her legacy of love lives on in the lives and memories of all whom she touched.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Cemetery

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, VA,

Events

AUG Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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J.T. Fisher Funeral Services

1248 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA,
US, 23323

AUG Service 11:00AM

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Union Baptist Missionary Church

5414 Nansemond Parkway, Suffolk, VA, US, 23435

Comments



“ Deaconess Williams was a gentle spirited woman with an angelic voice. She always had a smile on her face. I met her at Union Baptist Missionary Church. She was known for singing her song " Down on My Knees". She loved to praise the Lord. Sometimes, she couldn't finish the song because she would become filled with the spirit. Deacon Williams would finish it for her. They were a loving couple. At the end of the service, I would go to say hello. She would smile and say " you sit back there with Pat and RJ, I would say "yes ma'am". She was such a sweet lady. My heartfelt condolences to the Williams family. I pray the GOD will comfort you at this time of transition. May his Grace, Mercy and Peace be with you.

To my friends, Reggie and Patricia, I Love You!!

Aletra Spivey - August 06 at 06:15 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 06 at 11:59 AM



“ Marquelle Person & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary M. Swimpson Williams.



Marquelle Person & Family - August 05 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary M. Swimpson Williams.



August 05 at 10:07 AM



“ love u grandma mary. until we meet again....enjoy your rest.
love always, ur granddaughter shade' smith.

Shade' Smith - July 31 at 11:50 PM