



## Jean Williams

March 1, 1918 - March 22, 2017

Jean Wistene Hicks Williams was born in Brunswick County, Lawrenceville, Virginia on March 1, 1918 to the late James and Julia Hicks. She was the third oldest of six children. Her sisters Wilhelmenia, Katherine, Esther, Laura and brother Leon preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband James Williams and step-son Robert Williams.

Jean joined Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Virginia at an early age. Upon moving to New York to live, she joined Walter's Memorial AMEZ where she served on numerous auxiliaries to include being president of the usher board. Upon transitioning next to Peace Dale Rhode Island to Portsmouth, Virginia due to her husband's job, she joined the Noble Street Baptist Church where she was a member of the Usher Board. Jean enjoyed working with the Meals on Wheels and transporting seniors to medical appointments.

Jean worked as a seamstress, where she enjoyed making women clothing. While in New York, Jean was actively involved with the AFLCIO Union (ILGWU) where she represented the Local at the famous Martin Luther King March on Washington.

She leaves behind two nieces:, Hester (Paul), Novella, great-niece Gina (Carus), great-nephew James (Latasha), two great-great nephews: Darius,

and David, one great--great--great neice Hayden, six step-grandchildren; Valerie, Christopher, Michael, Stephanie, La Toya, Damon, fourteen step-great grandchildren, five step great- great- great grandchildren, a step-daughter-in-law Rose Williams of New York, a brother-in-law John Williams, other relatives and friends.

I have found a place where I can be free

I have found a whole new beginning just for me.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Noble Street Baptist Church  
100 Noble Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Graceful Grandeur Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Williams.



---

April 01, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ Ms Jean was like the grandmother I never had. She was a friend of my Mom's. When my Mom passed away in 2000, I continued a friendship with her up until her last days. I loved visiting her and listening to her stories.



She was always thinking about others, and would do anything for you if it was within her power. She truly had a heart of gold. I never heard her speak a bad word about anyone. She lived a long life, she lived by God's word, and I have no doubt she is reaping her reward in Heaven. I will TRULY miss her, and I know I am blessed to have had her in my life. Ms Jean will always have a special place in my heart.

Connie Ward Stevens

---

Connie Ward Stevens - March 31, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ When I took care of your mother I didn't know I was going to end up with a beautiful friend as you, you were a strong woman glad to have know you, God have you now he will take good care of you now. Love you Sandra Cornell.

---

Sandra Cornell - March 28, 2017 at 09:17 AM