



Josie Williams

June 27, 1918 - December 4, 2007

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Josie - Age 89, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at her residence. Family hour 10AM Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Holbrook Avenue Church of God, 1034 E. Holbrook Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Pastor Leo Robinson officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Saturday. Mrs. Williams will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-8PM Friday. Mrs. Josie (Payton) Williams, affectionately known as "Sister Williams" and "Ole Jo" was born June 27, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Robert Lee and Josie (Davis) Payton. Josie's mother died when the girls were very young and they were raised by their grandmother, Minnie "Peaches" Davis. Josie moved to Flint, Michigan as a child. She graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1938. Josie worked at Hurley Hospital as an Elevator Operator and Supervisor for over 30 years. Josie married Clayton Williams on February 4, 1953 and they were married for over 41 years until his death in 1994. Josie was first an active member of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church as a choir member and soloist. Then, along with her husband Clayton, they founded the Holbrook Avenue Church of God in 1957. She remained an active member in the church until she was no longer able due to her disability. Josie loved doing missionary work with her husband in Flint and abroad traveling to Africa, Barbados, Haiti and Jerusalem, where she was baptized in the Jordan

River. Josie served as Holbrook's Choir Director , Sunday School teacher, Missionary Worker, and Kitchen Committee Coordinator. She loved the Lord and the Holbrook Avenue Church of God was her "heart." Josie enjoyed singing, crocheting clothing and beautiful afghans for her family, friends and church bazaars, macrame?, camping, traveling, canning fruits, vegetables, and cooking for her family and church. Josie leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Ona kay (Wayne) Goza, Charlene Pringle and Bernetta Allen, all of Flint; son, Donald Williams of Battle Creek, MI; special daughters, Joyce Andrews and Dr. Julianne Price; 10 grandchildren, Clayton and Stephen Goza, Maegan-Charjoi and Kristophe Pringle, Gina Lee, Renee (Preston) Jones, Lewis (Renee) Allen, Alva (Virginia) Allen, Sheryl (Wendell) Thompson, and Verna Allen; 14 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great-grandchildren including special great-great granddaughter, N?dia; sister-in-law, Beulah Roman; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special cousins, Sylvia Love and Houston McKell, the Goza family and the Holbrook Avenue Church of God family. Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her dear husband, Clayton Williams; parents, Robert and Josie Payton; sisters, Minnie Lee Mabry and Roberta Carson; grandmother, Minnie Davis; and uncle, Richard Davis. The family would like to express special thanks to special caregivers, Mary Clemons (special friend), great-granddaughter, Candice Jones, "T", Janell Robinson (special friend), the staff of Heartland Hospice (Alice, Vickie, Joe, Gert, Amy and Kathy) and Dr. Elmahdi Saeed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Josie Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To The Williams Family*

Sis Williams will always hold a special place in my heart. As a child with health concerns, I had to be hospitalized, overnight, every six months for an EEG. It was at the hospital that I met Sis Williams. Not being as ill as other children, I looked for ways to busy myself and what better way than to play with the elevator buttons. Back in the day, the elevators were staffed with elevator operators and that is how I met Sis Williams. She was so nice to me and would let me ride the elevator with her (to keep me out of trouble and out of the way of the nurses). Later, my family became members of Holbrook Church of God and to my young surprise, Sis Williams was there, too. I have such fond memories of her and Pastor Clayton. I know they are now reunited and walking the streets of heaven, together.

To the Family, may God bring you comfort and peace during this time of loss.

Warmest Regards,

Stephanie Jones-Whiteside

December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To Ona Kay (my god-sister) and all the family of Josie Williams. I was sad to hear of the passing of "Aunt Josie" but rejoiced when I realized her translation put her before the throne of God. I will forever be thankful to Sis. Williams for one day at work at Hurley Medical Center she talked with my mother and from there we were introduced to Holbrook Church of God and I started my journey with the Lord. Now I am a Pastor's wife, with all three of my son's in the ministry!! There are so many wonderful and beautiful memories that I have from the time I was 7 years old, (50 years ago!) The most important thing that stands out is the love and acceptance that Pastor and Sis. Williams had for everyone that came to Holbrook Church of God. They were like second parents to me. I know that she lived the life to one day be with Jesus. I can hear her sing "When I've Gone The Last Mile Of The Way" as well as so many other beautiful songs. She was a real "soul winner" for God. I am who I am because Sis. Josie Williams lived for God. "Cookie" you have done a wonderful job with and for your Mom and you have such a legacy all about you. God will carry you through. Thank you for sharing your Mom and Dad with me and countless others that are so much more the better because they help us find Christ!! Love you so much little sister.

Mrs. Althea Jones - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Sis Williams was a very special lady. Growing up at Holbrook COG as a child I remember how we use to love to visit Pastor and Sis Williams. She was a sweet and kind spirited woman who love the Jones girls (Carmella, Stephanie, Gala and Chrissy). It was sad to hear of her passing. But God knew what was best. To the family God will carry you through this difficult time. She is now at rest with her loving Clayton. Remember the memories.*

*God Bless and Love
Chrissy Jones Davidson
Columbus Ohio*

Reverand Kevin Galloway - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *To the children of Mrs. Josie Williams:*

Your mother and my parents, Roscoe and Betty Hill, sang together in the choir at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle. I remember hearing her sing only a few times, but I remember she had a beautiful voice. Mom and Dad always spoke very well of her. They were also good friends with Aunt Minnie Mabry.

Keep Precious memories of your mother close to your heart.

*God Bless you,
Jackie Hill (brother Roscoe, Jr.)*

Jackie Hill - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM