



Deacon Otis Williams

July 17, 1937 - May 25, 2021

WILLIAMS, Deacon Otis - Age 83, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapper Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Rabon Turner, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Deacon Williams will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, with family present from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM to receive friends.

Deacon Williams was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army. Mr. Otis Akeen Williams was born July 17, 1937 in Livingston, Alabama, the son of Monroe and Lula Williams. Otis served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962. While in the Army he became a Number 1 Sharp Shooter which he has several medals. He moved to Flint, Michigan in 1954, along with his mother and sister, Sadie. Otis graduated from Flint Central High School, "Class of 1957." He married Sandra Simmons on July 15, 1972. Otis and Sandra had 2 wonderful children, Otis M. and Rochelle. He simultaneously worked full time for General Motors Corporation and went full time to Barber College in Detroit, MI. He also earned a Beautician License along with a Certificate in Electrolysis. Otis loved learning new things. He took wood carving classes at Institute of Art and carved a statue of his nephew, Reggie Williams. Otis also took sewing lessons and made a handsome shirt. His

motto was "Men/Women can do many things if you just set your mind on getting it done and done right. He loved gardening until his health prevented him from doing so. The first two or three rolls of planting a garden he would say "this is for the thieves." Otis enjoyed being a Deacon and would fill in wherever needed at church. He enjoyed hospitality because this gave him a chance to chat with people coming to Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. Otis sang in the Senior Choir and Men's Chorus. He retired from AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation in 1996 and from Barbering in 2019. Otis was featured in the Flint Journal 2 times showing his talent in designs in haircuts. He received a Salute to African American Men of Achievement Award in 1996. Otis enjoyed all sports; if a ball was involved he would watch it. He was a founding member of First Class Travel Club. Otis loved traveling and every year he wanted to explore more of God's earth. He was a counselor, teacher, friend to many. Otis showed our family how to love and forgive no matter what the circumstances were. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and his great-grandchild. Most of all he loved Jesus with all his heart. Mr. Otis Akeen Williams leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Sandra Rae (Simmons) Williams; son, Otis Monroe Williams; 2 grandchildren, Deonte A. Williams and Chantel M. Williams; great-granddaughter, Lakayla A. Williams, all of Flint; sister, Sadie Williams of Grand Blanc, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his daughter, Rochelle Williams-Fadairo; parents, Monroe and Lula Williams; sisters, Viola McIntyre, Lucinda Bowers, Ella Benefield, Maeola Buford and Mamie Arburtha; brothers, Elijah, Adolph, Willie and Monroe. The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Rabon L. Turner Sr. and Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church family, Jewel Brown, Terry Turner, Henry Robinson, Ella Twilly, Ralph Cleveland, James Parker, Joe Bell, Judy Samuels Thornton, Kim Buckner, Nathaniel Perry, Julia Williams, Sadie and Moses Williams.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 4. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
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Family hour

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Otis Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Cathryn Williams Sanders lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Cathryn Williams Sanders - June 11, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *Charles E Thompson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Charles E Thompson - June 08, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dear Sister Sandra, Please know that our thoughts, prayers and love are with you at this very time. We are deeply sorry for the loss of your Soul-mate, our friend, a gentleman; one of God's Shepard's. While we cannot be physically present, we are there in Spirt and Love. Rhoda & Alaska Williams (1383 S Ponderosa Dr. Gilbert, AZ 85296*



Rhoda & Les Williams - June 07, 2021 at 09:48 PM

EQ

“ EQC lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



EQC - June 07, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DB

“ Diane Broden lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Diane Broden - June 05, 2021 at 08:13 AM

JF

“ Continued prayers for Mrs. Williams, Otis Jr., and the entire family. We love you all!

James and Gwendolyn Richardson & family - June 05, 2021 at 07:50 AM

DK

“ Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Doris Keels - June 04, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JF

“ *John And Cathie Frederick lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



John and Cathie Frederick - June 04, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Brenda Duckett-Greer - June 04, 2021 at 12:29 PM

CF

“ *PaPa Otis was loved dearly by my family. We thank God for his presence in our lives as children and appreciate his dedication, love and support to our children. Rest on PaPa, We plan to see you again.*



Chandra Forward - June 04, 2021 at 11:33 AM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Ernelle Taylor - June 04, 2021 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ *Willie and Deborah Carter Lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*

Deborah Carter - June 03, 2021 at 09:46 PM

SF

“ *To the Williams family much prayers and love during your time of sorrow
Love always
Sheila Fulmore*

sheila Fulmore - June 03, 2021 at 08:44 PM

EP

“ *EARNEST-NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



EARNEST-NANCY POUNCY - June 03, 2021 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to Deacon Otis Williams family from. The Brown family.*



Richard Brown - June 03, 2021 at 08:14 PM

JR

“ *John, Tujunana And Nicholas Reaves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



John, Tujunana and Nicholas Reaves - June 03, 2021 at 07:35 PM

CV

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family. The Vaughn Family.*

Connie Vaughn - June 03, 2021 at 02:22 PM

CF

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family. He was a pillar of the neighborhood for as long as I can remember. May he RIP/RIH*



Connie Vaughn and Family - June 03, 2021 at 02:18 PM

DF

“ *Deacon Aaron and Sis. Tujuana Fowlkes purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Deacon Otis Williams.*



Deacon Aaron and Sis. Tujuana Fowlkes - June 02, 2021 at 06:09 PM

FG

“ Fredricka “Ricky” Gist lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - June 02, 2021 at 02:59 PM

MC

“ I’m sending my condolences to the Williams family from Mary Curry...President of the first time travels club; I pray that God keep you all in perfect peace and that God shines down his love to your family in this time of sorrow.

marry Curry - June 02, 2021 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ Lois A Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



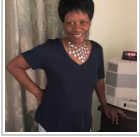
Lois A Cunningham - June 02, 2021 at 12:53 PM

LP

“ Louis & Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Louis & Dee Perry - June 02, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Dessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Dessie Taylor - June 02, 2021 at 01:03 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Deacon Williams. It was an honor to have served with him on the Civil Rights Committee for Local 651. My condolences to the family.*

Pamela Coles - June 01, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ *My condolences to the Williams Family, My Prayer is that God will console you during these times.*

Henry Robinson - June 01, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Jerrel/Dorothy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Jerrel/Dorothy Sanders - June 01, 2021 at 10:14 AM

MS

“ *I worked with Otis for many years at A.C.
We send our condolences and prayers to
the family.*

*God Bless.
Benny & Mae Vern Spence
Marietta Ga.*



Mae V. Spence - May 31, 2021 at 07:38 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Otis Williams*



Rev. Phyllis McCree - May 31, 2021 at 06:59 PM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Otis Williams*



Vivian Kelley - May 31, 2021 at 02:19 PM

JF

“ *Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in
memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Janice Womack & Family - May 31, 2021 at 12:16 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Dorothy Simmons - May 30, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JL

“ Janet Poole-Little & John Little lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Janet Poole-Little & John Little - May 29, 2021 at 09:46 PM

TP

My condolences to the Williams family. Mr Deacon Otis Williams was a icon in the Flint south side community. He will be missed in our Hearts and Mind. To the family Thank You for sharing him with us in this life.

Ted Pickett - June 01, 2021 at 01:38 AM

RW

“ Ruth Watts lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Ruth Watts - May 29, 2021 at 09:19 PM

AC

“ Al And Lil Collins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Al and Lil Collins - May 29, 2021 at 02:40 PM

OC

“ ORA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



ORA CARTER - May 29, 2021 at 08:19 AM

WM

“ Warren & Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Warren & Annette Marks - May 28, 2021 at 11:53 PM

VW

“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Velma Williams - May 28, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MP

“ *Marva Perkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Marva Perkins - May 28, 2021 at 08:28 PM

BD

“ *Rest in heavenly peace Deacon Williams; you will be greatly missed. Sincerest prayers and condolences to Sis Sandra and the Williams family.*



Bobie Douglas - May 28, 2021 at 08:12 PM

RG

“ *Sandra, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and comfort you. Ray and Jill Gist*



Raymond and Jill Gist - May 28, 2021 at 07:45 PM

VW

“ Heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy extended to the entire Williams Families and friends. I worked with Otis at AC / Delphi, he was always full of joy and humor, and he Loved the Lord. Praying that God continues to Keep His Loving Arms wrapped around you all and comfort you during this time. Cherish all the wonderful memories.
Curtis and Valerie Williams



Valerie Jean Williams - May 28, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ Jewel And Gloria Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



jewel and gloria brown - May 28, 2021 at 06:03 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bankston lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Lisa Bankston - May 28, 2021 at 05:52 PM

DS

“ *Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Debora Stitt - May 28, 2021 at 05:11 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - May 28, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BG

“ *As a kid, I used to look forward to my dad and I going to get a haircut on Saturday mornings. The atmosphere in his shop was always interesting. The conversations that went on there! LOL He was a great man, I will remember him fondly. My condolences to his family.*

Bobby Goodman

Bobby Goodman - May 28, 2021 at 03:53 PM

CW

“ To Sandra, my dearest friend and sister in Christ, Otis, Jr. grand children, and the Williams family, you have my most sincere condolences. May all of you receive God's grace and be lifted up during this time. The love of God will protect and keep you in His devine are. Peace to All, Charlene Wooldridge, 1201 Fox Green Cove, Cordova, TN 38016

Charlene Wooldridge - May 28, 2021 at 03:08 PM

KB

“ GRACE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY



Kim Buckner - May 28, 2021 at 02:43 PM

TN

“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of
Deacon Otis Williams



Tanya Neely - May 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ Tarver Family lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Otis Williams



Tarver Family - May 28, 2021 at 12:24 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Kathy Davis - May 28, 2021 at 12:03 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Betty Tipper - May 28, 2021 at 11:54 AM

CH

“ *Cassandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Cassandra Hughes - May 28, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Cassandra Burks - May 28, 2021 at 11:26 AM

KR

“ *Kendall E Reaves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Kendall E Reaves - May 28, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Jimmye Maxwell - May 28, 2021 at 09:01 AM

HD

“ *Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Helen Davis - May 28, 2021 at 08:03 AM

BF

“ *Butler Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Butler Family - May 27, 2021 at 08:38 PM

VW

“ Vanessa Walker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Vanessa Walker - May 27, 2021 at 07:21 PM

MT

“ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7.* May God bless you, grant you peace, and surround your grieving heart with love in your time of sorrow. Praying faith and God's promise of Eternal Life strengthen you. May cherished memories of Brother Otis comfort and sustain you.

Our Deepest Sympathy, Mitch & Ella Teamer

Mitchell Teamer - May 27, 2021 at 07:10 PM

VB

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Sandra, her son Otis and the entire Williams family. We are praying for your strength during this sad time. Deacon Otis was a true man of God and will be greatly missed.

Vanessa and Lloyd Brackins



Vanessa Brackins - May 27, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Pamela Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Pamela Williams - May 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - May 27, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss; my prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort and the strength to cope.*



Vickie Broome - May 27, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Be bless king. Rest in Jesus arms. Sending pray to The Williams family. Otis and Sandra Drucilla Hartfield family.*



cheryl Hartfield - May 27, 2021 at 05:22 PM

AP

“ *Deacon Williams will truly be missed. Sending prayers and support to Sandra and Otis Jr. Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



Anna Pinnix - May 27, 2021 at 03:20 PM

LR

“ *Our Prayers To the Family.*



Lorene Randall - May 27, 2021 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Black lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Loretta Black - May 27, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Brenda Kimble - May 27, 2021 at 12:29 PM

PF

“ *Payton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Payton Family - May 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DD

“ *Dorothy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Dorothy Dickerson - May 27, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Pandoretta Jackson - May 27, 2021 at 08:56 AM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Sheila Phillips - May 27, 2021 at 08:29 AM

JC

“ *Jacqueline Childress-Watkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Jacqueline Childress-Watkins - May 26, 2021 at 10:23 PM

LF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Williams' family. Otis was my dads favorite barber like many around the area and my dad would not think of letting anyone else cut his hair. I used to sit and watch as both of them laughed while Otis cut and pop barely understood what was going on as they shared the new aches and pains. God makes no mistakes but He will comfort you through it all.*



Lewis Driskell, Sr. & Family - May 26, 2021 at 10:05 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - May 26, 2021 at 09:07 PM

LC

“ Sis Williams & Family my prayers are with you during these difficult times, God is able and his strength is made perfect in weakness. Deacon Otis will truly be missed sitting on that front pew at church and occasionally in front of me enjoying the worship services. When we lose love ones we hold such dear precious memories within our heart as God also heals a broken heart to allow a peace that passes all understanding. May the Lords loving hands be extended to wipe tears in the coming weeks. Look & Lean on God for such a time as this. Prayers Continuously for you and your family. ❤️❤️❤️



Loria Corder - May 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Deacon Williams and I worked together an number of years at AC and later fellowship in together Grace Emmanuel. I shared with him that his sister was one of my 1st Sunday School Teachers. Plus played in The Vehicle city golf club with his brother Eli. Great people of God and loved by so many. He'll be missed.



Terry Gates - May 26, 2021 at 05:14 PM

KC

“ My condolences with prayers for your family
🙏❤️

Kathy Cleveland



Kathy Cleveland - May 26, 2021 at 04:48 PM

LW

“ *Lola Watkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Lola Watkins - May 26, 2021 at 02:03 PM

LW

“ *Condolences to my friends The Williams Family. I have been a friend for over 50 years. Otis began his career as a barber out of his home. I remember his humor and his colorful way of expressing himself. Otis and Sandra made a lovely couple. Sandra, Lil “O” I love you. I’m sorry for your loss. My dear friends Sadie and Moses I’m sorry. We had the best time traveling and dining for years with your brother. You are not alone. This isn’t good bye, you will see him later.* 🙏❤️

Lola Watkins - May 26, 2021 at 01:57 PM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams*



Ira Gilbert - May 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM

HM

“ Sandra, praying for you and your family. Our sincere condolences.

Frank & Hazel Miller



Hazel Miller - May 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MA

“ Margene lit a candle in memory of Deacon Otis Williams



Margene - May 26, 2021 at 10:22 AM

SW

Margene, Otis loved you from sis Sadie. Thanks. At approp. Time call 810 695 6722. Williams Res He truly loved you. Thanks again.

Sadie Williams - June 03, 2021 at 12:37 AM

SW

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Sadie Williams - June 03, 2021 at 12:39 AM

SW

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Sadie Williams - June 03, 2021 at 12:40 AM