



## Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford

May 19, 1965 - December 28, 2022

WILLIAMS-BEDFORD, Mrs. Vanessa Louise - Age 57, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at University of Michigan Medical Center, Detroit, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Christ The Rock Apostolic Church, 1102 W. Hemphill Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Bishop Wilbert Reed, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Vanessa Louise "Nessa" Williams-Bedford

This momentous occasion bring us all together to take part in the remembrance of the life of Sister Vanessa Louise (Williams) Bedford. As we reflect on the precious testimony of her journey. Vanessa was born on May 19, 1965 in Flint, Michigan to Deacon Henry and Sis. Cora Mae Williams. To all that knew her, she was fondly greeted by family and friends as "Nessa." At a early age Vanessa answered the call and was baptized in Jesus name and filled with the precious gift of the Holy Ghost at Bethlehem Temple Church according to Acts 2:38. Later, she was a proud graduate of Northwestern High School in 1983.

Years later she was united in Holy Matrimony, from this union came her two children Ebony L. Hall and Cyrus N. Bedford and the legacy of two grandchildren who she showered with unconditional love. She was excited to achieve her Associate Degree in Cosmetology from Mott Community College with 3.5 gpa in 2014. She loved life, loved God and serving his people. She

loved cooking, floral arrangement, shopping, traveling, and the most precious time was spent dotting over her grandchildren. Throughout her life she served the Lord with gladness (Psalms 100:2) as she offered faithful service at Bethlehem Temple Church, Southeast Christian Church, and Christ the Rock Apostolic Church. Vanessa would be found singing in the choir, serving as an usher, and preparing dinner in the Fellowship Hall as well as decorating the House of the Lord. She would be joyfully teaching the children in her Sunday School class this were her passion. She loved the Lord with all her heart, soul, strength, and mind. (Luke 10:27). But, most of all she was a "Praisers," she enjoyed singing the praises of God both in and outside of church.

Vanessa had an entrepreneurial spirit. After graduating from Mott Community College, she put her skills to use specializing in braids as well as nails services, from her home. She was also a hard worker but, never missed an opportunity to plant a seed for Christ. She was proudly employed as Food Service Assistant at both Turie T. Small Elementary School serving the children, and Bethune-Cookman University of Daytona Beach, Florida as a Food Service Assistant in charge of feeding the football teams. After returning to Flint, Michigan she was employed as a Food Service Assistant for the Flint Board of Education (School of Choice). She then gained employment as a compassionate Home Care Aid with Blessing Caregivers, and Vlassic Pickles Factory as a Line Topper among other duties.

In closing, as we reminisce, simply remember her bright smile, her enthusiastic voice that she raised in praise and worship, her spontaneous spirit; full of love and kindness will be forever cherished. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8...

Sister Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford leaves to cherish the wonderful times shared with her 2 children: Ebony (LaSweece) Hall and Cyrus (Nathaniel) Bedford, 2 grandchildren Heaven (LaSweece) and Noah (Henry) Hall; 2 sisters: Rose (Marie) and Bethany Williams; 3 brothers: Gideon Williams,

Mark (Anthony) and Benjamin (Lee), all of Flint Michigan. 1 Niece: Michelle Williams, 2 Nephews: Jeffrey Williams and Christopher Williams; 1 aunt: Thelma May; 1 uncle: W.C. Williams; 14 cousins: Mary Nell (Larry) Walker, Cherry Walker of Illinois; Laketra Hagler, Koryana (Julius) Ramey, Bakea (Sam) Booker, Markshawn (Trina) Williams, Codeona (Dexter) Johnson, Lenia Williams, Marguerite (LySander) Booker; Sarah Wilson, Miasha Wilson, James Wilson, Jr., Tamika Wilson, and Amyre Smith and a host of cousins. She was proceeded in death by parents: Deacon Henry and Cora Mae Williams; and 1 brother: Deacon Wendell S. Williams; 3 cousins: Willie (LeMan) Williams, Lucille, (Nan) Williams, and Elijah Williams; and 1 sister-in-law: Minister Linetta Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to: Bishop Wilbert (Betty) Reed Jr. and the entire church family; Suffragan Bishop Kenneth M. (Juliet) Brown, Sr., and church family; Sis. Joanne Tucker, Evangelist Sallie Brooks, Sis. Brenda Shellman, Elder Darryl Pettway, Bro. Gary & Evangelist Darl Stanick, Evangelist Aileen Spence, Sis. Laketra Hagler, and Sis. Maggie Jackson, Marguetite (LySander) Booker, Silvia Teamer and the doctors and staff at McClaren; Henry Ford Hospital, and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Michigan, and the staff at Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Lovingly submitted by, Evangelist Darl Stanick, Sis. Ebony Hall, and Sis. Bethany Williams

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Family hour

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ The Rock Apostolic Church  
1102 W. Hemphill Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

## Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Phyllis Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford*



Phyllis Reid - March 03, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ *Bethany, I was so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Keeping you and your family in our prayers for comfort and healing. May she Rest In Eternal Peace.*

Jennifer Richman - January 20, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Terry Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford*



Terry Arnold - January 18, 2023 at 08:17 PM

BE

“ To: Vanessa Williams-Bedford's  
Family...

*Our love, prayers and condolences are extended to each one of you  
upon the great loss of your loved-one!*

*Indeed, church was her love, life and longing! She, the Word of God  
and her family were just inseparable!! Also, the preceding were her  
"daily dose of deepness!"*

*Although quiet, her beautiful life spoke volumes--being faithful, kind  
and true! Further, she was blessed with a dynamic/leading/anointed  
singing voice!*

*Ebony, Bethany, Rose and the rest of your family: Be strong,  
encouraged and blessed! Her memories shall always be revered  
and cherished!*

*Love and prayers!*

*Betty J. & Charles R. Edmonds  
and family  
Charlotte, N. C.  
(formerly from Flint, MI)*

*January 18, 2023*

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**Betty J Edmonds** - January 18, 2023 at 04:39 AM

JP

“ I want to offer my sincerest condolences - such an incredible loss. So sorry I couldn't make it to the homegoing - only reason I couldn't make it is because I had to tend to my Dad who is now very up in age. You all looked so strong - please know the prayers of the saints are with you and upholding you at this time. Love you all - feel free to call or text if you need me.

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**Jennifer Price-Brundige** - January 14, 2023 at 03:19 PM

SB

“ Vanessa I am missing you soooo much! We had a true bond that is/was put together by our's LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! I thank GOD SO MUCH for you. What am I gonna do now without you only GOD knows, he promised to never leave me nor forsake me. It's seem unreal I have not seen you or heard your voice on the phone but I have been talking to the LORD asking him to help me & my son, your guardson Brandon. He can't stop crying either. But we are gonna make it you left us in the hands of GOD!!! I 💕💕 you, We 💕💕💕 you. Evg Brooks & your guardson Brandon.

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**Sallie Brooks** - January 12, 2023 at 07:22 PM

YB

“ My sincere, heartfelt condolence is extended to the Williams Family. You have been in my prayers during this difficult time. Continue to look to God, who is our greatest comforter and hope. Love you dearly!

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**Yolanda Brown** - January 10, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DP

“ I met Vanessa in hair school such a beautiful soul that will be missed condolences to the children



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**Danielle Phillips** - January 10, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DP

“ Danielle Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford



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**Danielle Phillips** - January 10, 2023 at 04:38 PM

EG

“ Evang Garland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Louise Williams-Bedford



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**Evang Garland** - January 09, 2023 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ To her children, Ebony and Cyrus, I say, "You're going to make it! She didn't leave you in this world alone! There's always going to be someone and something that will help you when you need it! All you have to do is look for it and you'll find it! And remember, 'It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness!' In other words, it is better to move on with your life and do something positive that will benefit you, your family, and your friends in the long run than it is to let this eat you up inside and eventually end up being more dead than she is. Don't ever let the latter happen to you. Live for your mother, live for yourself.



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**Jeremy Price** - January 09, 2023 at 12:51 PM

AH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Williams Family. I extend my heartfelt sympathy & condolences. May the Lord continue to give you peace, comfort, and strength during this time.  
~ Mr. Andre House

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**Andre House** - January 08, 2023 at 04:36 PM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to the children, grandchildren, Brothers and Sisters. Always in my prayers.



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**Marie Smith** - January 06, 2023 at 04:27 PM



CP

“ I am thankful for the opportunity to have had Vanessa in my life. She and her family were a blessing to me and others. I wish the family to be comforted during this time. I pray that God will always remind you of Vanessa's beautiful personality. She was always smiling and singing to the Lord. I will never forget her.

*Warmest Regards,*

*Catrina Powell*

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**Catrina Powell** - January 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

JL

“ Jill Lewis lit a candle in memory of Vanessa Williams-Bedford



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**Jill J Lewis** - January 05, 2023 at 12:32 PM

VL

“ Praying for the Williams family.



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**Violet Legardye** - January 04, 2023 at 08:58 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of  
Vanessa Williams-Bedford



Aileen Spence - January 03, 2023 at 09:57 AM

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“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Vanessa Williams-Bedford



Aileen Spence - January 03, 2023 at 09:56 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Vanessa Williams-Bedford



Aileen Spence - January 03, 2023 at 09:55 AM

BS

“ Brenda Shellman lit a candle in memory of  
Vanessa Williams-Bedford



Brenda Shellman - January 02, 2023 at 06:33 PM

MG

“ *Marshall Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Vanessa Williams-Bedford*



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**Marshall Green** - January 02, 2023 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ *The Cardwell family send our love, prayers and condolences to Williams and Bedford family.*



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**The Cardwell Family** - January 02, 2023 at 02:56 PM