



## Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams

May 29, 1943 - March 11, 2024

Gloria Dean Williams passed on to her heavenly home March 11, 2024 after a short illness. She was 80 years old.

Born Glodean Muex on May 29, 1943 in Brownsville, TN to Abra and Allie B. Muex, she met and married Joe Nathan Williams, Sr. in their shared hometown. Glodean and Joe relocated to Saginaw, Michigan in the early 1960s and later became permanent residents of Carrollton Township, Michigan. During this time Glodean legally changed her name to Gloria Dean. She received another name change when she was affectionately nicknamed “Betty” by her children when she was distracted and didn’t respond to being called mom, but for some reason, she did respond to Betty.

Gloria Dean Williams deeply loved her family and kept in close contact with her many relatives in Tennessee and Missouri. She made the trip “down home” to Tennessee whenever she could. Locally, Gloria relished every opportunity to spend time with and love on her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gloria devoted the bulk of her early life to being a wife, homemaker and mother. After her children were well on the way to adulthood, Gloria pursued employment outside of her home. She got a job on the kitchen staff of Carrollton Public Schools. Later, Gloria decided she wanted to work in the

classroom with children. Since she left Tennessee without graduating from high school, she pursued her diploma after work in the evenings through the Carrollton Adult Education Program. She completed the program, and graduated in 1983 along with her oldest daughter, Teresa. After that, Gloria entered Delta College to complete her Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate. She became a Para Professional in the Early Childhood Development program at Carrollton Public Schools and worked in that capacity until she retired.

Gloria delighted in the beauty and care of her plants and flowers, often talking to them and encouraging them in their growth. She kept and maintained many over the years, including African Violets and Holiday Cactuses.

In 2020, Gloria was hospitalized for weeks after contracting COVID-19. Of the 15 ventilated patients who battled the disease at St. Mary's Ascension in Saginaw at that time, she was the only one who survived. She faced weeks of physical and occupational therapy, but she returned home in time to celebrate her 77th birthday in May!

As a child, Gloria committed her life and spirit to God. She was a faithful follower of Christ for her entire life. Led by Pastor Roy L. Manning, PhD, Gloria was a member of Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of Saginaw for over 30 years. She diligently attended church, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and participated in the Senior and Food Service Ministries. More important than all of these things, Gloria was a Prayer Warrior who had a deep and true relationship with Jesus. She regularly requested His protection and intervention for each of her many family members and friends.

Gloria's faith, love, kindness, generosity, friendship, megawatt smile, and joyous laughter will be deeply missed and forever cherished by: her husband Joe N. Williams, Sr.; three sons: Ken (Sherry) Williams of Carrollton, MI;

James (Shannon) Williams of Saginaw, MI; Steve (Mary) Williams of Carrollton, MI; two daughters: Teresa Williams of Saginaw, MI; Barbara A. Williams of Saginaw, MI; and three children of the heart: Cheryl Kolka, Tony & Michelle Donald of Saginaw, MI; twelve grandchildren: Tom Petree, Jasmin (Jeremy) White, Breana (Jeremy) Matthews, Sharhea Edwards, DeSean Edwards, Robert North, Steffan (Kenya) Williams, Donte Williams, Sabrina North Hart Williams, Olivia (Jared Sage) Williams, Trashan Donald, and Asia Donald; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Murlene Jones, St. Louis, MO; Pauline (Clinton) Byars, Brownsville, TN; four brothers: James (Regina) Muex, St. Louis, MO; Arby (Fannie) Muex, St. Louis, MO; John Muex, Ripley, TN; Freddie Muex, Ripley, TN; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; The Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church Family; two very special friends: Rochelle Burrage and Rosalind Scott; special neighbors and friends: the Carter Family and the Stuckey Family.

Gloria was predeceased by her parents Abra and Allie B. Muex; her oldest son Joe N. Williams, Jr.; two sisters Claudia Muex and Emma Tyus; and three brothers JD, Alvin, and Earnest Muex.

Many Thanks to Covenant CVICU nursing staff: Jillian, Patrick, Katee, Anthony, and Kevin; Visiting Nurses Association staff: Mike, Neema, and Maria for your kind and compassionate care.

Extra Special Thanks to Steve & Mary Williams, Gloria's son and daughter-in-law, for taking such excellent and devoted care of our mother over the last four years of her life.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 104 S. 10th Street, Saginaw, Michigan

48601, with funeral services commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Roy Manning will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601.. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday..

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Family Hour

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinthian Baptist Church  
104 South 10th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinthian Baptist Church  
104 South 10th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *She was a great person I always made a point to say hi to her even when I got older I did she always had a smile on her face so sorry for your loss* ”

Stephen Ray - March 26, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CC

“ *Clarence Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams* ”



Clarence Carter - March 26, 2024 at 05:22 AM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your mom was a special person in my life. We worked together at Carrollton School for many years, I didn't see her often after that but thought of her many times. She was so much fun to be with and I am thankful to have known her. She was a special lady! God be with all of you!* ”

Joanne Westendorf - March 25, 2024 at 05:05 PM

GJ

“ *George Dorsey Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams* ”



George Dorsey Jr - March 23, 2024 at 01:15 PM

ST

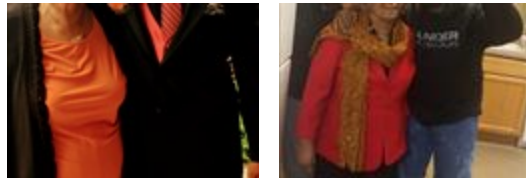
“ To Debra and family, condolences goes out to you and your family.



Shirley Taylor - March 22, 2024 at 06:18 PM

SW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Shannon Williams - March 21, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.



March 20, 2024 at 11:06 PM

LJ

“ Love, Lee Ann, Ashley, Marlia and Jared planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.

Love, Lee Ann, Ashley, Marlia and Jared - March 20, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.



March 20, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ *Clifford And Jacqueline Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



**Clifford and Jacqueline Carter** - March 20, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Matt & Isis Sadocha Dan & Julie Brant purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.*



**Matt & Isis Sadocha Dan & Julie Brant** - March 20, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



**Browne's Mortuary** - March 20, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MF

“ Murlene Jones and Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.



Murlene Jones and Family - March 19, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RB

“ I Remember the first time you and I met at CMBC and I took you home; promised then we would be busy Together on This journey . The Senior Ministry trips, our personal travels, the midnight talks, singing and praying, and even our disagreements (we know). What a Friend we found in each other. Thank God for the Crossing of our Paths... 💜🌹

Rochelle Burrage - March 19, 2024 at 09:25 AM

MW

What a blessing you and Ms Roz have been to our “Betty” and to us. We love you so much 💜

Mary Williams - March 19, 2024 at 11:11 AM

LT

“ Lorinda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Lorinda Thomas - March 19, 2024 at 12:12 AM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Frank Johnson - March 18, 2024 at 11:49 PM



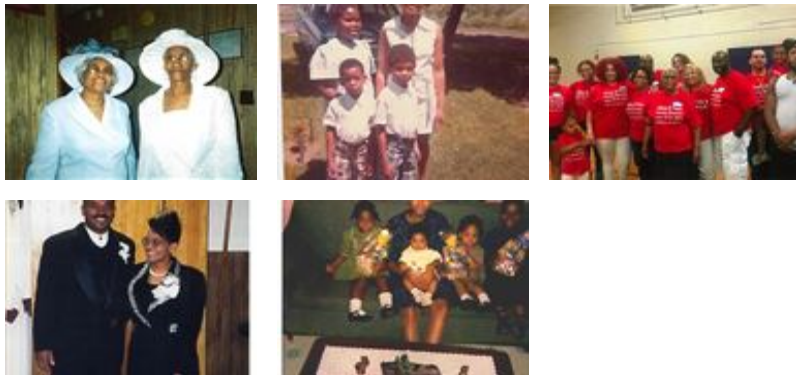
“ Eric & Cheryl Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Eric & Cheryl Taylor - March 18, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ 94 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - March 18, 2024 at 06:05 PM



Family was everything to Gloria. Thank you Evans and Browne

Mary Williams - March 18, 2024 at 07:16 PM

RB

*To Marry 'Lou' and Steve, my dear niece, Teresa and Barbara, James and Kenny;  
I thank you and your Family for your Faithfulness and Love to my dear Friend, Gloria. We're already missing her; our heart aches and she has left a void. Another Soldier gone on Home! My Sister* 💜🙏🌹

**Rochelle Burrage** - March 19, 2024 at 08:54 AM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



**Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family** - March 17, 2024 at 05:24 PM

FM

“ *Fay McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



**Fay McKinnie** - March 16, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams.*



March 16, 2024 at 08:19 AM

FS

“ From Sam and Heather Schmiegel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gloria D. Williams.

From Sam and Heather Schmiegel - March 16, 2024 at 08:19 AM

TJ

“ Tracey Anderson Jones lit a candle in memory of Sis Gloria Williams.



Tracey Jones - March 15, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DH

“ Dholmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Dholmes - March 15, 2024 at 07:19 PM

HO

“ Helen Owens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Helen Owens - March 15, 2024 at 06:10 PM

JP

“ To my sister in Christ family, my sincere and heartfelt condolences. Gloria was such a loving and caring Christian. I shall miss her beautiful smile and her presence in church.



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**Janet F. Phillips** - March 15, 2024 at 11:02 AM

HT

“ Howard And Yvonne Tate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



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**Howard and Yvonne Tate** - March 15, 2024 at 08:10 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Williams, I learned so much from you. You were my Mentor when I took on a job at Carrollton Elementary. I will hold on to the many conversations we had about God and Life. Sending Prayers to her children and grandchildren.

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**DeAudra Donald** - March 14, 2024 at 07:37 PM

FR

“ Felicia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



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**Felicia Robinson** - March 14, 2024 at 06:16 PM

MT

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Williams family. Mrs. William was a beautiful person and always had a smile on her face.



Melissa Taylor - March 14, 2024 at 04:55 PM

OJ

“ Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Orlando Jones - March 14, 2024 at 04:04 PM

NT

“ To the family of Mrs Gloria Williams, Such a loss to me and the Carter family!! Mrs Gloria was a loving and kind neighbor for many years when I was living in Carrollton. To Mr. JOE and the children's we are praying for you !! God is your strength .(R.I.P MS. GLORIA. From Nola, Charles and Family.



Nola Taylor - March 14, 2024 at 01:23 PM

OC

“ Ona Chaney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams



Ona Chaney - March 14, 2024 at 02:20 AM

ST

“ *Stella Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Stella Taylor** - March 13, 2024 at 11:26 PM

RJ

“ *Rev Robert D Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Rev Robert d Jones** - March 13, 2024 at 05:28 PM

ES

“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Ella Scott** - March 13, 2024 at 05:10 PM

PC

“ *The Stuckey family has known the Williams family for over 50 years. We have family history together from going on trips to barbecues in the yard. Gloria has been a big part is our lives. Love you family.*

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**Priscilla Cormier** - March 13, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Corliss Dawkins** - March 13, 2024 at 03:28 PM

OJ

“ *Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Orlando Jones** - March 13, 2024 at 01:21 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Annie Ruth Speight Fuller** - March 13, 2024 at 09:35 AM

BR

“ *Sending my condolences to the family. James Williams and Robert North I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm keeping your family lifted in prayer for comfort and strength. God bless you always 🙏*

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**Barbara Reed** - March 13, 2024 at 07:54 AM

NB

“ *Our condolence and prayers go out to the Williams family*



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**Norris and Barbara Brown** - March 13, 2024 at 01:02 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Vermell Sangster** - March 12, 2024 at 09:42 PM

TW

“ *Tiffany Stuckey Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Williams*



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**Tiffany Stuckey Washington** - March 12, 2024 at 09:18 PM