



Mrs. Lillie Williams

August 16, 1928 - July 6, 2016

Lillie B. Rhodes was born August 16, 1928 in Isola, MS to Luebirtha and Ambrose Rhodes where they later resided in Alton, IL. She confessed Jesus Christ at an early age and accepted him as her personal savior. She was brought up in the C.O.G.I.C church True House of Prayer, Alton, IL. Her mother Luebirtha (Missionary Mother Taylor) was a strict disciplinarian who insisted that her family be raised in the church.

Lillie continued this tradition for her family when she moved to Saginaw, MI in the late 1960's. She married Joe H. Williams in Alton, IL and they moved to Saginaw, MI where Joe began employment with General Motors to provide for his wife and family, which he faithfully did for the rest of his days. Lillie joined Coleman Temple Church at 2716 Wadsworth in 1970 under the leadership of Pastor Hurley Coleman Sr. and the great Dr. Martha (Ma'am) Coleman.

Lillie was president of the Senior Usher Boards for many years in which she faithfully served without complaint. Lillie continued on as her church progressed to World Outreach Campus under the leadership of Pastor Hurley J. Coleman Jr and First Lady Sandra Coleman, whom she loved dearly. They have always supported our family with whatever we needed, and we are forever grateful.

Lillie leaves to cherish her memory five children, Dortha (Bridgeport, MI), Shirley (Springfield, IL), Freddie Lee (Saginaw, MI), Rosa (Cecil) Alton, IL. Michael McMillon (IL.). She was preceded by children, James Jennings and Mary R. Poudzunas, grandchildren Michael Patterson, Deedee Jennings and

Patrick Jennings, great granddaughter, Kayla Jones, her siblings Willie D. Rhodes, Otha Mae Jefferson, Rosie Everage and Leroy (Verde) Rhodes, a special nephew Elve Everage. Very special friends Annie Woods and Vonice Reed.

She is survived by her brother-in-law Lee McMillian (Uncle Tump), sisters in law Willie Bell Rhodes, Dortha Lewis, Viola Joiner (Aunt Toot) and Michelle McKeever (Aunt Nay). She cherished her friends Ora M. Houston Hattie Doxie, Olivia Houston, and Laverne Draine.

To forever cherish her memory she leaves 17 grandchildren, including her eldest, Missionary Vicky (Dewayne) Jones, Carla and Dewayne (Latoya) Smith and D'Arcy Patterson. 49 great grandchildren including Porscha (Brian) Smith-Godwin, 12 great-great grandchildren including Keonte Smith Jr., including her love; Crystal (Marvin) Green and Alfred Reed, and a host of nieces and nephews including other spiritual Daughters, Sons, and Grandchildren that she called her own. Special thanks to her great granddaughter Qweesha who was her caregiver and was a huge help to the rest of the family.

Lillie was the matriarch of our family and we will forever miss the best cooking on the planet, especially her peach cobbler and banana pudding! Most of all, we will miss her wisdom and unwavering love for her family but we find comfort in knowing that she is walking with God.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2016 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Road. Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friend may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

World Outreach Campus
2405 Bay Road
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams*



Browne's Mortuary - July 26, 2016 at 08:25 AM

DH

“ *It saddens me to hear of Big Mama's passing. I truly love this lady and admired everything about her. I enjoyed all of our phone conversations and I remember our last conversation. I'm glad I was able to tell you That I love you. RIP*



Dawn Calhoun Howard - July 26, 2016 at 10:55 PM

CS

“ *My granny meant the world to us, thanks to all of u whether u cooked food, sent flowers, visited the family or just offered your condolences, we appreciate it, we will miss her so but have comfort knowing she is finally kicking high !!!*

Carla Smith - July 20, 2016 at 11:56 AM

DT

“ To the family of Mrs Lillire Williams, I was sadden to her of her passing. Im just getting home from a National Convention in NC. Mrs Williams was a beautiful Christian woman of God. She will be missed. He husband Joe was my husbands best friend. They were very close.



To the family and friends weeping may endure for a night , but joy will come in the morning. We loved Lillie ,but God loved her best. If you continue to live right you will see her again. God wanted a usher in heaven and he called her home.

The entire Williams Family is in my prayers.

Dr Marie Wright Tolliver & Family

Dr Marie W Tolliver - July 20, 2016 at 08:22 AM

CS

“ I would like to send my condolences. She was a wonderful lady and a good friend to my grandmother. She will be missed and her memory will forever shine in our hearts.

C.J. Shields.

C.J. Shields - July 16, 2016 at 11:20 AM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams



Leah O'Daniels - July 15, 2016 at 06:46 PM

LO

To the Williams Family,

Sister Lillie Williams, that's what I always called her, was one of my favorite Church Mothers when I was a member of Coleman Temple. She held a special place in my heart and when she "called" I came. Before I moved away from Saginaw, I would stop by to see her from time to time especially if I heard that she had been sick or something was going on. It was never a short conversation so I knew that I would be there for at least an hour. My one regret is that I didn't get to see her when I was home in May. She was one "sharp" lady and she will be missed. My prayers are with you as you prepare to celebrate her home-going. Love to you all. Sis. Leah

Leah O'Daniels - July 15, 2016 at 08:02 PM

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Leah O'Daniels - July 15, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Williams.*



July 15, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - July 15, 2016 at 08:43 AM

BC

“ Miss Lillie and I were room mates at Covenant Hospital and she was, by far one of my most favorite room mates. Miss Lillie is the only person I have met in my lifetime that can be best described as "full of Grace". I am sorry for her passing, she will be missed by many. I am sending prayers to the family in their time of grief. God Rest her beautiful soul. Brenda Coe

Brenda Coe - July 15, 2016 at 12:35 AM

VJ

Ms Brenda, we appreciate your kind words. Take care. Thank You !

Vicky Jones - July 15, 2016 at 12:58 AM

MG

“ *In loving memory of my mother in law.....Always a word of wisdom Always a word of encouragement Always giving Love. That is what I will remember about momma Lillie....Gone but never forgotten.I'll always love my momma...*

Marilyn Glen - July 13, 2016 at 02:26 PM

BB

“ *Bettye Batts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams*



Bettye Batts - July 13, 2016 at 12:05 PM

LJ

“ *Mrs. Lillie treated me like one of her own grandchildren, She would always say she liked to see me "Wave that Flag" & enjoyed my ministry in God, she would always ask where my little brother was and how he was doing. I cherish the moments I spent with her, I sat & talked with her, along with Ms. Vicky & family. She had a smile that lit up the room, I'm going to miss her and I send my condolences to the family.*
-Angel Johnson



Latearia Angel Johnson - July 12, 2016 at 09:28 PM

MM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael McMillan - July 12, 2016 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ *Michael McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams*



Michael McMillan - July 12, 2016 at 06:50 PM

MM

Mom I will forever miss you

Michael McMillan - July 12, 2016 at 07:03 PM

MM

Even as a very young child growing up she always treated me like I was her very own & I'll always remember that as well as I'll never forget you ! Michael McMillan

Michael McMillan - July 12, 2016 at 07:11 PM

 Nia
Jene

“ *Mrs. Lillie treated me like her own grand daughter. I remember she would always let me know that she was praying for me. That meant a lot. I could tell that she was a true woman of God. I will miss her, but I will not mourn the way that the world does, we have blessed hope as believers. Romans 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. REST EASY AND SEE YOU IN THE CLOUDS. Love you! -Niaja*



Nia Jene - July 12, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Williams.*



July 12, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Vicky m Jones - July 12, 2016 at 10:30 AM



My step mom I am really going to miss her so much I would normally make it my business to try to talk to her at least every 2-weeks she always appear to be loving & warm I'll miss my mom & I hope & pray that we all can stay in contact with each other cause I know that's what she would want all of us to do ! Sleep well mamma I love you always 😭

Michael McMillan - July 12, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Mo. Williams was an Angel, just sweet, loving and humble. I loved her dearly!*

I always think of her testimonies at the old church. They always ended with, "When Lillie Williams says, pray for her, she means pray for her. She took prayer so seriously!

We love her family and we will seriously pray for you all!

Love Myra

Myra Coleman-Williams - July 11, 2016 at 09:33 PM

EB

Oh my. How I love this woman. Praying for you all.

Elaine Coleman Bonner - July 11, 2016 at 11:35 PM

EC

My sweetie, I will miss her dearly, praying for the family. A true loving mother and she always had a kind word with her beautiful smile.

Edna Coleman - July 12, 2016 at 05:04 PM

JW

“ *Joan Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams*



Joan Williams - July 11, 2016 at 04:39 PM

JW

“ *Shirley my sistah whom I love dearly. Thank you for sharing your beautiful mother with me as a child and then an adult. I will always remember those great meals. Moma could make beans and hot water corn bread taste like steak and potato.. she would always make me change if I was going out looking crazy... She would say here Joan put this on.... She treated my daughter and I just like we were hers. I will always have fond memories, love, and respect for My Moma Noodie!*

Joan Williams - July 11, 2016 at 04:36 PM

DF

“ *Lifting all of Mother Williams' loved ones up in prayer. I hope you all find peace and comfort in your loving memories of her.* ”



Dana F - July 11, 2016 at 03:28 PM

EY

“ *Evelyn Coleman Yeager sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams* ”



Evelyn Coleman Yeager - July 11, 2016 at 01:44 PM

EW

“ *She was as sweet as pie.. Love you always Ebony!* ”



Ebony Washington - July 10, 2016 at 11:19 PM

VJ

“ *Vicky Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams* ”



Vicky Jones - July 10, 2016 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams



Dawn Hughey - July 09, 2016 at 06:02 PM

MC

“ Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams



Myrtle Collier - July 08, 2016 at 05:21 PM

HD

“ Hattie Doxie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams



Hattie Doxie - July 07, 2016 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ Linda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Williams



Linda Brown - July 07, 2016 at 09:21 AM