



Ms. Burnelle Williams

March 1, 1951 - May 25, 2024

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born, I set you apart. Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

Burnelle Williams, the tenth child of the late Richard and Lillian M. Smith Williams, was born on March 1, 1951 in Baltimore County, Maryland.

God quietly laid her to rest on May 25, 2024 at MedStar Harbor Hospital.

Burns or Burnie, as her family and friends affectionately called her, received her primary education in Baltimore County schools.

In the summer of 1965, the family moved to Baltimore City and she continued her education in Baltimore City Public schools. Burns graduated from Edmondson High School where she was a member of the honor society, the majorettes and several varsity letters. She received a scholarship to Morgan State University and graduated Summa Cum Laude before continuing to earn a graduate degree from Morgan. She worked for Baltimore public school system until she retired.

Burns came to know the Lord at an early age under the guidance of her parents and continued her relationship with God at Friendship Baptist Church where she worshiped Him through her love of singing on the choir. She was

known for her lovable and generous nature, her infectious smile, and an ever listening ear for her friends and family. Burns was always ready to dance to her favorite songs by Luther Vandross and others. She enjoyed spending time with her siblings at the family home talking, laughing, eating and reminiscing. Throughout the years she enjoyed traveling with her long time love, Steve Hawkes. One of her favorite places to go was Atlanta to see her oldest sister and family.

Burns was preceded in death by her father(Richard), mother (Lillian), her partner Steve Hawkes, brothers Kenneth, Donald and Richard Odelle Williams, sister Maureen Brown, niece Karen Woods, and nephew Duval Thorton. She leaves to mourn her beloved sisters, Sylvia Washington, Louise W. Thomas, Maxicene Williams, and Linda Bankins. Her brothers Levelt, Morris, and Clarence Willliams. Her nieces and nephews Michael, Mark,Tanya, Denise, Glen, Gerald, Glenda, Corey, Adriane, Stacey, Jamel, Raynard, and great nieces and nephews.

To My Sister

I am blessed to call you sister, I also call you friend,
You've loved me unconditionally and stood through thick and thin.
You've shared my joys and sorrows, my laughter and my tears,
You've been my inspiration as I grew up through the years.
When we were little children we laughed and played together,
Then growing up you stood by me through good and stormy weather.
There's something God has given us that's more than family,
He's placed a love for you, my sister, deep down in the heart of me.
Love Always,
Linda Bankins

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM (est)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (est)

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Celebration of life with live streaming

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Burnelle Williams*



March Funeral Homes - June 10, 2024 at 03:15 PM

GD

My heart is broken right now. Just knowing that I won't be able to see your beautiful face & smile any more. I will forever hold onto the memories that we shared together. You made such an impact on me and my family. I'm going to miss you Aunt Burns but I know that your spirit will be with me. You taught me so much about giving and love of family. Rest in peace 🙏🙏

Gina Daniels - June 11, 2024 at 11:48 PM

MW

“ *Michael Williams purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Burnelle Williams.*



Michael Williams - June 14, 2024 at 12:54 AM

CC

“ Aunt Burns, you celebrated every milestone in my life with your generosity. Your smile, hugs, and big heart were truly one of a kind. Thank you for loving so unconditionally. Love you



Crystal Craig - June 11, 2024 at 11:37 PM

CB

“ I love you Aunt Burns!!! Thanks for all the love and happy times we all shared. You will always be here in my heart. 💕💕

Corey Thurston Brown - June 10, 2024 at 04:18 PM

TW

“ When I think of my Aunt Burnelle, her smile, laughter and sense of humor will always prevail. Rest in Paradise auntie. ❤️

Tanya Williams-Thomas - June 02, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 31, 2024 at 03:36 PM