



Geshema Louise McWilliams

June 29, 1927 - May 29, 2015

Geshema Louise McWilliams, 87, of Glen Allen, Virginia peacefully joined the angels of heaven and entered eternal rest on May 29, 2015. She was born in Richmond, Virginia to the late Bertha and Marshall Davenport on June 29, 1927. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Morris A. McWilliams, Jr.; son, Ronald McWilliams; and 12 siblings.

Geshema was affectionally called “Doll” by her family and friends. She was baptized at Fourth Baptist Church at an early age. Doll received her spiritual guidance by attending churches in Richmond and the surrounding area. In June, 1944, she graduated from Armstrong High School. She furthered her education by attending nursing school (Tech Center) and completed the program in 1987.

She later married the love of her life, Morris A. McWilliams, Jr. After 25+ years of dedicated service, she retired from Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital and the Virginia Home.

Doll enjoyed traveling, especially to the Casinos, shopping, talking with her friends and giving advice. She was fond of spending time volunteering at the Veteran’s Hospital and the

Richmond OIC Program. As a mother, she was always there to listen and providing that special touch. Doll always welcomed the quality time she spent with her grandchildren that she adored.

She was an outstanding example of a very giving human being whom always managed to somehow put others beyond herself and her needs. She cared deeply for her family, friends and all of her loved ones to a great extent. Doll was the light of her family. She gave love to everyone around her. Our mother was a true reflection of God's love!

She leaves to cherish her memory three devoted sons, Andrew (Barbara), Lynwood and Donald (Tracy) McWilliams; 8 loving grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild; a host of other relatives and caring friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

JUN 5. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Family Hour

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Geshema Louise McWilliams*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Donald, Derek and family, we were sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. McWilliams. We pray God's peace and comfort for you today and in the days to come. "Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you."*

Rev. Earl and Almon Hall

Almon Hall - June 06, 2015 at 07:15 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Geshema Louise McWilliams.*



June 05, 2015 at 07:42 AM



“ *Donald, Sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, the Anderson family sends their profound sympathy. Know that your mother is at home resting in the arms of Jesus. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. We are praying for you and your family.*

Horace Anderson & Family

Horace Anderson - June 04, 2015 at 11:22 PM

TM

“ Mrs. McWilliams, you were a woman of few words in your latter days. When you started your day, I would sing "Yes JESUS loves me for the bible tells me so" and you would start singing the entire song. You beautifully amazed everyone that heard you. Rest in peace, you are home now. Praying with and for your family!
Teresa Morrison CNA

Teresa Morrison - June 03, 2015 at 06:14 PM

MM

*I will always enjoy the memories of our family gatherings, and Aunt Dolls practical and witty responses.
Marla Moore*

Marla Moore - June 05, 2015 at 06:52 AM

LJ

“ Grandma, You mean everything to me. As I got older you became one of my best friends. My favorite memory of you is dat stern, sassy attitude. There was nothing I couldn't talk to u about. You are the best grandmother ever!! You will greatly be missed!! R.I.P My beautiful angel. I love u always & forever.
~La'Keisha (Kedda) Johnson~

La'Keisha (Kedda) Johnson - June 03, 2015 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ From my earliest memory you were always so very loving, extremely kind and passionately thoughtful. I always enjoyed our conversations over the years and the richness of that time spent in your presence. Your life long examples of determination and wisdom will undoubtedly and personally remain with me forever.

Darri Davenport - June 03, 2015 at 08:28 AM

TF

“ *The Moore Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geshema Louise McWilliams.*



The Moore Family - June 03, 2015 at 02:25 AM

DD

“ *We will always love and miss you dearly. You will forever be Aunt Doll*

Dana Davenport - June 02, 2015 at 09:39 AM

LH

“ *What a wonderful person! She was a tremendous help and gave me suggestions when I was a member of Richmond's City Council. I loved her candid remarks. Over the last 21 years we lost touch and I did not know what happened or where she was. I will always think kindly of Geshema Louise McWilliams.*

L. Shirley Harvey - June 01, 2015 at 07:07 PM

WB

“ *Wanda and Wade Beatty purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Geshema Louise McWilliams.*



Wanda and Wade Beatty - June 01, 2015 at 04:08 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 - June 01, 2015 at 01:24 PM