



James O. Williams

August 1, 1916 - May 23, 2013

On the morning of May 23, 2013, God called JAMES ODELL WILLIAMS and quietly closed his eyes. This gentle soul was born in Greenville, South Carolina on August 1, 1916. James was baptized at an early age at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Piedmont, South Carolina. The son of Carrie Seawright and Ellis Williams, he attended school in Greenville, South Carolina and lived his younger years there. James Odell Williams married the late Clara Townes on April 1, 1934. From this union one daughter was born, Anne Clara. To better himself and provide a better life for his family, he left them in the care of his mother and moved to Buffalo, New York where he worked in the steel mills. In 1941, when World War II broke out, he worked in the shipyard making ships for the United States Navy. In 1943, he moved to Baltimore, Maryland from Buffalo and reunited with his family. In Baltimore, he was employed for a while with Bethlehem Steel. He also worked as a Dock Worker on the waterfront in downtown Baltimore. In 1946, he was employed at Pennsylvania Railroad, now known as Amtrak in the mailroom where he stayed there until his retirement. After retirement, he worked at Read's Drugstore which is now known as Rite-Aid. He stayed at Rite-Aid at the Rotunda many years and received various praises and awards for a job well done. James Odell Williams was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. He was a mentor to the entire family where he was affectionately called "Uncle Odell." He leaves to cherish his legacy and carry on traditions: his daughter, Annie C. Porter; his

grandsons, Marvin R. Porter (his wife, Freida) and Eric J. Porter (his wife, Jacqueline); great-grandchildren, Marcus Porter, Devin Guy and Phylcia Porter; great-great-grandson, Devin L. Gray Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Mary E. Reese and Tommy Bobo; two brothers-in-law, Melvin Townes and William Townes; special nephews, William Reese and Steve Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He left these special words for his family: “I love all my children”, “The Lord is with me, I have no fear” and “I will see you all again soon.” — Big Daddy

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Family Hour

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James O. Williams*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Williams Family;*

I wanted to send my deepest condolences to your family. May the memories of Mr. Williams help to ease your pain of sorrow.

Revelation 21:3 & 4 brings out that death, pain & sickness will be a thing of the pass in the future.

We all are looking forward to the time when we will be reunited with our loved ones When Jesus was on the earth he healed the sick & raised the dead. He promised at John 5;28 & 29 that he will bring our dead loved ones back to life.

Until these promises are fulfilled please take comfort in knowing that Mr. Williams is not suffering, but is asleep in death waiting to hear Jesus voice.

Love,

Mamie A. Boyd - May 29, 2013 at 09:32 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.

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