



## Joanne William-Davis

January 16, 1954 - August 24, 2015

Joanne Woods Williams Davis was born on January 16, 1954 in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She was the youngest of six children born to the Late Rev. Dr. Willie K and Marie Woods.

The Woods family relocated to Baltimore, MD shortly after Joanne's birth. She was raised in Baltimore City and educated in the public school system.

Joanne attended Coppin State College where she received her Bachelor's degree in Special Education. She went on to earn a Master's degree in education. Joanne received additional training in education from Johns Hopkins University. She applied her expertise in the field of education during the 30 years she taught in Baltimore City Public Schools. Joanne retired from the public school system in 2013.

Joanne also served as a foster mother with Baltimore City and Win Family Services for over forty years. Through teaching and foster parenting, Joanne proved that one woman can make a difference in the lives of young people.

The bible says, "Left us not love in words and tongue, but in deed and truth." Joanne was loving, faithful, trustworthy and full of joy. She loved her friends and family and she lived her life completely and intensely. The is especially true when it came to her children and grandchildren. With them, she was

selfless, sacrificing many of her own wants and needs for theirs. Joanne worked hard to make sure her children were all well equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to be successful. Motherhood was the most rewarding job she had.

Joanne was a faithful member of First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist, where she was member since 1997 and continued to grow in the Word of God. Prior to her joining First Mount Olive, she was an active member of Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church, a church her father, Dr. Woods, pastored for twenty years.

For several years, before God called her home, Joanne was blessed with the companionship of Edward Cunningham, who remained loyal to her until she made her transition to Heaven.

Joanne was a devoted and loving mother, loyal sister, dedicated teacher and foster parent, and true friend. In her spare time, she loved to entertain her family and friends, dance, travel, garden and spoil her grandchildren rotten.

She departed this life on August 24, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her brother, Gene Woods, preceded her in death

She leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her legacy: her loving and devoted fiance, Edward Cunningham; two daughters, Nikki Bishop and Tyette Williams; two sons, Robert Williams and Romarise Williams; two stepdaughter, Valarie Davis and Ann Davis-Hill; daughter-in-law, Charys Scotton Williams; son-in-law, Charys Scotton Williams; son-in-law Croix Bishop; two sisters, Patricia Brooks and Yvonne McNeil; two brothers, Harold Woods and Jimmy Woods; and two sisters-in-law, Queen Esther Woods and Deborah Woods. Joanne leaves also to mourn for her seven grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Private

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 1. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

SEP 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church  
618 N. Hammond Ferry Rd.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne William-Davis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Robbie, Romarus, Tyette,*

*You've got 3 choices in life:*

- \* Give Up*
- \* Give In*
- \* Give It All You Got*

*Joanne taught us on her journey to GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT! THANK YOU for sharing your BEAUTIFUL mother with us. Matthew 11 28:30 reads this way, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; For my yoke is easy, and burdens are light." Joanne has entered the Kingdom of Heaven and I use to say to her whichever of us goes first always remember, Go the RIGHT hand corner of HEAVEN so we'll know where to meet up with each other! So I know when I get there Joanne will be waiting to greet me. Peace & Blessings Sistah/Friend you left footprints on my HEART! I will always LOVE YOU :)*

Cherri Cunningham Cragway - September 01, 2015 at 09:26 PM



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**Jason Buchanon** - September 01, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“ *"Joanne*

*You will Always & Forever hold a special place in my HEART, God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put His arms around you and whispered come with me, Knowing my tears of pain will travel with you, My Heartaches Because I really miss you,*

*Andrea Mansfield"*

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**Andrea Mansfield** - September 01, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *My dear cousin Joanne, you will surely be missed. I will alwaysalways remember your smile and a wink. Family just remember the good times and think on them. She is resting in Gods loving arms. I'm praying with you all. Love you all, Penny Woods.*

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**Thomasena Brown** - August 31, 2015 at 11:53 PM

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“ To the Family Joanne Williams Davis.

*On August 24 th . God gently whispered in Joanne's ear and said ,Well done, we now must take flight to Heaven for eternal rest. It is now time to rest in paradise and Joanne stood up - spread her wings and flew to Heaven where she KNEW there would be no more pain only peace, joy, and eternal rest.*

*We Know Joanne gave the world the best she had to give. She dreamed in color and enjoyed life to the fullest. She fought a good fight ,finished the race and kept the faith.*

*Now she is resting in paradise.*

*Love,*

*Teresa E. Cunningham*

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JA

“ Joanne, you and I have been friends since we were 12 years old, singing in the many choirs,and we have always remained friends. I will miss your smile, hand dancing, and your laughter. You always knew how to bring in the light. God blessed the world with you. Thank you for sharing. Love always, JoAnn McBride Alexander.



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JoAnn Alexander - August 31, 2015 at 12:29 PM

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“ *May the God of comfort be with you now and forever...I remember Ms. Davis from Hilton Elementary School # 21. She bought lots of joy and smiles to her students especially the ones in her dance class and she bought many smiles to the staff with gifts of the Bamboo plants. When she spoke of you her children her face lit up like a Christmas tree. She was a very proud woman. Holds on to your wonderful memories, for they will ease your pain and keep the joy in your heart. Edna Mack*

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**Edna Mack** - August 30, 2015 at 11:05 AM

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“ *Edna Mack lit a candle in memory of Joanne William-Davis*



**Edna Mack** - August 30, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joanne William-Davis.*



August 29, 2015 at 05:16 PM

BR

“ *It seem like I knew Joanne all my life. She is a person that you can't ever forget because she was the same way all the times. A very nice and pleasant person. I'll will miss the good times we share. No more pain my friend rest in peace.*

*Love in Christ  
Bridget Lee*

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**Bridget** - August 28, 2015 at 12:50 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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**March Funeral Homes** - August 28, 2015 at 12:09 PM