



Rosa P. Williams

April 14, 1923 - November 17, 2014

We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. We thank the Lord for the privilege of having known and lived with our beloved ROSA.

ROSA PURNELL WILLIAMS, affectionately known as “Grandma”, age 91, peacefully transitioned on November 17, 2014 surrounded by her family. As Rosa was transitioning, she peacefully fell asleep while listening to the legendary Mahalia Jackson. The songs playing were: “I Found the Answer”, “The Lord’s Prayer”, “If I Can Help Somebody”, and “Troubles of The World”.

Rosa was born to the late William Henry and Rosa Lee Johnson on April 14, 1923 in Forest, Virginia. Rosa began her Christian walk at an early age as she was baptized on Mr. Jefferson’s farm. She was educated at the Moseley School, a one-room schoolhouse.

After moving to Baltimore, Maryland in the early 1940’s, she met Thomas Jefferson Williams, Sr. who transitioned on January 20, 1979. Thomas and Rosa were married on August 6, 1943. Soon after, they welcomed their children, Thomas Jr. and Hester. During her childbearing years, she wanted to have twins, and the Lord presented her twins as granddaughters, Melissa and Felissa.

Rosa was known to open her home to everyone and to provide a home cooked meal, especially her big breakfast, which included her delicious fried potatoes and apples. She took great pride in providing a loving home to raise her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. She was also an excellent foster care and childcare mother, which she has touched so many and became known as "Grandma".

Rosa always had an encouraging word and the biggest smile for all whom she met through her life's journey. Her gentle nature harbored no harshness, but her radiated love, cheerfulness, patience, kindness and hospitality would be felt by so many. During her time of illness, she was still patient and greeted those that cared for and visited her with a smile. We will surely miss her pleasant and welcoming disposition, it is impossible to express, but we can THANK GOD for the beautiful life that has transitioned into another home where she will live on with no more pain or suffering. We will comfort ourselves with the memories and hope, and THANK GOD for having been blessed to experience life with an angel, Rosa.

Rosa leaves her loving family with wonderful memories to cherish: son, Thomas Jr.; daughter, Hester; daughter-in-law, Beverly; granddaughters, Melissa and Felissa; grandsons, Emmett, Andre Tristen Sr., Michael Sr. and Taylor; great-grandchildren, Darius, Mariah, Shaniya, Tyler, Michael Jr., Devin, Tristen Jr., Payton, DeShawn, Trenton and Panther; siblings, Adele Jackson, Carlton Johnson and Carolyn Jackson. She also leaves to cherish her memories: a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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

Family Hour

NOV 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

NOV 28. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 29. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa P. Williams*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear Tom, Hester, and Family,*

Grace and Peace to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I received the sad news of your mother's passing and I regret that I am unable to be with you in person. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you with the knowledge that she now rests from the troubles of this world.

I fondly remember her loving spirit and the generous hospitality of her home. I know that our Lord has prepared a place for her and now welcomes her into his home. The love we have witnessed in her is a glimpse into the love that God has for each of us. May we be comforted and reassured by that knowledge and await the day until we see each other once again.

Please extend love and fond remembrance from your cousin Warner to all.

With Love,

Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Warner Brown - November 25, 2014 at 06:54 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 - November 19, 2014 at 10:49 AM