



Theresa Acosta Williams

October 16, 1929 - August 7, 2024

Theresa Acosta Williams was born October 16, 1929, in Trinidad, West Indies to the late Daisy James and John Acosta. In 1967 with “Grace and Mercy”, she came to the United States of America (USA), Baltimore, Maryland seeking a life of opportunity, ambition and prosperity. Upon her arrival, she worked as a live-in servant for a Pikesville, family of four.

With her love for God, Theresa joined Gillis Memorial Community Church, where the Reverend Dr. Theodore C. Jackson, Jr., was the pastor at the time. Keeping Grace and Mercy with her, she selfishly devoted her time and energy by joining the Choir, and various Ministries in church. She founded the 100 Women in White and was a member of The Busy Bees Circle. Because of her melodious voice like Mahala Jackson, she was called upon several times to sing. Her favorite solo hymns were, “I Come to the Garden Alone”, “How Great Thou Art”, “Through It All” and the Master’s Bouquet. In addition, Theresa was blessed with a gift of making floral arrangements, corsages, boutonnieres and wedding arrangements for the different church ministries within the church and community. Because of her steadfast culture in giving Thanks to God on any given day within the 12 months, she orchestrated and hosted many Thanksgiving Dinner programs over the years by giving back unselfishly with her love, blessings and gratitude to the church. In 2015 she

changed her church membership to Christ Church Ministries, Windsor Mill, Maryland where Reverend Dr. Melvin Jackson is the pastor. During her tenure she hosted an Appreciation Dinner.

Continuing on her ambitious journey, Theresa was gainfully employed at John Hopkins Hospital working as an Emergency Room custodian and then as a Security Guard for Pinkerton. She then went on to work at Robert Poole Middle School, (#56). On June 5th 1998, she retired from the Baltimore City Public School System, where she tirelessly worked as a Building Custodian and Engineer. During her tenure at Robert Pool Middle School and various other schools, she received several awards from Mary Pat Clark, former President of the Baltimore City Council, Alice Penta Hughes, Board of Education, and Mayor William Donald Schaefer. Theresa's resilience spoke for her in the Baltimore News American Paper, "An American says thanks to her adored, adopted motherland" written by E. Lee Laster, News American Columnist. While her infectious personality was noticeable, nothing compared to her love of friends and family.

Theresa had many sayings, "The Fact of the Matter Is", "Glory Be to God" "Ha-lleuj-ah".

Theresa was preceded in death by: daughter Allison A. Leach, sister Merlyn Jones.

She is survived by a daughter Maria M. Rawlings, four grandchildren, Rachel,

Victoria, Crystal and Camille. Five great grandchildren, Michael, MiQuise, Moner, Trinity and Mason. Six great-great grandchildren Michaela, Mia, Rondo, Aspen, Asahd, and Majour. Two grandsons in law Therman and Kenneth. A dear cousin Vernon, an adoptive brother Richard, a dear friend Candace and a host of family and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Condolences to the family of Theresa Williams. Peace and blessings from her extended family at Abundant Life Towers I.*

Joyce Rucker - August 16, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Rucker lit a candle in memory of Theresa Acosta Williams*



Joyce Rucker - August 16, 2024 at 06:28 PM

GD

“ *Grand Daughter sent a virtual gift in memory of Theresa Acosta Williams*



Grand daughter - August 15, 2024 at 11:08 PM

JR

“ *Mother Theresa, Rest In Peace. I will always remember you. You were a joy to talk with.*

Jackie Rawlings

Jackie Rawlings - August 13, 2024 at 04:09 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 - August 10, 2024 at 02:23 PM

GD

Grandma, I will always cherish the memories that we shared. Two months ago the doctor said you were at the end of life stage. I was in denial. You said you was tired but didnt want to leave me because you did no know what was going to happen to me. I told you im going to be alright. You kept reminding me that i was in charge and i know what to do. Thank you for coming to this country to make a better life for my mother. You showed me the only way to get through life is to work for what you want.

I love you and will forever mourn you.

Yours Truly Babe Rae Punta

Grand daughter - August 15, 2024 at 11:03 PM