



In Loving Memory
Gae Anne Williams

February 20, 1943 - June 8, 2023



Homegoing Service

Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 12:00 PM

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

315 Winchester Road NE

Huntsville, AL 35811

Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Officiant

Entombment: Valhalla Memory Gardens



Order of Service



Soft Music

Processional

The Family

Final Viewing (*Amazing Grace*)

Prayer

*Minister Harold Weatherly
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

Old Testament Scripture

*Minister Janet Dickerson
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

New Testament Scripture

*Minister Carolyn Landry
First Missionary Baptist Church*

Musical Selection

Union Chapel M. B. Church

Reading of Obituary Silently (Soft Music)

Reading

*Sis. Sharisse Gibson
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Connerville, IN*

Tributes (2-minute limit)

Church Resolution(s)

*Sis. Johnnie Clift
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

Musical Selection

Union Chapel M. B. Church

Eulogy

*Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

Closing Prayer

*Minister Sylvesta Lee, Jr.
Union Chapel M. B. Church*

Mortician

Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

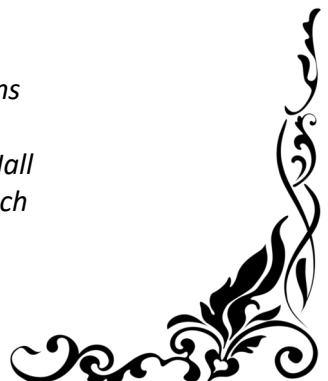

Recessional (*Soon and Very Soon*)

Entombment

Valhalla Memory Gardens

Repass

*Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall
Union Chapel M. B. Church*





Obituary



*"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."
Proverbs 31:31 NIV*

Gae Anne Thomas Williams was born on February 20, 1943, and passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on June 8, 2023, at the age of 80 in Huntsville, Alabama. She was the oldest of 11 children born to Ruth Esther Huell Thomas and Raysor William Thomas in Richmond, Indiana.

She graduated as an English major from Richmond High School in 1961, the same year as her future husband Albert Phillip Williams, Sr., whom she married in 1962. Together they raised seven children.

Gae Anne gave her life to Christ at the age of seven under the pastorate of the late Rev. Titus H. Ward, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Richmond, Indiana. She continued to serve her Lord and Savior as a church secretary for more than 30 years, a trustee, a Sunday school teacher, an usher, and a member of the Senior Choir. She was also an emeritus board member of Greenwood Apartments, a complex for underserved families established by Mt. Moriah under the late Rev. R. E. Girten. Upon moving to Huntsville, she became a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. O. Wendell Davis, and joined the Senior Adult and the Kidney ministries.

After high school, Gae Anne attended Indiana University East in Richmond and studied psychology. She worked for the Belden Company and later received her realtor license, holding several property management positions with the Housing Authority of Richmond, Greenwood Apartments, and Chester Heights Apartments until her retirement.

Gae Anne also strongly believed in community service, and served the Richmond community in several leadership roles for the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, the YWCA, Ivy Tech Community College, and Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana. In addition, she was a member of the NAACP, a volunteer usher for Richmond High School sports, and an election poll worker in Richmond and in Huntsville, Alabama.

Gae Anne learned to play the piano at an early age and dabbled in the fine arts. Her greatest love, however, was her family where you would find her celebrating or supporting family birthdays, weddings, sporting events, reunions, graduations, and other holiday gatherings.

Gae Anne was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Albert Phillip Williams, Sr., a daughter Cathy Williams, a brother Peter Thomas, and two sisters, Karen Thomas and Rena Gibson. She leaves to cherish her memory seven children: Wendi Williams, Lisa Underwood, and Linda (Jose) Batista of Huntsville, Alabama; Billi (Craig) Light of Indianapolis, Indiana; Albert Williams, Jr. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Christopher Williams of Copperas Cove, Texas; and Scott (Julia) Ferguson of Floyds Knobs, Indiana; seven grandchildren: Auriel (Mickey) Young, Tyler Odhiambo Johnson, Myles Williams-Jones, Simonè Johnson, Nijal Williams, Sean Williams, and Greg Underwood; and a host of other family members and friends.

Her spirit is greatly missed by family and friends.



The Broken Chain by Ron Tranmer

We little knew the day God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.
We're left with beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Flower Bearers

Auriel Young

Sharisse Gibson

Felicia Thomas

Honorary Flower Bearers

Simonè Johnson
Shirley Thomas

Virginia Davis
Nela Thomas

Rutha Thomas
Mary Thomas

Tommie Thomas
Thyra Stigall

Pall Bearers

Albert Williams, Jr.
Gregory Underwood
Sean Williams

Tyler Odhiambo Johnson
Craig Light

Myles Williams-Jones
Charlie Thomas
Jose Batista

Honorary Pall Bearers

Christopher Williams
Nijal Williams

William Thomas
Brian Easley

Stanley Thomas
Michael Thomas

Arrangements

Burial arrangements made by Royal Funeral Home, Inc. and Valhalla Funeral Home & Memory Gardens.

From The Williams Family

We are eternally grateful for your expressions of love, including prayers, visits, cards, meals, words of comfort, and other thoughtful acts during this difficult period.

Special thanks to Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and First Missionary Baptist Church.