

Obituary

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast: 1 Peter 5:10

Ms. Harriett Ruth Williams transitioned into eternal rest on Friday, November 5, 2021. She was first to be born of seven children to the late Harry Williams and Dorothy Jackson Williams Alston, on Monday, January 1, 1951. Harriett perfected with spunk the role of the oldest and being the boss. Her charismatic personality and wit garnered her love and respect from all who knew her.

Educated in the Richland County Public School System, Harriett was a proud graduate of the Booker T. Washington, Class of 1969. Her dedication to the Black and Gold BTW Tornadoes extended after high school, with her serving in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer of the alumni club.

Harriett’s professional career started and grew with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. Throughout her years at Mental Health, she worked in several departments. In 2005, she retired as the Manager of Records, the department responsible for patient documents and information.

At an early age, Harriett gave her life to Christ. She grew up and attended Holy Spirit Lutheran Church and Gethsemane Lutheran Church. When she departed this life, she was a member of Second Calvary Baptist Church, where she sang for the Lord in the Choir.

In addition to her love of family and close friends, Harriett volunteered her time with the Mary B. Thomas Girls Youth Circle, where she mentored and tutored young ladies. A staple of 53 Lansing Circle, Harriett is adorned as Sister, Mother, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend. Her resilience and stoic presence, as well as her famous cornbread and sweet potato pies, will be missed. *She will forever be our Harriett.*

In addition to her parents, Harriett was preceded in death by: her son, Rodney Eric Williams; grandson, Duwan Erick Williams; and two brothers, Reginald Williams and Wendell Terry Williams.

Harriett is survived by: her brothers, Anthony Tony Williams, Elliott Williams, and Keith (Angela) Williams; sister, Beverly Lewis; sister-in-law, Catherine Williams; granddaughter, Logan Williams; great-grandson, Dez Malik Williams; goddaughter, Tavia (Bernarie) Gaddy; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a best friend/sister, Carolyn M. Murphy, and a special friend, Bernace Murray; all of whom will miss her.

Memories



Order of Service

“May the Lord bless all of you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
“Numbers 6:24-26”

Feathers appear when Angels are near

Prelude.....“My Soul Has Been Anchored”
(Recording by: Douglas Miller)

Processional... “Going Up Yonder”...Mr. Ramelle Brooks
Opening Hymn.....Mr. Ramelle Brooks

Old Testament – Psalm 46.....Ms. Carolyn M. Murphy

New Testament – Romans 8:31-39.....Ms. Diane Willard

Prayer.....Reverend Joseph A. Darby, Jr.

Solo.....Reverend Byron Dixon

Remarks.....Mr. Thomas **Rock** Rakes, BTW Class of 1969

Solo.....Reverend Byron Dixon

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Carl R. Wells

Recessional... “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday”
(Recording by: G. C. Cameron)

Postlude



Safely Home

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder how I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And he came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remains,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Acknowledgement

The Williams family would like to express sincere gratitude to the Booker T. Washington Class of 1969, especially to Thomas **Rock** Rakes for his friendship and support during Harriett's illness.

Services Entrusted To:

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Home Going Service Celebrating the Life of

MS. HARRIET RUTH WILLIAMS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021
3:00 P.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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