

*To Those I Love and
To Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone release me; let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love – you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So, grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call, I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near;
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"Welcome Home."

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Hoover Herbert Williams, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
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In Loving Memory of

Mr. Hoover Herbert Williams

Friday, October 14, 2022
11:00

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott

-Pastor-

Obituary

Hoover Herbert Williams was born on June 11, 1932, in Rembert, South Carolina. He was the bouncing baby boy of the late Hammie and Frances Missouri Williams. Hoover peacefully transitioned from labor to reward in the arms of his loving wife, Ethel on Saturday, October 8, 2022, in Columbia, S.C.

Hoover accepted Christ at an early age, was baptized, and joined Union Baptist Church, in Rembert, South Carolina. He was a member of the Sunday School, baseball team, and participated in numerous activities. Upon moving to Brooklyn, New York, he joined Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Hoover received his formal education in the public schools of Kershaw County, South Carolina. He graduated valedictorian, of the Class of 1952, from St. Matthews High School. He was the first bus driver of St. Matthews High School. Previously, black students had to walk 4 or more miles each way to school. This occurred right before the Supreme Court handed down its Brown vs The Board of Education Ruling, which overruled the long standing doctrine of separate but equal. After graduation, Hoover matriculated to North Carolina A&T. Shortly after his enrollment, he was drafted into the Army. After being honorably discharged, Hoover moved to Brooklyn, NY where his sister, Bertha, introduced him to Ethel Coger. They fell in love and were married in 1958, on October 25. Two sons were born to this union, Terrence Donell and Damin Keith.

Hoover loved his family and worked hard to provide. His dream was to be a dental technician. He received his certification, but because of racism was unable to find a job in that field. He then became a licensed plumber in the State of New York, and worked as an independent contractor. He later worked for Acorn Manufacturing Co. and drove a Black Pearl Cab (Black owned company) part time. Hoover was later employed as an engineer for the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority, until he retired.

Hoover and Ethel moved in June 1994 to Columbia, South Carolina and joined First Nazareth Baptist Church.

Hoover was preceded in death by three brothers, Hammie, Jr., James Edward, and Johnny Williams, and two sisters, Marie Yolanda Nelson James and Bertha L. Williams McCray.

A legacy of love is left to be cherished by his loving wife of 64 years, Ethel Coger Williams, of Columbia, SC; two sons, Terrence D. (Anissa) Williams, of Poughkeepsie, NY and Damin K. Williams, of Columbia, SC; daughter, Joanie Lawson, of Clayton, NC; a special family friend, Jim (Kim) Wilson, of Yonkers, New York; grandchildren, Shea, Sophia and Ginna Williams, Jason (Mallory) Williams, Tyler K. Williams, Destiny J. Williams, Taylor Lawson, Kandice and Brianna Wilson; great-grandson, Cooper Joseph Williams; goddaughter, Linda Waye; three sisters, Minnie (Elijah) Gardner of, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Frances Blanding, of Columbia, SC, and Beatrice Richardson, of Columbia, SC; sister-in-law, Annie Mae Williams, of

Rembert, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other loving relatives, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn..... Musician
"It Is Well With My Soul"
- Scripture Reading.....Elder Kyra Whitmore
- Prayer.....Reverend Danielle Massey
- Musical Selection.....Deacon Henry Butler
"May The Work I've Done"
- Reflections.....Deacon Lorenzo Breedlove
Mr. Terrence Williams and Mr. Damin Williams
Ms. Dianne Leonard
- Musical Selection.....Deacon Henry Butler
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Blakely N. Scott
- Recessional....."When We All Get To Heaven"
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Elmwood Cemetery
501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina**