

## Honorary Pallbearers

Omicron Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

## Pallbearers

Mr. Dwayne M. Duckett  
Mr. Dwayne M. Duckett II

Dr. Harrison E. W. Duckett  
Mr. Adam E. A. Duckett

Mr. James Keith  
Mr. Michael Jennings

## Honorary Floral Bearers

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

## Floral Bearers

Family Friends and Church Members

## Acknowledgements

Thank you for all your prayers, tokens of sympathy and acts of heartfelt kindness shown during the illness and loss of our loved one.  
May God continue to bless each of you for the wonderful blessing you have been to our family.

Floral Arrangements, Mr. Bruce Johnson, Family Friend

## A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes, we're together again."

-Author unknown

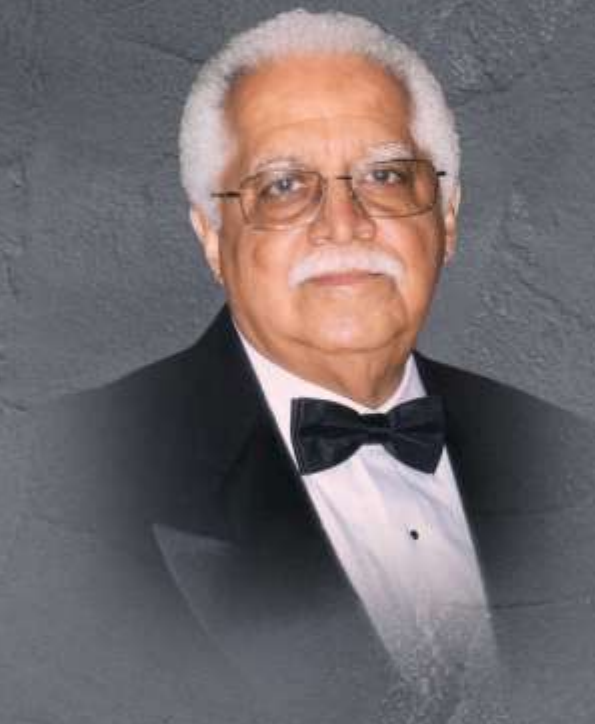


*We love you, Pops!*

# *A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of*

## DEACON HERBERT WILLIAMS

SUNRISE SEPTEMBER 28, 1933 - SUNSET APRIL 23, 2026



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026  
NOON

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## A Life Well Lived

**Deacon Herbert Williams, 92**, peacefully departed his earthly life on April 23, 2026, after a long and courageous battle. He was the son of the late Ada Barno Boston and the late Eugene C. Williams, Sr. A native of Columbia, S.C., Herbert was educated in the Richland County Public Schools. He served his country honorably in the United States Army and was a veteran. Following his military service, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Benedict College. For many years, he was an active member of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, as well as the LaVart Travel Club.

Herbert began his professional career as a civil servant and retired from both federal and state service. He held numerous leadership positions with the U.S. Social Security Administration and the South Carolina Department of Social Services in Lexington County. Throughout his career, he received several national and state awards in recognition of his dedicated service. He was a former board member of the United Way of the Midlands and the Urban League. After retirement, Herbert continued to serve in leadership roles within community and senior organizations, remaining especially active in his church. He was a lifelong member of Union Baptist Church before finding his spiritual home at Brookland Baptist Church.

Known for his afros, eye for style—especially his Western attire—and his love of local history, Herbert was equally known for his compassion, kindness, and generosity. His sons often spoke of his great big heart, with room for everyone he met along life's journey. He was always willing to help others, whether donating blood, providing Thanksgiving baskets, clothing those in need, or offering his time to assist with Social Security or family matters.

Raised in the church from an early age alongside his older brother, Eugene, Herbert was a true man of God who believed deeply and lived humbly. He served faithfully as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for most of his adult life, leading by Christian example. Even in the face of a debilitating illness, his faith remained steadfast and unshakable.

Herbert was full of life—witty and adventurous. He loved old movies, good music, and traveling with his wife of 72 years, Rudine. They were inseparable from the day they met, and Herbert remained a devoted husband to his childhood sweetheart. He found joy in life's simple treasures, including watching the sun rise and set over both east and west coast beaches on warm summer days. Known as the "family pastor," Deacon Herbert often offered holiday blessings, prayed over loved ones, and encouraged the children to give thanks at family gatherings. Of all his accomplishments, Herbert's greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He made sure they always knew they were loved.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Williams, Jr., and sister-in-law, Rosetta Artis Williams. He leaves to honor his memory: his loving and devoted wife of 72 years, Rudine Stivender Williams; sons, Gerald Anthony Williams (Dinah) and Vincent Gerard Williams (Adrienne), both of Charlotte, N.C.; grandchildren, Ashely Nicole Williams Noble, Courtney Dionne Williams, Carter Gerard Williams, Christian Michael Williams, and Christina Ryan Williams, all of Charlotte, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Trinity Nicole Noble, Kevin Joseph Noble, Jr., and Kennedy Jade Noble, all of Charlotte, N.C.; niece, Celeste Williams Duckett (Dwayne), of Columbia, S.C.; aunt, Margaret Orabell Harris, of Columbia, S.C.; cousin, Derrick Harris, of Columbia, S.C.; treasured family friends, Thomasina Ross, James Keith, and Chana and Michael Jennings; devoted caregivers, Tymeke Anderson and Stephon White; special friends, Karen and Lee Davis; a host of cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Herbert was a loving husband and father, a proud grandfather and great-grandfather, a devoted son and brother, a doting uncle, a loyal friend, and a spiritual pillar for those who knew him. Above all, he was a faithful servant of the Lord. Herbert will be dearly missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.



### ***1 Corinthians 13:4-13***

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,  
even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.

### ***Psalms 23***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# Memories



# Programme

|                      |                                       |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Organ Prelude        |                                       | Mr. Harold Booker<br>Director of Music                           |
| Viewing of Loved One |                                       |  |
| Opening Hymn         | <i>"It is Well"</i>                   | Brookland Baptist Church Choir                                   |
| Scripture Readings   |                                       |  |
| Old Testament        | <i>"Psalm 23"</i>                     | Minister   |
| New Testament        | <i>"1 Corinthians 13:4-13"</i>        | Minister   |
| Prayer of Comfort    |                                       | Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.                                 |
| Selection            | <i>"Amazing Grace"</i>                | Brookland Baptist Church Choir                                   |
| Reflections          | Church Friend                         | Deacon Leverett Williams, Sr.<br>Brookland Baptist Church        |
|                      | Family Friend                         | Mr. Michael Jennings   |
|                      | Granddaughters                        | Ms. Ashley Nicole Williams Noble<br>Ms. Courtney Dionne Williams |
| Selection            | <i>"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"</i> | Brookland Baptist Church Choir                                   |
| Words of Comfort     |                                       | Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.                             |
| Recessional          |                                       |  |

## Repast

Immediately following service

## Committal, Military Honors, Benediction, and Internment

Noon, Monday, May 11, 2026  
Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

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