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Acknowledgement

The Carr and Williams families extend a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who called, visited, prayed, supported, and loved us during Rae’s illness. Your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement helped us tremendously and will never be forgotten.

We would also like to offer our sincere gratitude to the following people for serving as the core group of caretakers during Rae’s illness: Rebecca Bondima; Darnell Brunson; Javell Bynoe; Alexis Ferrell; Roslyn Ferrell; Latifah Harrison; Syd Joline; Kim Jones; Shirley Mills; Bertha Noble; Patsy Ramsey; and Marie Shaw. Words cannot express what your love and support meant and mean to us. May God forever bless all of you!

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Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MS. TOSSIE RAMONA WILLIAMS CARR



**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

**BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
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Reflections of the Life of Mrs. Tossie Ramona Williams Carr

RAE’S EARLY YEARS ...

Tossie Ramona Williams Carr, lovingly called by her nickname, Rae, was born on January 23, 1956, and raised in Clinton, North Carolina. She was the oldest child of her parents, Maggie and Raymond Williams, lifelong Clinton, NC, residents. Rae is predeceased by her father, Raymond T. Williams. Rae was a bright child who attended segregated schools until her junior high school years. During her school years, she participated and excelled in various activities. For most of her youth and until she left for college, Rae was a member of the Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, where she played the piano for Sunday School, sang in the youth choir, and participated in and won several oratorical contests. Rae was a flag girl with her high school marching band, a cheerleader, and the first African American to serve as editor of the Clinton High School newspaper. After graduating from high school in 1974, Rae matriculated to college and attended North Carolina Central University (NCCU), a historically Black college and university (HBCU) in Durham, NC. There, Rae was a member of the NCCU traveling choir, an outstanding actress who performed in many stage plays with the NCCU Drama Department, and in 1978, she attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from NCCU.

RAE’S MIDDLE YEARS...

Rae landed in South Carolina when she sought and attained, in 1980, her master’s degree in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina – Columbia (U of SC). Columbia is where Rae laid down roots and where she would live the remainder of her life. While in Columbia, Rae obtained a job at United Way, married Mark Carr, the father of her two (2) boys, Darien and Braxton, and began her journey in the working world of Columbia. Rae held several jobs before beginning her twenty-one (21) year career at the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). During Rae’s time in Columbia, she formed her most meaningful bonds with people who became her lifelong friends. She also pledged the esteemed sisterhood, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Columbia Alumnae Chapter, in 2000. Rae’s focus after having her boys was their well-being and making sure they had everything they needed to grow up to be confident, energetic, respectful, kind, diligent, and determined men. Also, while in Columbia, Rae joined and was an active member of Brookland Baptist Church – West Campus, where Charles B. Jackson, Sr. was the senior pastor and is now the co-pastor.

A significant part of Rae’s career was the time she spent at VR. However, she worked at VR after having served as Interim Director for the SC Department of Education’s Office of Adult and Community Education and contributing mightily to this sector of Education. In 2007, Rae came to VR as the liaison for the Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant. Then, in 2018, Rae was named Director of Community Services and Special Programs for VR. During Rae’s tenure in state government, she made countless contributions to the citizens of the state of South Carolina. At VR, Rae spearheaded several important initiatives that resulted in improved services for individuals with disabilities. As issues of privacy and risks in technology increased, Rae, who served as VR’s first Privacy Coordinator, was instrumental in ensuring the agency’s data remained secure. Felicia Johnson, VR Commissioner, once stated: “Ms. Ramona Williams Carr is a vital member of my executive team and an asset to this organization. Her dedication and insight is beyond reproach, and the organization has truly benefited from her hard work and expertise. I look forward to seeing the changes she will make to enhance our operation in her role as the Director of Community Services and Special Programs.”

RAE’S RETIREMENT YEARS...

Rae retired from state government in 2021 at the age of 65. During her retirement years, she developed and honed her hobbies and interests. Her hobbies and interests included: serving on several boards, including the board of the Brookland Baptist Church Federal Credit Union; participating in her Diamond Bridge Club; showing passion and support for the U of SC Gamecock Women’s Basketball team; nurturing her flower and vegetable gardens; finding scrumptious and flavorful recipes to share on Facebook; and cooking. Rae particularly loved baking cakes and candies, and one of her specialties was Italian Cream Cake. She loved cooking so much that during her retirement, she had quarterly brunches for her former VR co-workers and friends. However, Rae’s favorite thing to do in life was to listen to the rain. She loved watching God’s work!

A LIFE WELL-LIVED!!!

Rae had a full life and enjoyed living it. One of her favorite phrases was that “this life owed her nothing.” Most describe her as one of the kindest people they have ever met because she was. She loved helping people who were just beginning their careers and thought it her mission to help them in any way she could, i.e., giving them experience-based advice, aiding them in obtaining a job, or helping to advance their careers. Rae had a deep and abiding love for her family, especially her mom and sister, Rose, as well as her extended family and friends. Rae glowed wherever she went; she was smart, straightforward, and very giving. She will forever have a loving place in the hearts of those who loved her. May Rae rest in everlasting peace in the arms of the Lord!

RAE’S Legacy Lives On:

Mrs. Tossie Ramona Williams Carr leaves to cherish her precious memory: her mother, Maggie Wood Williams, of Clinton, North Carolina; children, Darien Nicholas Carr, of Atlanta, Georgia and Braxton Elliot Carr, of Charleston, South Carolina; siblings, Billy Ray Thompson, of Clinton, North Carolina and Etta Rosita “Rose” Williams Linen (Marion), of Ridgeway, South Carolina; god-niece, Alexis Ferrell, of West Columbia, South Carolina; aunt, Devaria Vann, of Clinton, North Carolina; auntie-friend, Nadyne Gilbert, of Hope Mills, North Carolina; sister-friends, Javell Bynoe, Roslyn Ferrell, Latifah Harrison, Kim Jones, Bertha Noble, and Shirley Mills, all of Columbia, South Carolina, Eloise Godwin, of Clinton, North Carolina, Iris Faison Moses, of Greensboro, North Carolina, Gizelle White Perry, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and Nettie Pernell, of Clinton, North Carolina; brother-friends, Ronald Cooley, of Immo, South Carolina and Frankie Pernell, of Clinton, North Carolina; special friend, Darnell Brunson, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, all of who will miss her dearly.

The World Owes Me Nothing

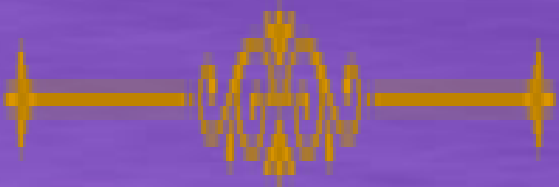
I came with empty hands,
palms open to the wind,
and the earth did not bow,
nor the sky bend low to greet me.
The rivers kept their courses,
the mountains held their silence,
and the sun rose without my name
written in its fire.

I learned to plant without promise,
to walk without a map,
to drink from the rain
as if it were a gift,
not a debt repaid.

The world owes me nothing—
and in that truth, I am free:
to love without ledger,
to give without grasping,
to leave without regret.

When I go,
let no one say I was cheated—
I was a guest at a vast table,
and every breath was bread enough.

Memories



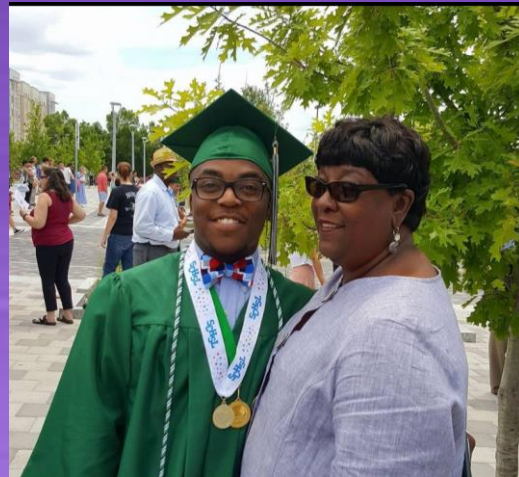
Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.
Presiding

Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....	“Soon and Very Soon”
Invocation.....	Dr. Thaddeus Godwin Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina
Old Testament.....	Dr. Thaddeus Godwin Isaiah 40:1-5
New Testament.....	Reverend Eloise Godwin John 14:1-3
Selection.....	Ms. Avril Allen “Take Me to the King”
Words of Encouragement.....	(Two Minutes, Please) Mr. Ronald Cooley, Brookland Federal Credit Union Mrs. Stephanie Duncan, Diamond Bridge Club Mrs. Felicia Johnson, SC Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Mrs. Eva Wilson, U of SC – Gamecock Women’s Basketball Fan Group Mrs. Shirley Mills, Friend Mr. Braxton Carr, Son
Acknowledgements.....	Ms. Javell Bynoe
Selection.....	“Total Praise”
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
Benediction	
Recessional	
Postlude	



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