

*Pull Bearers & Floral Bearers*

Family & Friends

*Acknowledgement*

Our family extends a heartfelt thank you for your love, support and prayers. Your acts of love and presence today are a cherished reminder of the impact that she had on our lives. May God bless and keep you each of you!

*Dear Family*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE & LEGACY OF



*Katie*  
**MAE JOHNSON WILLIAMS**

December 15, 1963 — November 7, 2024

Saturday, November 16, 2024

3:00 pm

Willow Spring Church

3623 Polenta Rd

Clayton, NC 27520

# Order of Service

Reverend Dr. La'Quon Rogers, Eulogist  
Reverend Dr. Eva Mitchell, Presiding

## Processional

Clergy and Family

## Musical Selection

Willow Springs Church Choir

## The Holy Scripture Readings

Old Testament & New Testament  
Bishop Joesph Whitley

## Prayer of Comfort

Eldress Juanita Ponce

## Musical Solo

Kareema King

## Acknowledgments and Obituary

Sis. Kenya Sanders

## Musical Selection

Willow Springs Church Choir

## Eulogy

Dr. La'Quon Rogers

## Mortician's Brief

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## Recessional

Clergy & Family



# The Obituary

Katie Mae Johnson Williams, a beacon of resilience and love, was born on December 15, 1963, to Clara Mae Covington and Eddie Johnson in the quaint town of Dunn, North Carolina. She returned to her heavenly home on November 7, 2024, leaving behind a legacy woven with strength and cherished memories.

Katie spent her formative years in Benson, North Carolina, where she blossomed at South Johnston High School. It was here that she met her beloved husband, Cardell Williams, with whom she shared a life filled with the joys and challenges of raising five beautiful children. An avid reader and lover of music, Katie found solace and inspiration in the arts, which colored her world with vibrancy.

Throughout her life, Katie faced many health trials that would have defeated a lesser spirit, yet she triumphed time and again, embodying the true essence of a warrior. Her unwavering determination was evident as she continued to work at Kellogg's in Cary, NC, serving as a testament to her tenacity and dedication until her final days.

Katie is preceded in death by her parents and her cherished siblings: Corrine Williams (Cicero), Hilda Ann Amerson (Bill), Marvin Jr. (M.J.) Covington, and Prentice Johnson, who now welcome her with open arms.

She leaves behind a loving family who will carry her memory in their hearts: her devoted husband Cardell Williams of Smithfield, NC; her children Roderick Williams (Rayshon) of Mechanicsburg, PA; Clara Williams, Jaleesa Lee, James Williams, and Kiana Williams, all of Smithfield, NC; and her six adoring grandchildren—Ja'kiyah Williams, Ryan Williams, Ryel Williams, Kaleigh Hilliard, Elijah Lee, and Sevynn Sinclair all who were the light of her life.

Katie's warmth and kindness touched many lives, including her four sisters: Mary Elizabeth Covington of New Rochelle, NY; Catherine Johnson of Dunn, NC; Viola Johnson (Dewarren) Benson, NC; and Linda Williams of Selma, NC. She will also be remembered fondly by her godson, Rodney Jackson (Janella) of Clinton, NC, her mother-in-law Josephine Herring of Clayton, NC, and her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, who provided her with love and support throughout her life.

Special friends who stood by her side, like Rosita Whitley (Joseph), Jonna Hampton (Regina), and Nelda Barfield, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family, will forever cherish the moments shared with Katie.

As we celebrate Katie Mae Johnson Williams' remarkable life, let us remember her indomitable spirit, her boundless love, and her unwavering faith. She may have departed from this world, but her light will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, dear Katie; you will be deeply missed and eternally cherished.