

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection....."His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Reverend Wanda Martin Woodard

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Minister Michael Williams

New Testament.....Elder Lloyd Bundy

Prayer of Comfort.....Deaconess Little Martin

Selection....."Amazing Grace"

Hezekiah and Gwen Hill

Reading of Selected Poem.....Maceon Battle

Acknowledgement of Condolences..... Linda Hill

Selection....."A Change Is Gonna Come"

Hezekiah and Gwen Hill

Reading of Life Reflections.....Pamela Prophet

Remarks (2 minutes)Steven Neville

Aaron Stewart

Clyde Williams Jr.

Eulogy.....Bishop Steven Avinger Sr., Senior Pastor

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

"God is the answer. We can't live without Him—and I never will."
— Franklin Williams

A Successful Man

That man is a success,

*Who has lived well, laughed often,
And loved much.*

*Who has gained the respect of intelligent
men,*

*and the love of children,
who has filled his niche,
and accomplished his task,*

*who leaves the world better than he
found it,*

*who has never lacked appreciation of
earth's beauty,*

or failed to express it,

*who looked for the best among others,
and gave the best he had.*



Military Honors & Interment

Mount Peace Cemetery
3111 W. Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19132

Repast

Greater Saint Matthew Baptist Church
1538 W. Wingohocking Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Franklin Williams wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and sympathy during this difficult time. Your comforting words, kind gestures, and presence have been a great source of strength for us.

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Life & Legacy of



Franklin WILLIAMS

MARCH 20, 1932 — OCTOBER 18, 2025

GREATER ST MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH

1538 W. Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025, 11:00 AM

BISHOP STEVEN AVINGER SR., SENIOR PASTOR

Life Reflections of Franklin Williams



Franklin Williams, affectionately known as "Frank", was born on March 20, 1933, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to the late James Russell Williams and Florence Williams. He was the cherished middle child among three brothers—James, Clyde Sr., and Edward "Billy" Williams.

Franklin peacefully departed from this life on October 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, dedication, and quiet strength that will forever live in the hearts of those who knew him.

Growing up in Rocky Mount, Franklin attended Booker T. Washington High School, where he graduated in 1951 with pride and purpose. He nurtured his faith at Calvary Baptist Church, where he was baptized in the Tar River of Rocky Mount. His love for God remained steadfast throughout his life, and he often expressed his personal mottos: "God is the answer. We can't live without Him—and I never will.", and his second motto was "You can't trust nobody not even yourself, and God is the only one that you can trust in".

Shortly after high school, Franklin answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army Air Forces. During his honorable service, he attained the rank of Private First Class (PFC), and received the National Defense Service, Korean Service, and the United Nations Service Medals, exemplifying integrity, commitment, and discipline—values that guided him throughout his life.

After completing his military service, Franklin relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where his life truly began to blossom. It was there that he reunited with his childhood friend and the love of his life, Doretha—affectionately known to him as "Ree". The two were united in holy matrimony in 1959, building a beautiful life together rooted in love, faith, and family. Their union was blessed with three wonderful children: Gregory, Dorothea, and Sandra.

In a beautiful twist of family ties, two brothers married two sisters, making their children not just cousins, but double cousins who shared an especially close bond.

That same year, Franklin began his career with The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), where he worked faithfully for 25 years. He took great pride in his work and was admired for his reliability, humility, and quiet leadership. After retiring Frank pursued his passion for helping others by returning to the workforce, working for G. Cabin Home Furnishers for 17 years.

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Franklin found his greatest joy in family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who delighted in spending time with those he loved most. He took pride in his children and grandchildren accomplishments, always offering words of encouragement, laughter, and love. He was an excellent husband for 50 years to his beloved late wife, Doretha "Ree", who preceded him in death in 2010.

Franklin was truly the last man standing—the only living family member, sibling, neighbor, friend and coworker of his generation. Through it all, he carried the memories, stories, and spirit of those who came before him with quiet pride and unwavering strength.

Frank had a few simple yet joyful activities that he loved. He enjoyed taking long walks, often covering five miles a day. In his words, "50 blocks a day" to stay active and clear his mind Sundays held a special place in his heart; he loved cooking delicious soul food for his family, filling the house with the comforting aroma of home-cooked meals. Fridays were dedicated to his favorite treat salmon cakes, a tradition he eagerly anticipated each week. Frank also had a fondness for watching game shows and trying his luck with the lottery and scratch-offs, always maintaining a playful spirit. Music was another great source of pleasure for him; nothing made him smile more than listening to classic Motown hits, which reminded him of good times and great company.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his children: son Gregory and daughters Dorothea and Sandra; five cherished granddaughters—Chonta', Sheena, LaToya, Keyannah, and Dominique; and one precious great-granddaughter, Leah. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, neighbors, and dear friends who will forever remember his warmth, wisdom, and steadfast faith.

Though Franklin has departed from this earthly life, his spirit will continue to shine brightly through the love he shared and the many lives he touched. His legacy of strength, faith, and kindness will live on for generations to come.

Lovingly written by, Maceon Battle, in honor of Franklin Williams

