

*In
loving*

MEMORY



Mary Jean Camphor Williams

April 28, 1948 – June 18, 2026

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7*

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MARY CAMPHOR Williams

REMEMBERING A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE

Birth and Early Life

Mary Jean Camphor Williams, affectionately known as "Mae Jean," was born on April 28, 1948, in Port Gibson, Mississippi, as the firstborn child and only daughter to the late Charlie and Vivian Camphor.

Mary Jean Camphor Williams spent her early years in Port Gibson, Mississippi, before her family later settled in Jackson, MS. A dedicated student with a passion for learning, she first attended Natchez Community College and continued her education at Jackson State University, where she further shaped her path and lifelong commitment to growth and service.

Life, Faith, and Service

Mary Jean Camphor Williams later married the love of her life, Louis James Williams, and together they almost shared 51 beautiful years of marriage.

She was a devoted and faithful member of Zion Traveler's Baptist Church, where she worshiped under the leadership of the late Rev. J. C. Rankin and later Rev. Daniel Watkins. Her commitment to her church family was unwavering, and she served with a humble spirit and a heart dedicated to God.

Mary Jean Camphor Williams was employed at Callaway High School as a dedicated and compassionate secretary, where she treated every student as if they were her own. She was not only the first smiling face many of them saw each day, but also a trusted counselor, a steady encourager, and, at times, a parental figure. Her office became a safe place for countless young people, and her guidance, wisdom, and nurturing spirit left a lasting imprint on generations of students.

Her Legacy and Family

Mary Jean Camphor Williams was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Vivian Camphor; her beloved Mother-in-law Mattie Williams Odom; her four brothers, Arthur Lee "Fox" Camphor, Joseph "Joe" Camphor, Sam Camphor, and Sullivan "Jack" Camphor; and her great grandson, Bryson.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her Husband Louis James Williams of Jackson, Mississippi; her children; Evan J. Camphor of Dacula, GA; Vivian "Casina" Daniels of Byram, MS; Kim Williams Wooten (Jarvis) of Snellville, GA; Fredrick "Cray" Williams (Kalya) of Pearl, MS; three (3) brothers Andrew Camphor (Lisa) of Flora; Charlie Camphor and Steve Ellis Camphor both of Jackson, MS; Sister-in-laws; Earnestine Whitehead, Ruthie Taylor, Darlene Walker, Marlene Williams, Gladys Phillips (James), Mary Ann Starks (Cole), Brother-in-laws Charles Williams (Barbara), Melvin "Earl" Williams (Priscilla); Dennis Williams (Sara), Dan Odom Jr. (Jennifer); ten (10) grandchildren, and four (4) great-grandchildren. She is lovingly survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who cherished her deeply and will forever hold her memory close to their hearts.

She lived with a heart wide open. She was the kind of woman who helped anyone who crossed her path family, friends, neighbors, even strangers. There wasn't a selfish bone in her body. Her kindness was instinctive, her generosity effortless, and her love for people unwavering. She gave without expecting anything in return, and those who knew her were better because of her gentle spirit and giving nature.





ORDER OF SERVICES

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SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT
DR. BENJAMIN WALLACE
(ST PAUL C.M.E CHURCH)

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(PERRY CHAPEL C.M.E CHURCH- YAZOO CITY, MS)

MUSICAL SELECTION.....SISTERS OF FAITH

WORDS OF COMFORT.....REV. DANNY WILLIS
(WASHINGTON TEMPLE C.M.E CHURCH - JACKSON,MS)

MUSICAL SELECTION.....SISTERS OF FAITH

EXPRESSIONS.....TWO MINUTES

OBITUARY READING.....READ SILENTLY

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*After
Peace*

MARY JEAN

With a grateful heart, I thank God for blessing me with a wife as devoted, steady, and loving as Mary Jean. She was a woman whose quiet strength, gentle spirit, and unwavering faith shaped our home and anchored our family.

Though my heart is heavy, I remain thankful for every year we shared, every memory we built, and every moment God allowed us to walk side by side. Her love will continue to guide me, and her legacy will live on in all of us. I will carry her in my heart always.

Love Always, Louis.



SISTER

As her brothers, we honor our only sister, the one who stood at the heart of our family. She loved us fiercely, guided us with wisdom, and helped raise so many of us with her steady, nurturing spirit. Her strength, her laughter, and her kindness shaped our lives in ways we will carry forever.

Love Always, Charlie Jr., Andrew, & Steve



MOTHER TO SON

Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It's had tacks in it, And splinters,

And boards torn up,

And places with no carpet on the floor

Bare;

But all the time

I've been a-climbin' on, And reachin' landin's, And

turnin' corners,

And sometimes goin' in the dark, Where there ain't

been no light.

So boy, don't you turn back;

Don't you sit down on the steps,

'Cause you finds it's kinder hard;

Don't you fall now

For I've still goin', honey,

I've still climbin'

And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

-Jay



MOMMA



Momma... who would have thought that getting you up and dressed that morning would be the last time I'd help you start your day. My mind still can't grasp it. You were supposed to be here with me. I truly believed we had more time, more mornings, more conversations, more moments to share!

I am lost. I am hurting. And the tears just keep falling because the world feels different without you in it. You taught us how to be humble, how to love, how to show compassion, and most of all, how to walk with GOD.

You didn't just tell us, you lived it. Every day!! Every moment!! Every sacrifice!! You left big shoes to fill, Momma... but you also left a blueprint: faith, grace, strength, and a heart full of love. I will carry your lessons with me, I will honor your name, and will keep walking with God, just like you taught us!

Your absence hurts, but your presence in my life will never fade. Thank you for being my first home, my safe place, and my greatest teacher.

I will love you forever.

Kim

GRANDMA

Thank you, Grandma

I Love You, I would never let a tear fall from your eyes. 'Cause everything you were to me, I could never let you hurt inside. You mean so much, and I'm so thankful you were in my life. I appreciate your love and all your sacrifice. Without you by my side, I never could survive. I wouldn't be the adult standing here before the world. You taught me strength, and you gave me guidance. I've been blessed to be raised by a woman so strong

'Cause even when I did things wrong, you would show me just the way that I should carry on. You kept me safe, and you protected me with all you had Whenever faith was lost, you were there to find it, and all because my grandma's love is unconditional. With all my heart and all my soul, I wanna let you know. I thank you.

I love you. And I would never ever place no one above you. You have given me life, and I just want you to know; That you're the reason I'm here today, I will never let go To everything that we share, nothing can compare. I thank you! I love you! I am grateful to have had you by my side! I will always cherish every memory!

-Love, Your Grandchildren





OUR SISTER IN LAW

As her sisters-in-law, we honor a woman who welcomed us with love and treated us like true sisters. Her kindness, her wisdom, and her gentle spirit made our family stronger. She supported us, prayed for us, and stood with us through every season. We will forever cherish her grace, her laughter, and the warmth she brought into our lives. Love you always! Your Sister-in-Laws

YOUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS

As her nieces and nephews, we honor an aunt who loved us like her own. Her guidance shaped us, and her kindness will stay with us always. Love you forever



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DON'T CRY FOR ME

Don't cry for me, cry for yourself. For the long
unknown pain you will endure.
For the long unknown journey ahead of you.
For the unseen, unknown pain you will endure.
Be strong, face toward the fearful of what may come.
Tomorrow's not promised, but today you hold.
Be kind and gentle, to all you will meet.
Know your inner self and respect others.
Avoid pain and harm if you can.
Stay alive, stay alert, and stay safe.
Don't cry for me, cry for yourself.
I am home, I am safe, I am free.

By: Laurreon Mike
1/26/17





MARY

CAMPBOR

Williams



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— The Family

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