

A portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a white top and a beaded necklace. The background is dark blue with gold stars and two white doves in flight. Large, stylized blue roses are also visible.

In Loving  
*Memory*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026  
2:00 P.M.

*Deann* Williams McGee

JULY 13, 1954 — AUGUST 30, 2026

ELZEE A M E CHURCH  
703 Renno Rd, Clinton SC 29325



# *Celebrating* THE LIFE & LEGACY



*Ms. Joann Williams McGee, of Laurens, South Carolina, departed this life on August 30, 2026, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.*

*Joann was born on July 13, 1954, to the late Albert Donald and Katherine Mets Williams. She grew up in Clinton surrounded by her 4 brothers and 3 sisters. As the youngest daughter and second-youngest child, Joann held a special place in the family.*

*At a young age, Joann joined Elzee AME Church, where the seeds of her faith were planted. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1974 and continued her education at Piedmont Technical College.*

*Joann had a loving heart and a special gift for caring for people. She found her calling in healthcare, helping those who could not always care for themselves. Her compassion, patience, and willingness to serve made her work much more than a job—it was an expression of who she was. After 30 years of dedicated service, she retired from Whitten Center.*

*Joann loved her family deeply, they meant the world to her. She found joy in spending time with those she loved! She also loved to shop! She could not resist the urge to buy a new purse or a new pair of shoes. She had something for every outfit, every occasion, and a few extras just in case.*

*Joann was preceded in death by her son, Adidas; her daughter, Crystal McGee; three brothers, Waverly Williams, Raymond Williams, and Albert Williams; one sister, Emma Bell Kennedy; one brother-in-law, Willie B. Kennedy; and one sister-in-law, Lillie Pearl Williams.*

*Joann leaves to cherish her loving memory two sons, Nicholas (Kamika) Williams and Raymond Tyrone Ferguson of the home; her former husband and dear friend, Leroy McGee; eight grandchildren, Chelsea (Ronald) Mathews, Cherise Tyler, Emari Rice, Shimek Williams, Ni'Deaz Williams, Tyquavious Bluford, Zicoria Bluford, and Sanai Simpson; and ten great-grandchildren.*

*She is also survived by two sisters, Geraldine (Willie Lee) Gary and Patricia Gary; one brother, Curtis Williams; her devoted and loving best friend, Jean Dublin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.*

*Joann's love, compassion, warm spirit, and unforgettable sense of style will remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her life was a blessing, her memory will be treasured, and the love she poured into her family and others will continue for generations to come.*



# FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts*

Your life was a precious gift, and your love became a guiding light for everyone fortunate enough to know you. Through your kindness, strength and gentle spirit, you taught us the true meaning of compassion, family and friendship. Thank you to our relatives, friends and community for your comforting words, prayers and generous support during this difficult time.

## *Prayer*

May the cherished memories of Joann bring peace and strength to everyone who loved her. May her beautiful spirit rest peacefully, and may the legacy she created continue to inspire us.

**Forever loved. Always remembered.  
Never forgotten.**



# Cherished MOMENTS





# FAMILY & FRIENDS

## *Tributes*



### FROM HER SON

Thank you for standing by me through thick and thin, and for never giving up on me, even when I didn't win. Thank you for your patience when I kept pushing you away, and for still caring when I said I didn't need you.

So when your health failed, I felt like it was my job to show you the same love you've shown me since I was a kid. Mom, it wasn't easy, but I know it wasn't easy for you putting up with me as a kid either. Just know, if I had to, I would do it all over again.

Mom, thank you for your guidance and the faith you've shown, for giving me a safe place where I have grown, and for showing me how to strive.

Because of your love, I will survive.



### FROM HER GRANDCHILDREN

Grandma, thank you for your unconditional love, gentle guidance, and the safe place you always gave us. Your kindness and strength will stay with us forever. We love you, and we will carry your memory in our hearts always.



### FROM HER FAMILY

From all of us, your family, thank you for the love, warmth, and strength you shared with us. You were deeply loved and will be forever missed. Your memory will live on in our hearts and in the lives of all who knew you.



### FROM HER FRIENDS

Joann was more than a friend, she was more than a sister. I don't know exactly what to call her, because she was more than any of that. There really aren't words for what she meant to me. I love her, always. ❤️



# ORDER OF *Service*

Reverend JoAnn McIntosh, *Presiding*

Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Final Viewing ..... Family and Friends

Selection ..... Mr. Toddie Young

Scripture Reading ..... Ministers

Prayer ..... Reverend JoAnn McIntosh

Poem ..... Ms. Marquita Williams

## REMARKS

Ms. Ericka Dendy      Family and Friends

Acknowledgements ..... Childs Funeral Home Staff

Musical Selection ..... Reverend Andrevious Campbell

Eulogy ..... Reverend Andrevious Campbell

Closing Prayer ..... Reverend Andrevious Campbell

*Committal Service*

Prayer, Committal, and Benediction

Recessional

## *Pall Bearers*

Ashley Kennedy

Alonzo Gary

Derrick Bluford

Eddie Elkins

Akeem Williams

Ashley Kennedy, Jr.

Marvin Kennedy

Tray Williams

Billy Coleman

Jacob Adams

## *Floral Bearers*

Ericka Dendy

Melissa Davis

Alfreda Coleman

Sherry Hunter

Britney Williams

Angelica Williams

Sharon Fuller

Taunya Kennedy

Centris Elkins

Rhonda Gary

Tameka Ruff

Alexis Adams

Phyllis Williams

# Acknowledgement

The family of Joann Williams McGee extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone who shared their love, prayers and support during this difficult time.

Your thoughtful messages, comforting presence, beautiful flowers and generous acts of kindness have brought strength and peace to our family. Each expression of sympathy has reminded us how deeply Joann was loved and how many lives she touched.

We are truly grateful for your compassion and for joining us in honoring her remarkable life and lasting legacy. May God bless each of you for the comfort you have given us.

**With love and appreciation,  
The Family**

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