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The Day God Took You Home

You never said, "I'm leaving."
You never said, "Good-bye."
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knows why.
A million times I needed you;
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life, I loved you dearly;
In death, I love you still.
In my heart, you hold a place
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.

Phenomenal Woman,

That's me.

When I've gone the last mile of the way,

I shall rest at the close of day,

For I know there is joy awaiting…

When I've gone the last mile of the way.

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Pallbearers

Nephews and Great-Nephews

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Great-Nieces

Interment

Anthony Collins Cemetery
Collinsville, Alabama

Repast

Pleasant Grove Baptist Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mary A. Williams would like to thank the community of Collinsville and Gadsden for all acts of kindness shown to our family during this difficult time. In addition, we would like to say thank you, to the medical staff of Compassus Hospice care for the care and compassion shown to our mother while in your care.

Professional Services Entrusted To



Prestige Memorial
Funeral Home & Crematory
2412 Sansom Avenue
Gadsden, AL 35904
Phone:(256) 438-5506

"Nothing less than God's best as you celebrate the life of your love one"

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In Loving Memory of



Ms. Mary Alice Williams

The Lord Giveth
July 8, 1944

The Lord Taketh Away
October 6, 2023

Saturday, October 14, 2023
1 O'clock p.m.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
53 Church Avenue
Collinsville, Alabama 35961
Pastor Carlos Stanton

Pastor Dianne Williams, Eulogist

Mary Alice Williams

"When you see me passing, it ought to make you proud.
I say, it's in the click of my heels, the bend of my hair, the palm of my hand,
the need for my care. 'Cause I'm a woman, phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, that's me." Maya Angelou

phe•nom•e•nal: very remarkable; extraordinary

When you reflect on words such as exceptional, amazing, outstanding, or astonishing, Mary Alice Williams, affectionally known as "Mam-Mam, Mammie and Memmy", should come to mind.

In the peak of worldwide social challenges, God sent a phenomenal gift to the world through the personhood of Mary Alice Williams on July 8, 1944. Mary Alice was also born as a twin to her sister, Martha. Mary Alice was reared in Collinsville, Alabama, under the parentage of the late Bill Mack and Mary Jane George Williams.

It's not certain achievements or accomplishments that makes someone phenomenal. Rather, it's the pathway they choose to take in life that makes them phenomenal, as Mary. She made the best decision of her lifetime at an early age; she put her total faith and truth in the Lord Jesus and made Him her personal Savior. She was a lifelong believer and member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She gained life skills for success and formal education at Gregory High School, where she was a member of the Marching Tiger Band. She was a graduate of the class of 1968. Upon completing her education, she developed a career at Cagle's Inc. in Collinsville, Alabama. After several years, Mary discovered a passion for assisting and serving others. She spent many years working and exercising one of her passions at Kingberry's Homes in Fort Payne, Alabama, and Collinsville Nursing Home in Collinsville, Alabama.

Mary discovered in her life that it's doing what you love and what you're called to that makes your life phenomenal. Being a devoted mother and grandmother, loving sister, and a favorite aunt to many was her utmost pride and joy. She enjoyed spending time with her family, creating unforgettable memories cooking with her sisters, Rosetta and Erby, and nieces, Jean and Lynn. Mary was outgoing and was affectionally known as "the life of the party–never hosting a dull moment!" She also deeply enjoyed traveling and singing with The Mighty I.D. Choir. Mary was lively and believed in enjoying life to the fullest.

A lineage of greatness that preceded her in death include her parents, Bill and Mary George Williams; grandparents, Sylvester and Alice Williams, John George, and Alma and Jim Teague; grandson, Dante Gregory; sisters, Martha Williams, Beulah Hill, Eloise Hogan, and Erby Blassingame; brothers, Leon Williams, Wallace Teague, and Thomas and Sylvester Williams.

The phenomenon of Mary's life transitioned from this realm into the eternal realm. God, in His divine wisdom and love, elected that He would call her into eternal rest on October 6, 2023.

Her love, life, and legacy will live on with her devoted and loving family: son, John Claude Williams (Connie) of Gadsden, AL; daughters, Maran Williams of Collinsville, AL, Valerie Williams, and Shara Young of Gadsden, AL; sister, Rosetta Roden of Collinsville, AL; grandchildren, Lavonta Williams of Collinsville, AL, Kyle Williams (Christy) of Fort Payne, AL, Cory Williams (Chasity) of Gadsden, Alabama, Justin Gregory (Maria) of Detroit, MI, Tori Fife of Gadsden, AL, Zeuntae' Young of Grand Prairie, TX, Joseph Moore of Gadsden, AL, Jamaya Nichols of Huntsville, AL, and Andrea Ford of Collinsville, AL; great-grandchildren, JaMiyah and ZaNiyah Stanton, Jasmine, Ashyah, Javian Gregory, Cylee, Kyra, Caisley, Jay'dence and Cynovia Williams, and Jayden and Thiago Tomas; one godson, Brandon Ford (Tiffany) and a host of special family, including Sonny Jones who was raised as a brother, Gloria Jean McGee and Dianne Perry (Ray) who were raised as sisters, and special nieces, Diane Ewing, Cynthia Barnes, Regina Maddox, Towanna Cason (Shane) Benita Perry and Lisa Williams.

Precious Memories







Order of Service

Processional..... The Family

Selection ..... Mrs. Millie Perry

Scripture Readings ..... Pastor Carlos Stanton

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Selection ..... Mr. Justin Gregory

Words of comfort..... Ms. Tara George

Words of Expression ..... *Two Minutes, Please*

Reading of the Obituary.....Mrs. Natalie Small

Selection ..... Mrs. Ciannia Bynum

Eulogy ..... Pastor Dianne Williams

Recessional .....*Soft Music*

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