



Celebrating the life of

Arkie Jean

Williams

Sunrise - Sunset

April 22, 1946 - August 20

Arkie Jean Williams,

was born April 22, 1946 in Little Rock Arkansas daughter of the late Sameul Harris and Bessie Mae Harris. Raised by her grandmother, she, and her favorite and first cousin, Alice Faye were Educated at Horace Mann High School. Arkie was an extremely outgoing teenager, loved by everyone that encountered her.

After leaving High school, Arkie moved to Detroit, byway of Chicago, at the age of 17. She was soon employed at Grace Hospital as a CNA. Arkie Jean Williams, being married twice in her lifetime, would later give birth to 4 beautiful children. Pamela, William, Kenneth, and Marcel.

Arkie, coming from a spiritual family, always knew the Lord. Having a love for GOD and a beautiful voice, she attended Triedstone Baptist Church, where her father was the deacon, and sang in the choir

Arkie Jean Williams had a love for music, resale shopping, interior design and most of all, cooking. Being called mom by some and friends by others, feeding people was one of the things that she really loved. Telling her how good her food was always brought a smile to her face. Arkie cooked & created Sunday dinners for over 25 years and she fed all comers with love, soul food, laughter, and patience.

Some of her palate pleasing dishes are still discussed between family & friends, from her corned beef to her barbecue turkey wings and always a huge pot of greens with baked macaroni and cheese. Arkie made sure there was enough to go around for everyone.

Outside of her love for cooking great meals, was her love for children.

Arkie would foster over 6 children in her life span, adopting two. Falandis Madison and David MacAlister.

There are so many beautiful moments & memories that will remain in our hearts, when it comes to what Arkie Jean Williams truly means to her family & friends. Mrs. Arkie Jean Williams was an incredible mother, and still is, truly loved, respected and deeply, deeply missed by her family and all of those that had the pleasure of being called a friend.

Arkie Jean Williams leaves behind 8 siblings {Sam, Emily, Bee, Felicia, Michelle, Curtis, Patricia and Keith}. 6 children {Pamela Sims, William & Nicole Freeman, Kenneth Freeman, Marcel Freeman, Falandos Madison and David Mcgalister} 10 grandchildren {Faith Sims, Al Tolivar, Durrell & Shakeem Freeman, Willie “Mookie” Jones Jr. & wife Jessica Jones, Keniece Freeman, Daija Burch, Bianca Freeman, Kameron Freeman, Kaitlin Freeman and Starr Freeman. Great grandchildren Harmoni, Kayla, Skylar, James, Jayden, Milani and Nahla ‘and a plethora of family and friends.

We can not forget such honorable mentions as Arkie’s first cousin Alice Faye, Bestfriends Betty Lee, Marlene Calvert, Carolyn Heard and Debra Johnson. Sunday sidekicks Sam I am, cousin Red, ex Daughter in law and friend Pinkey Freeman and many more who made our dear mother’s life easier in so many beautiful ways.

On August 20th our beloved mother crossed over, and was called home. We are so extremely grateful to God for giving us a remarkable mother, who taught us the value of family, showed us how to love, to be patient and to create moments after, amazing, moments of love and laughter. We ask God to pay special attention to our dear Mother. For she was our source of Family Energy. We love you dearly Queen Mother Arkie Jean Williams. Thank you for so many beautiful memories. See you later!

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto GOD who gave it.





Grandma, you are one of the most strongest women I know, you effortlessly kept us all together through your love and your cooking. When I fell on hard times you were there for me and my daughter, I remember asking to come stay with you for a while and without hesitation you said yes! I remember thanking you and you just said "THATS WHAT FAMILIES FOR." You were such a gift to us, handing down life lessons and giving us so many memories to have. I so wish I could hug you one more time, tell you I love you one more time. You were a woman worth more then rubies, calling you a queen would be an understatement, in fact there isn't a word invented to describe the woman you are. I thank God for you and I love you so much.

Love Durrel



It's the little things that I will miss the most your colorful wigs, your laugh, that breakfast you made my cousins and I in the morning when we spent the night, the Sunday dinners you cooked with love and coming over never wanting to leave, you calling me, Kenice, or Bianca to the living room to grab something upstairs for you, you grabbing a birthday cake for anyone in our family who's birthday it was, to the hugs you gave me as soon as I walked in the door. You taught me the importance of staying close and keeping the family together. You were the best grandma anyone could have ever asked for. Thank You for being such a loving, selfless, warm-hearted, supportive, humble women. I love you so much I will miss you and I can't wait see you again

Love Daija

Granny granny granny.. oh how much I'm going to miss you. I miss you already.. I'm gonna miss your love, your cooking, the way you love and kept the family together and most of all, how you made sure I had every piece of food I wanted. Whether it was corned beef, pickles or banana peppers you made sure you had them cause you knew ya grand baby wanted them. Never had to ask for a thing. You opened your home to so many people without hesitating. Your love was unconditional. I'm going to miss your laughs and loud burps. I love you grandma and these words can't explain the half of what I miss or feel... rest easy granny!

Love Kenice



