

YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING YOUR MEMORY A TREASURE

Life never ends. It simply transcends into new beginnings. No more pain. My work done on earth won't go in vain. Make every day count and keep pressing your way towards your blessings. Don't take failure as a down it's just a mere lesson. As I am smiling from up above, please know that I am resting. My new life here is a blessing. My Lord is our savior. Please do me one favor, live life like it's your last because our time here on earth will swiftly pass.



“Butterfly, butterfly—fly to my mother and tell her that I love her. — CeCe”

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

*Sheila Mae*  
WILLIAMSON BETHEA

OCTOBER 24, 1954 ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2025



ALWAYS & FOREVER MISSED BEYOND WORDS

# Order of Service

Sheila Mae Williamson Bethea was born on October 24, 1954, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to the late William E. Williamson, Sr., and Ruby M. Lewis Missouri. She departed this life on November 17, 2025. She attended Winfield Scott Elementary School and Battin High School, both in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In 1970, she married Calvin Bethea.

Sheila served in the U.S. Army from July 22, 1975, until July 27, 1977, where she worked in transportation. She was honorably discharged as a disabled veteran and was a proud member of DAV Chapter 44 in Smithfield, NC. Sheila continued her education by taking courses at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, NC. She was a faithful member of St. Stephen's Church of Christ in Princeton, NC, under the leadership of Elder Larry Witherspoon.

She enjoyed spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom she affectionately referred to as "The Crew 10." Sheila loved to have fun and was truly the life of every party. Her sense of humor was contagious, and she brought joy to everyone around her. Family was deeply important to her, and she especially cherished her mother. She treasured her five great-granddaughters and adored her toy poodles, Sassy and Cash. Her favorite colors were baby blue and red. She also loved butterflies.

Singing was one of her greatest passions, and she even had a studio inside her home in Smithfield, NC. Sheila enjoyed shopping and going on outings with friends and family—especially with her daughter and her sister Valerie. She always wanted to make the most of every moment and believed in enjoying life to the fullest. She took great pride in dressing well and looking her best at all times.

Sheila had a generous and loving heart. She spoiled those around her without expecting anything in return except love. Even the smallest acts of kindness warmed her heart, and she never forgot a favor. She was a protector who fiercely loved her family—brave and confident—and never hesitant about offering a compliment. To Sheila, the most valuable gift anyone could give her was love.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving mother, Ruby Missouri; her devoted daughter, Cecelia Meadows (Brandon) of Delaware; her three granddaughters, Cecelia Starlitta Bethea, Diamond T. Starling, and Dasia A. Starling; and her five great-granddaughters, Jewel K. Doss, Zara S. Leverett, Ruby M. Doss, Treasure K. Nash, and Dayci R. Leverett.

She also leaves her siblings: William E. Williamson (Kristina) of Hanover, MD; Beverly R. Williamson Diggs of Laurel, MD; and Valerie J. Williamson (Garry) of New Bern, NC. Siblings through her father—Dana Williamson, Rickey Greene, Lisa Greene, Tracey Greene, and Michelle Williamson, all of New Jersey—also survive her. She is further survived by a host of nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. In addition, she leaves behind her uncle, Jesse Lewis, of Goldsboro, NC, and her three godchildren: Zyiel Lopez of Princeton, NC; and Zumera and Tumera Watson of Rahway, NJ.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandmother, Amanda Grandy Watson, who held a special place in her heart.

Processional.....Clergy & Family

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Elder Larry Williams

New Testament.....Trustee Ronald Rawlings

Prayers of Comfort.....Apostle Rebecca

## Simmons

## Remarks (2 Minutes)

\*Johnnie Mae Grandy

\*Sister Linda Warren

\*Brandon Meadows

\*Cecelia Meadows

Obituary.....Dr. Anthony Simmons

Musical Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Verla S Hamm

Morticians Brief.....Sanders

## Funeral Home

Benediction.....Pastor Anthony

## Simmons

