

Celebrating the
Life and Legacy of

Mattie
Louise Williams
HELLAMS



APRIL 5, 1943

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AUGUST 25, 2023

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

HALF PAST NOON

ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DR. THOMAS J. BOWMAN, PRESIDING AND EULOGIST



Order of Service

PRELUDE Shirley Caesar & Missing you by Brandy (Soft Music)
"I Remember Momma"

PROCESSIONAL..... Clergy and Family

Greeting

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life and legacy of Sis. Mattie Louise Williams Hellams. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain, we may find comfort in sorrow, hope, in death and resurrection.

HYMN..... "Lift Every Voice" Black National Anthem

INVOCATION..... Rev. Thomas J. Sloan

SOLO..... Sis. Jean E. Smith

INSPIRATION FROM SCRIPTURE

Old and New Testament Rev. Thomas J. Sloan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... UMH#881

GLORIA PATRI.....UMH#70

SOLO..... Sis. Debra Smith

REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS (*Two Minute Limit PLEASE*) Sis. Gene Bunch, *Niece*
Sis. Sandra Cheek, *Niece*
Bro. Jay and Sis. Phyllis Spain, *Church Family*
Sis. Jean E. Smith, *Niece*

RESOLUTION FROM SAINT MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sis. Pamela Askew

TRIBUTE..... Granddaughters

POEM Grandsons

SOLO/SELECTION PLAYED

"When I See Jesus"

WORDS OF INSPIRATION.....Dr. Thomas J. Bowman

SONG PLAYED

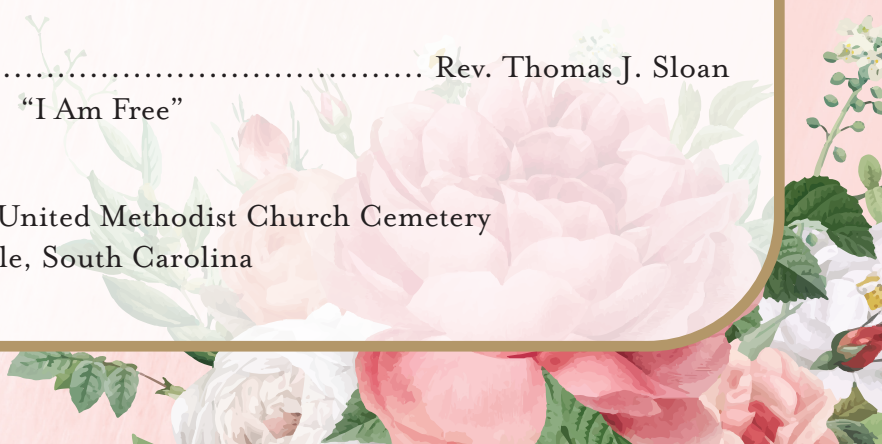
"Well Done"

PRAYER/COMMITTAL/BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL Rev. Thomas J. Sloan

"I Am Free"

Burial in the St. Matthew United Methodist Church Cemetery
Greenville, South Carolina





Her Story

Mattie W. Hellams

To five of us she was known as Mom. To many she was a person full of strength, joy and always willing to lend a helping hand. She was the heartbeat of our family.

The date was April 5, 1943 that the Lord blessed the earth and gave to the late Ollie and Gertrude Williams, Mattie Louise Williams. Who later became the wife of the late Jesse Hellams Sr.

Their union was blessed and they shared 48 years of marriage. She was not only a devoted wife, but also a great mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Our home since has often been the gathering place for family meals and gatherings. She loved her family. She was a “giver”, always making sure that there was a gift for the occasion. While Mom had a humble sweet personality, and was very softspoken when she spoke, she said what she meant and meant what she said.

The Bible tells us to, “train up a child while they are young so when they are old, they will not depart from it”. Mom gained that early training at her church, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Taylors, SC, where she was a lifelong member. She sang with the Young Adult choir which became The Gospel Jubileers, and the Senior Choir. She also was a member of the hospitality committee, and The United Methodist Women.

Our Mom attended Lincoln High school and graduated from Class of 1961. The Lord blessed her work as an employee of Brookline Carpets, Greenville General Hospital and later Greenville Memorial Hospital, now known as Prisma Health, until her retirement in 2005 after 25 years of dedicated service.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000 and was a 23 year survivor. Although the way before her was not without times of trial, she considered both the peaks and the valleys along life’s journey to be a part of God’s perfect plan for her life.

Over the past few weeks Mom waged a courageous battle for life. It is good to know that she made it through VICTORIOUS! So, her final days on earth were spent surrounded by her family. As God, would see fit, on the afternoon of Friday, August 25, 2023, at 4:37pm, our darling Mom, left her bed of sickness and put on her angelic wings, where she now rest in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



She now joins with the angels and her husband, Jesse Hellams, Sr.; Her daughter, Bridget Hellams Nance; her son, Jody Hellams; her grandson, Chrishaun Hellams; her parents, Ollie and Gertrude Williams; her stepmother, Lenedia Williams; her siblings, Lillie Mae Garrison, Bobbie Jean Jones, and Thomas Ollie Williams.

Also left to cherish her memory is: her sons, Rev. Jesse (Lisa) Hellams, Jr of Taylors, SC; Robert Hellams of Pelzer, SC; daughter, Charlene Fant of the home; and grandson, Brandon (Nanna's "Bunkin") Hellams reared in the home; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Goodnight Mom, we'll see you in the morning,

Jesse, Charlene and Robert







Grandma

*Its always heartbreaking but comforting
To silently recall Your Smile, Your Strength,
Your Love, and a Beautiful face to all
You were a wife, you were a Mother, an Aunt, and a Friend
but the Sweetest part*

*You were Our Grandma to the End
You taught us Strength you gave us Strength
You showed us Might you taught us love
and you showed us how to fight
We Admire our Granny for the way she loved us
and yes sometimes it was tough but
She knew how to get us together and straighten us up
and it was never to rough*

*Granny we hope that you can see
You're more than words can describe
You're the heart of our family
We were blessed to have you beside us
We were warmed with your smile
We will each share your wisdom
When we sit and talk for a while
You were an Inspiration to many without ever trying
We wanted you for a couple of forevers
but we're all on God's timing*

*So as we are trying our best to make it through this day
We are comforted in knowing that you
are resting in God's Precious Arms
NO more pain NO more sickness and
NO more worries will come your way
Remembering you will be Easy
We will think of you everyday
But missing you is Heartache that'll never go away
Take your Rest Granny, your Work here is done*

WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS



Expressions of Gratitude

We extend our profound appreciation for the love, prayers, and other expressions of kindness you have shown during this time. For those of you who have shared amazing stories of Mom's humor, love, and dedication, inspiration and helping so many, we thank you. Please remember us as we will remember you in our prayers.

The Hellams Family





Floral Bearers

Nieces and Friends

Pallbearers

Nephews

Honorary Floral Bearers

The United Methodist Women of
St. Matthew United Methodist Church

Honorary Pallbearers

The United Methodist Men of
St. Matthew United Methodist Church

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