



*On behalf of the late Dorothy M. Williams,  
thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.  
Your thoughts, prayers and cards were greatly  
appreciated.*

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR  
DEACONESS  
DOROTHY M. WILLIAMS

*Heaven Sent*  
September 11, 1924

*Called Home*  
September 17, 2020



## MY STORY

My name is Dorothy Mariana Johnson Williams. I was born on September 11, 1924 in Eagleville, Tennessee. I was taken from there when I was three months old.

I was raised by my Uncle William and Aunt Corlie Brackett in Kansas City, Missouri. I attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1941. I also graduated from Kansas City General Hospital #2 as a nurse in 1946.

In September of 1946, I came to Detroit, Michigan to take the Nursing State Board because most black people that took the board in Missouri failed.

I married Garretl Williams in 1950 and have been a widow since 1975.

I worked at Receiving and Grace Hospital (s) and retired in 1980 from DMC after forty years of service as a Registered Nurse.

I joined Oak Grove A.M.E. in 1968 under the pastorate of Rev. David Mitchum. I served as President of Nancy Marsh Missionary Society for eight years, was honored to be a Torch Lighter for 25 years of service, consecrated as a Deaconess by Bishop Phillip Cousin in April 2002. I was also honored by the Michigan Conference Lay Organization as a Pioneer in June 2015.

served with Caring and Sharing and was a Platinum Girl/Golden Girl in the kitchen.

I have lived way over ninety years, for which I am grateful to God to have lived this long to see His glorious earth and I have traveled to so many places during my lifetime.

My favorite scripture is Psalm 37:25 – I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread.

The reason I told my story, is because I have outlived all of my relatives but, I was blessed with an adopted family.

I leave to cherish my memory, my right hand and Goddaughter Darlene Hodge. Special friends Betty Jones and daughter Claudia, Elaine Stuckey, Jeanette Sykes, Doris Haskens, Gerald Thornton, all those that took care of me at DeVita Dialysis, many other friends and acquaintances and of course all of my Oak Grove A.M.E. family members.

***I have fought a good fight and kept the faith.***

***Dorothy***

***Gone Home to Meet Her Maker***

***Dorothy departed her earthly home on***

***Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Providence Hospital.***



**MASKS MUST BE WORN FOR THE  
WALK THRU PUBLIC VIEWING**

Thursday, September 24, 2020  
1:00 – 7:00 P.M. at

James H. Cole Home for Funerals, Inc.  
16100 Schaefer  
Detroit, MI 48235

### **Graveside Service**

Friday, September 25, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

Woodlawn Cemetery  
19975 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48203

*For those that wish to attend the Graveside Service,  
processional will leave James H. Cole Funeral Home on  
Schaefer at 10:30 A.M.*

Rev. Brenda Jones  
Oak Grove A.M.E. Church

Rev. Cindy Rudolph, Senior Pastor  
Oak Grove A.M.E. Church