

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Ona
MARIE WILLIS
“ S H U G ”

SUNRISE: JUNE 14, 1945 – SUNSET: JULY 18, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

VISITATION: 9:00AM — 11:00AM | SERVICE: 11:00AM

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH

3601 E. 19TH STREET | KANSAS CITY, MO 64127

Officiant: Elder David R. Pruitt

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PALLBEARERS

Gary Cobin Marcus Jackson Sr. LeRon Meade
Lonnie Meade II Vendall Meade Rodney Simpson

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Mathew Meade Mychael Meade Mason Meade
Lionel Meade Jr. Lonnie Meade Joseph C. Jackson Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*The family wishes to thank you for your kind words,
thoughts, and prayers during the loss of our beloved
mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister,
aunt, and cherished mentor.*

*Life will never be the same, yet she has left her
impression on our lives never to be forgotten and
always to be cherished in loving memory.*

INTERMENT

XII Gates Memorial Gardens

REPAST

For those who wish to fellowship with the family
Golden Corral
Independence, Missouri

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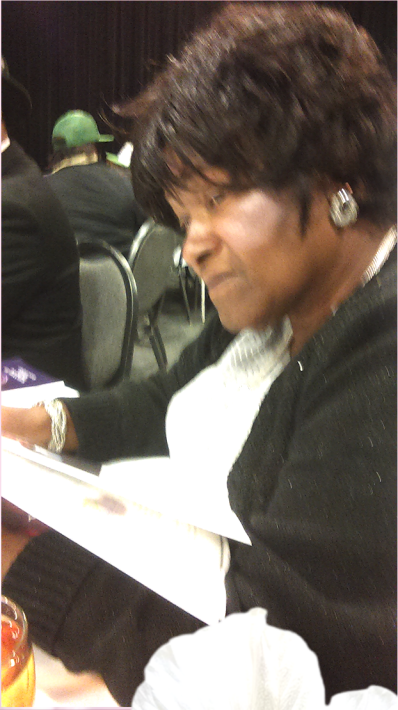
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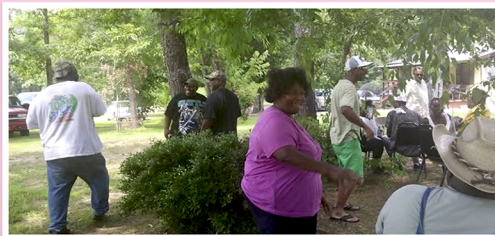
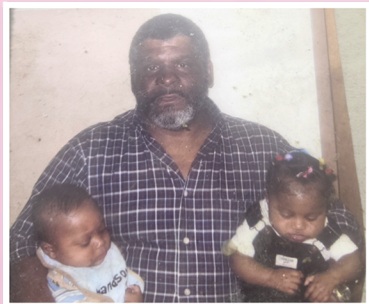
**HER LIGHT
REMAINS**

THERE ARE SOME WHO BRING A
LIGHT SO GREAT TO THE WORLD
THAT EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE
DEPARTED THEIR LIGHT REMAINS
– Dr. Linda Jackson

God saw her pain and knew she
needed rest, and so he called her ‘
by name ONA come and take
your rest, you’ve done your best.
You fought a good fight: Heaven
now is where you shall rest.

We Love You Momma.





ONA MARIE WILLIS

Ona Marie Willis (Johnson) was born to the union of Roosevelt Sr. and Elizabeth Johnson on June 14, 1945. She was one of 16 children born to this union. Her parents: Roosevelt and Elizabeth; seven brothers: Edward, Willis, Terry, Earnest, Roosevelt Jr., Roy Joseph, and Kenneth Marvin; four sisters: Birdie Mae, Mary Ellen, Patricia Ann, Brenda Louise; one son, Leonard M. Meade Jr.; and maternal grandparents, Birdie Mae and Anderson Shoats preceded her in death.

Ona received her formal education in the Kansas City public school system – as a graduate of Paseo High School.

Ona met and married Leonard M. Meade Sr. and to this union six children were born: Leonard Millard, Lemonte Millard, Lonnie Millard, Lionel Millard, Linda Marie and Lesa Michelle. She later met and married David E. Willis who preceded her death.

Ona led a faith filled life joining Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor F. C. Connery. As a youth she served in many activities, including choir, ushering, and BTU. She later united with Galilee Baptist Church under Pastor Phillip Layne, where she kept her membership until her passing.

Ona earned a degree in Early Childhood Education and furthered her education to complete her Masters in a specialty of Early Childhood education from Avila University.

Ona worked in Social Services at the old Wayne Minor Clinic known today as Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center for a number of years before working for Kansas City public school system as a Special Education Early Childhood teacher for 35 years, until her retirement in 2010.

Ona Mae, Shug, Big O, Fats, Grandma and Momma as she was so loving called was the strength of our family and our hearts.

Memories of Mom, she was a tenuous woman with her own mind and her own ways of doing things. Undemeath her tough exterior was a heart of gold.

The running family joke of the Johnson family between Uncle Don, Momma, and Aunt Pat who was the most ornery starting at 1, 2, or 3 with one being the orneriest. Momma sat firmly at zero.

Ona mentored many through her life, gaining much love and admiration from those whose lives she touched, including the two grandchildren she raised: Lionel Jr. and Lonnie II.

Momma loved to cook, she loved flowers and her garden, and she could be found each summer planting and tending to her flowers and roses. She will be missed by many.

Her loving family will cherish the memories they made with her. She is an angel now in heaven watching over us all.

Her five children, three sons, and two daughters: Lemonte Sr., Lonnie, Lionel Sr., Dr. Linda (David Reggie Pruitt), Lesa (Gary) all of the city; three brothers: Don P. Leonard Sr., Billy Ray; one sister, Mae Ella Credit (Marvin) of Conway, Arkansas; 33 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a host of many nieces, nephews, and the lives she touched as she walked through her journey of life.

Rest Well Momma, your race has been won.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer — Ja-Renna Floyd

Scripture Readings

Old Testament — Deacon Don P. Johnson

Psalm 46:1-5

New Testament — Gary Cobin

Matthew 11:28-30

**Musical Selection — “Take Me To The King”
by Tamela Mann**

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Kadesha Jackson

Special Tribute — Lesa Meade

“I Love You Momma”

Life Reflections — Silently Read

Special Tribute — Safiyyah Muhammad

Musical Selection — “Walk Around Heaven”

Special Words

Nicholle Jackson, Dr. Linda Jackson,

Sherrie Lee, Keisha Miller

Musical Selection — “Oh How Precious”

Words of Comfort — Elder David R. Pruitt

Benediction

Recessional