

# Reflections of His Life

James Williams, 74, of Bishopville, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on March 20, 2026. He was born on April 22, 1951, in Bishopville, South Carolina, where he was also raised and spent his life rooted in family and community.

He was educated in the Lee County School District. In his early years, James was employed by the City of Bishopville. He later worked at Camden Military Academy, where he remained until his retirement.

James was a man of discipline and structure, known for running a strict but loving household. He was a devoted protector and provider, always ensuring his family was cared for. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing softball, and throughout his life, he found joy in music and fishing—simple pleasures that brought him peace. He was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church, where he discovered his relationship with God.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Mae Williams and Columbus Williams Sr.; his siblings, Mary Lee Smith, Andrew Williams Sr., Willie James Williams, and Columbus Williams Jr.; and his beloved grandson, Dominique Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Jessie Mae Williams; his children: Lisa Hickman (Tony) of Bishopville, South Carolina; Jennifer Atkinson (Anthony) of Bishopville, South Carolina, Bridgette Williams of Charlotte, North Carolina and James Williams (Damonica) of Conway, Arkansas.

He also leaves behind six grandchildren: Antonio Hickman, Arnisha Atkinson, Nicole Hickman, Jayron Wells, Jaida Williams, and Delando Atkinson. James is also survived by his siblings: Louise Marshall, Alice Simon, Earline Bradley (Prince), Tommy Williams, and Larry Williams, all of Bishopville, South Carolina, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

# Order of Service

## **Prelude Musician**

**Processional**  
Family and Friends

**Selection**  
Little Zion Choir

**Old Testament:**  
Isaiah 41:9-10  
Reverend Dr. Gregory Jackson  
Elizabeth Baptist Church

**New Testament:**  
2 Timothy 4:6-8  
Reverend Dr. Ralph Singleton  
St. Matthew Baptist Church

**Prayer**  
Pastor Lawrence Ford  
Little Zion Baptist Church

**Solo**  
Tara Porter  
**Poem:**  
“A Father’s Legacy”  
read by Kemdeodra Mickel

**Acknowledgements/Reading of the Obituary**  
Deacon Elizabeth Smith

**Solo**  
Deacon Julius Mason

**Words of Comfort**  
Reverend Dr. Kimberly Mason  
Little Zion Baptist Church

**Recessional**  
Little Zion Choir

**Postlude**  
Musician

**Committal, Prayer, Benediction:**  
Interment: Little Zion Baptist Church Cemetery

*Pallbearers*  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Floral Bearers*  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS



**A Father's Legacy**  
A man of strength, a steady hand,  
A quiet force, a guiding stand.  
From Bishopville roots where his story grew  
He built a life both firm and true.  
With discipline strong and a watchful eye,  
He taught his children how to try.  
To stand up tall, to do what's right,  
To walk with courage, not with fright.

He found his peace by water still,  
With fishing lines and time to fill.  
And music playing soft and low,  
The simple joys he came to know.

A protector first, with love so deep,  
The kind of soul whose word you keep.  
Though strict at times, his heart was wide,  
A father's love he did not hide.  
Now God has called him home to rest,  
To join the ones he loved the best.

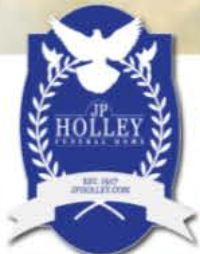
Though we may grieve, we understand,  
He's safe now in His loving hand.  
His legacy lives on each day,  
In every lesson, word, and way.  
And though he's gone from earthly view,  
His love remains in all we do.



*Expression of Gratitude*

The family of James Williams extends our heartfelt gratitude for the love, prayers, and support shown during this difficult time. Your kindness has brought us comfort and strength as we celebrate his life and legacy. We will forever cherish his guidance, his strength, and the love he had for his family. He was our protector, our provider, and our foundation. Though he is no longer with us physically, his spirit will live on in each of us.

With love,  
The Williams Family



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*In loving Memory of*



*James Williams*  
APRIL 22, 1951 - MARCH 20, 2026

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
**1:00 PM**

**Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church**  
**2023 Bethune Hwy, Bishopville, South Carolina 29010**  
**Reverend Lawrence Ford, Pastor**