

Pallbearers

Family Members & Friends

Floral Bearers

Nieces, Cousins & Friends

With Deep Sincerity and Endless Gratitude

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to every person who generously gave of their time and kindness to my mother, Willie Mae McClinton Williams. Whether you took her to doctor's appointments, accompanied her to outpatient therapy, helped with grocery shopping, provided transportation to church, cooked special meals that she loved, or shared special outings with her, your support meant more than words can adequately express.

As an only child, there were many moments when the responsibilities felt overwhelming. Yet, because of the compassion of this wonderful community, my mother was never alone. You stepped in with willing hearts, offering not only assistance but also friendship and genuine care. Knowing that she was surrounded by individuals who cherished her brought me immeasurable peace and comfort.

Your acts of kindness, both great and small, made a lasting difference in her life and in mine. I am grateful for the love, thoughtfulness, and generosity you showed my mother. Your support is a gift that I will carry in my heart always. I pray that you will reap the generosity you sowed in my mother's life.

*Respectfully,
Nicole (Willie Mae & Lehmell's Daughter)*

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In Loving Memory

*Willie Mae
McClinton
Williams*

June 15, 1948-June 16, 2026

Celebrating Her Life

Friday, June 26, 2026
11 AM

Good Hope AME Zion
967 Gaines Church Rd.
Camden, South Carolina

Rev. Tammy Wheeler, Pastor

Sister Willie Mae McClinton Williams

Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord.
-- Matthew 25:21

Willie Mae McClinton Williams was born on June 15, 1948 to the late Willie McClinton and Louvenia Barnes McClinton. As the firstborn child, Willie Mae would experience a lifetime of meaningful milestones. She was the first grandchild of her maternal grandparents and the first member of her family to attend college. Her pursuit of higher education paved the way for future generations, inspiring and influencing many family members to follow in her footsteps and embrace the value of education.

A few hours after her 78th birthday, she peacefully departed this life at the home of her daughter and son-in-law surrounded by love and support she provided to her own family and many others. While our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we find comfort in knowing that she transitioned peacefully, embraced by those who meant the most to her. Her legacy of love, kindness, and devotion will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

She was a proud graduate of Jackson High School, Class of 1966 in Camden, South Carolina. During Jackson High School's Career Day, she was invited to attend a session conducted by a guest speaker from Voorhees College. She accepted the invitation and entered Voorhees College as a Freshman in Fall 1966. During her college years, Willie Mae spent her summers living with her Aunt Thelma P. Warren and family while working as a live-in housekeeper and babysitter for a prominent family in New Canaan, Connecticut. She carefully saved the money she earned each summer to help cover her tuition and other college expenses. Each semester, she also worked in the campus cafeteria and held various other jobs to support her educational journey.

Her mother, Louvenia, provided steadfast encouragement, sending money whenever she could and lovingly sewing stylish clothing to help her daughter while away at college. Through the combined sacrifices of a devoted mother and a determined daughter, Willie Mae persevered with hard work, resilience, and unwavering dedication.

In the spring of 1970, she proudly earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Voorhees College, becoming the first in her family to graduate from college. She remained a proud Voorhees Tiger throughout her life.

She answered a newspaper ad seeking teachers in the Hampton County School District in South Carolina. With her suitcase and bus ticket, she took a bus ride to the town of Varnville, South Carolina. Upon arriving in Varnville, Willie Mae was warmly welcomed by her principal, who met her at the bus station and escorted her to the boarding home where she would reside. Soon thereafter, Miss McClinton began her teaching career at Varnville Elementary School, stepping into her first classroom and embarking on a lifelong journey of educating, inspiring, and nurturing young minds.

While living and teaching in Varnville, Willie Mae met and was united in holy matrimony with the late Lehmell Williams. Their union was blessed with the birth of their cherished daughter and only child, Nicole.

Willie Mae worked tirelessly as a Certified Teacher/Educator for 36 years. Her career in education includes working in the Hampton County School District and Kershaw County School District. Willie



In Tribute
Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And when the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free*

*Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me, but let me go*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me, but let me go*



Mae was often known for her “Eagle Eyes,” a reflection of her remarkable attentiveness and ability to recognize the unique needs of each student. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to her profession, spending long days in the classroom and countless evenings grading papers, contacting parents with student updates, and developing engaging lesson plans and activities.

Teaching was far more than a career for her—it was a calling deeply rooted in her heart. She found great joy and purpose in educating and mentoring others, and even after retirement, she often said, “Teaching is my calling.” Her passion, dedication, and commitment to her students left a lasting impact on generations of young people and their families.

Willie Mae accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and remained steadfast in her faith throughout her life. She was a devoted and diligent servant of Good Hope A.M.E. Zion Church, a congregation she dearly loved. Whether through her time, talents, service, or financial support, she gave generously and faithfully whenever there was a need. Her commitment to her church was a reflection of her deep love for God and her desire to serve others. She worked tirelessly and wholeheartedly, always striving to advance the ministry and support the church she cherished so deeply.

She served in numerous capacities at Good Hope including President of the Women’s Missionary Society, Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Church Secretary, Class Leader, Usher Board, Life Matron of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society, Young Adult & Senior Choir Member, and Stewardess Board. She served as the Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.) District Officer for the Columbia-Camden District from the late 80’s to early 90’s. She embodied the work to unite young women for mission service in the church and community. Willie Mae remained a faithful, financial contributor to Good Hope until her homegoing.

As President of the Women’s Missionary Society, Willie Mae led one of Good Hope’s most cherished outreach ministries. Each Christmas season, she worked diligently alongside fellow missionaries to prepare and deliver food boxes filled with the essentials for a Christmas dinner to elderly church members and families within the community. These gifts were more than meals; they were expressions of love, compassion, and fellowship. Year after year, recipients eagerly anticipated this special blessing from Good Hope, a testament to the care and generosity that Willie Mae and the Missionary Society faithfully shared with others.

Willie Mae loved to travel, go on cruises, and have fun with family and friends. She would enjoy taking her grandchildren and other family members on vacations that she only read about while teaching history to her students. Her goal was to travel to all 50 states in her life. She accomplished visiting 35 states.

Willie Mae was a devoted and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, and aunt to her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Maggie S. McClinton, brother, Charles W. McClinton, maternal niece, Tasha Harris and sister and brothers-in-law; Clara Lee Williams-Mickens, Willie Lee Williams and Rossie (Ruthie Mae) Williams.

Willie Mae’s legacy of love, strength, and devotion will live on in the hearts of those who knew and



loved her. She will be forever cherished by her family, especially her beloved and devoted daughter and son-in-law, Nicole (Jermal) Williams-Ransom. Nicole’s life is profoundly enriched by her mother’s unwavering love, guidance and support.

A special place in Willie Mae’s heart was reserved for her grandson, Matius. More than a grandmother, she was a steadfast mentor, teacher, and source of unconditional love. She was deeply proud to watch him grow into a thoughtful young man and was especially excited about his new journey to college. Her legacy lives on through Matius, whose character, perseverance, and achievements reflect the profound impact she had on his life.

Loving memories of Willie Mae McClinton Williams will also be cherished by her two caring sisters, Lorretta (Anthony) Harris of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Ruby J. McClinton of Greensboro, North Carolina; bonus granddaughters whom she loved and appreciated, Latavia and Makaila; aunts, Thelma P. Warren and Anniebell McClinton; brother-in-law, John Perry Williams; sisters-in-law, Linda R. McClinton, Ida Mae Williams and Caroline Williams. She also leaves behind a host of loving nieces and nephews, who cherished her dearly and affectionately knew her as “Aunt Mae” and “Aunt Tillie”; devoted friends, Julia Campbell, Ernestine Keys, Kathy Rivers and Juanita Stuckey; dearly loved friends, cousins, other relatives, Dr. Nikita of Precious Jewels Medical & Health Services, and loving caregivers Mrs. Bobbi Merchant and Ms. Janice Williams.

Willie Mae never met a stranger that she could not talk to. She loved having fun, talking on her telephone/cellphone, visiting family members and friends, and showing up to support others. She was a Teacher, Leader, and would give unselfishly to others.

Willie Mae’s life was a living testament to one of her favorite hymns, “A Charge to Keep I Have.” She answered that charge with unwavering faith, selfless service, and a heart devoted to uplifting others. Whether as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, educator, mentor, or friend, she lived with purpose and sacrificed willingly for the benefit of those she loved and served.

Though her passing leaves an irreplaceable void and a silence that will be deeply felt, her legacy of love, compassion, wisdom, and service will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her. She leaves behind not only cherished memories, but also countless lives made better by her presence.

Willie Mae was loved, will be missed, and will forever be remembered. Her impact endures, and her legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, friends, students, and all whose lives she touched.



Order of Service
Reverend Tammy Wheeler, Officiating

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music

ProcessionalClergy, Funeral Directors and Family

Opening Selection “A Charge To Keep I Have”
Good Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Choir

The Holy Scriptures.....Old & New Testament

Prayer of ConsolationMinister Agnes Knox
of Rehoboth Baptist Church

Reflections *(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)*
As a Church Member Brother Kenneth Alexander
As a Neighbor Reverend John Lee
As a Friend..... Sister Kathy Rivers
From the Williams Family.....S.C. Representative Shedron Williams
As a GrandmotherMr. Matius L. Williams

Letter From
Former Principal Dr. James Ann SheleySister Tara Smith

Letter From
Former Pastor Rev. Roosevelt Alexander Reverend Dr. Lyndon Alexander, Sr.

Resolution from Good Hope AME Zion Church Sister Lorraine Wilson

Praise Medley &
Words of Comfort Reverend Tammy Wheeler

Recessional

Committal Rites, Interment, Prayer and Benediction
Good Hope A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery

