



A Celebration of Life



Pallbearers

Dustin Berry	Dennis Radford
Justin Berry	Charles Williams
Christopher HooSang	Leo Williams
DaMon Radford	Jason Wilson

Honorary Pallbearers

William Allen	Michael Morris
Willie Foster	Lyndon Williams
Victor HooSang	Linval Wright

Flower Bearers

The family and friends of Isolyn Williams

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

James H. Cole Funeral Home
2624 W. Grand Blvd
Detroit, MI 48208

Acknowledgements

The Family of Isolyn Williams would like to express their gratitude for your expressions of love, kindness and sympathy shown to us in our time of bereavement. It has been truly appreciated.

Isolyn A. Williams

February 8, 1922 – December 13, 2021

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Family Hour 10:30am | Service 11:00am

All Saints Episcopal Church

3837 W. 7 Mile Rd

Detroit, MI 48221

DON'T

Don't spend too much time in mourning, tears are for the sad. I left to be with Jesus, and that should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours in grieving, no need to feel distress. My body was simply tired, and I had to get some rest.

Don't vex yourself with questions, or try to reason why. Life for me has ended, it came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with your care. Grow with devotion, and take it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way. We will have another meeting, In God's eternal day.



Mom

Every night before bedtime, we had our nightly ritual. I would say, "Goodnight Mom" and you would say "Don't let the bed bugs bite and thank you."

Thanks for all the priceless pearls of wisdom you passed on to me. You taught me things like how to be an exceptional hostess, setting the table and placing the correct utensils. You passed on your green thumb and the tricks and tips to keeping the plants healthy and alive.

My make-shift, creative and artistic abilities come from you. You taught me how to dress like Fifth Avenue without paying for it. Thanks for sharing your talents and of course your love.

Although my heart is broken, I know you lived a long and amazing life. I will not be saying Goodbye just Goodnight.

Goodnight Mom

The Obituary

Isolyn A. Williams was born on February 8, 1922 to Charles and Retinella Simms in Kingston, Jamaica of the West Indies. As a young woman, Isolyn was known for her talents as a seamstress, making clothes without any need for sewing patterns. She could make an item for someone merely looking at a picture of the desired outfit. She would even alter purchased clothes to suit her own personal style. People employed her to make wedding dresses, prom dresses, baptismal gowns and other articles of clothing.

Isolyn or "Icy", as she was affectionately called, met and fell in love with Leo C. Williams and they married on March 8, 1943. This union was blessed with six children – four daughters and two sons. Icy immigrated to the United States in 1951 to join Leo who immigrated in 1949. She worked at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for years in the operating room as a surgical assistant, finally retiring shortly after the birth of their last child in 1961.

During this time, Icy and Leo became active with the West Indian American Association. After moving to their home in the University District in 1969, she and Leo became members of All Saints Episcopal Church. Icy was a devoted member of All Saints for nearly 52 years where she worked with the Episcopal Church Women in the Gift Shop and on other committees. In addition to caring for family and fulfilling church obligations, Icy was a long-standing member of the Fairfield Block Club, Selected Citizens of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Hartford Baptist Square Dance Club.

Besides sewing, Icy's other passions included working in her garden, square dancing with other seniors at Northwest Activities Center (well into her 80's) and travelling the world. You could not find a window in the house without a potted plant and her outside garden was carefully pampered. She enjoyed square dancing and line dancing with the other seniors at the center but when dancing to reggae with the family and friends, Icy was enthusiastic and tireless -- even when she later needed a cane to walk! During her lifetime, Icy visited every continent except Australia and made multiple visits to several foreign countries. She was very proud of having seen many of the world's great bodies of water from the Great Lakes, to the Mediterranean Sea, to the Nile and many others.

Isolyn died peacefully in her sleep at home on December 13, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo, her son Frederick, her brother Ivan and her sister Mavis. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Marcia (Willie) Foster; Maureen (Victor) HooSang; Pauline Givens; Doria (Linval) Wright; Lyndon (Pamela) Williams along with 13 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Order Of Service

Processional.....

Old Testament.....Chevelle Price

PsalmAnthony HooSang

New Testament.....Stefanie Wilson

Sequence Hymn.....

Gospel.....

Reading of the obituary.....LaKeta Kendricks

Remarks..... Family and friends

Homily.....Rev. Christine Humphrey

Prayers of the people.....

Exchange of the peace.....

Solo.....Marcus Weekes

Communion.....

Commendation.....

Recessional.....