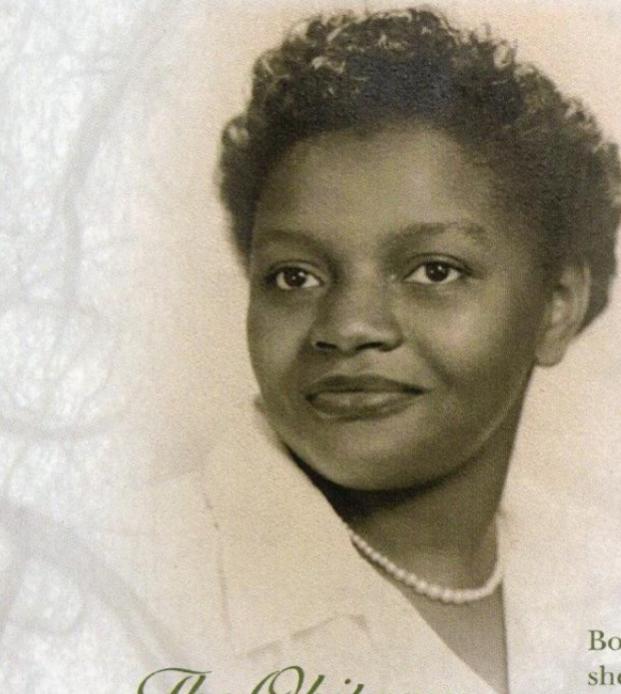


A portrait of Dorothy M. Williams, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a dark top. She is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a large, soft-focus white rose. The text is overlaid on the image in a green, cursive font.

*Homegoing Celebration
Service*

*Deacon
Dorothy M. Williams
"Dolly"*

March 17, 1923 – November 15, 2022



A black and white portrait of Deacon Dorothy Hester Martin Williams. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a light-colored jacket and a pearl necklace. Her hair is styled in a short, curly bob. She has a gentle expression and is looking slightly to the left of the camera.

The Obituary

Deacon Dorothy Hester Martin Williams, 99, of Malvern, PA peacefully went home to be with Lord, on Tuesday, morning, November 15, 2022, at the Arbour Square, Assisted Living Facility in West Chester, PA.

Born in Snow Hill, Maryland, she was the oldest of two children, born to the late Frank Martin and Helen Purnell Martin. At a young age, along with her family, she moved to Malvern, PA.

“Dolly” as she was affectionately known, was the wife of Lewis “Peppy” Williams, Jr. with whom she shared 70 years of marriage.

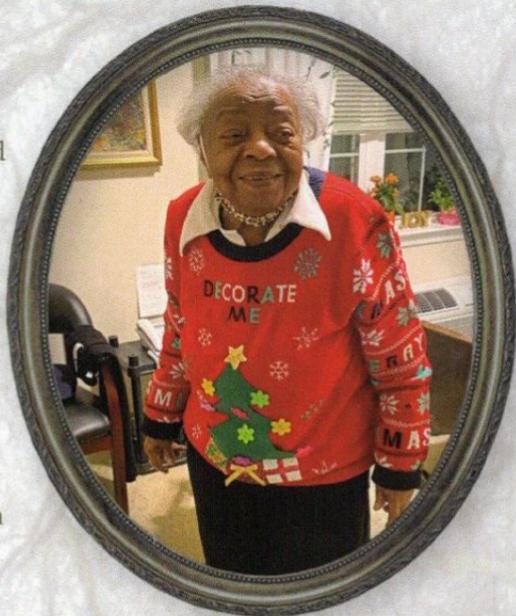
She received her early education from the Easttown School District. She graduated from Tredyffrin Easttown High School, Berwyn, PA in 1943.



Dolly worked at Devereaux as a cook for many years. She later worked for a private family, and also worked as a Switchboard Operator and Receptionist at UGI's corporate headquarters, until she retired.

She attended Sunday School at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Malvern, PA, and became a member in 1942. She was baptized at the old St. Paul Baptist Church in West Chester, and in 1946, under the leadership of Rev. Emmanuel M. Campbell, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Paoli, she became a member and served as the church clerk for many years.

Dolly faithfully served with the Ushers, Youth Department, and president of the Adult and Jr. Ushers. She served as State Treasurer for the PA State Ushers Association. She was also a member of the Senior Choir; treasurer of the missionaries and appointed as Mother of the church in 2000. With all of her spiritual growth, she was ordained Deacon of the church in 2003.



She loved cooking, sewing, reading the bible, and baking. She baked many delicious cakes for the church and for anyone who asked. Most of all, she loved the Lord.

With no children of her own, she became "Aunt Dolly" to all the children that were around her.

In addition to her husband, Lewis, she was preceded in death by one sister Dr. Julia Martin.

Dolly leaves to cherish her memory, her adopted niece, Patricia Tunnell; brothers and sisters-in-law, James E. Dodson (Elsie), Paul A. Dodson (Ressie), and Frances Dodson Reason; nieces and nephews; the family of New Hope Baptist Church of Paoli and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





He Only Takes the Best

*God saw that you were getting tired
And the cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered, "come and follow me"
With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you slip away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands now rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*



The Order of Service

Officiating Clergy Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard
Saints Memorial Baptist Church
Bryn Mawr, PA

- Musical Prelude** *Deaconess Edith Moore*
Greater Saint Matthews Church
Philadelphia, PA
- Processional** *Clergy & Family*
- Opening Sentences** *Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard*
- Prayer of Comfort**
- Scripture Readings** *Rev. William Marong*
Old Testament *Psalm 23*
New Testament *John 14:1-6*
- Selection** *New Hope & St. Paul Combined Choir*
- Reading of Cards & Resolutions**
- Reflections** *Sis. Patricia Tunnell*
- Tribute** *Sis. Cynthia Dale Dodson*
- Reading of the Obituary** *(Silently)*
- Selection** *New Hope & St. Paul Combined Choir*
- Words of Encouragement** . . . *Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard*
- Remarks** *Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director*
- Recessional** *Clergy & Family*



LIFE CELEBRATION SERVICE

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 AM • Service: 11:00 AM

New Hope Baptist Church

308 W Central Avenue

Paoli, Pennsylvania 19301

Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard, Officiating

PALLBEARERS

James Brown, Jr.

John Shepherd

James Shepherd

George Holmes, Jr.

FLOWER BEARERS

Family & Friends

COMMITTAL SERVICE & INTERMENT

Philadelphia Memorial Park

124 Phoeniville Pike

Frazer, Pennsylvania 19355

A NOTE OF THANKS

We extend our gratitude to everyone who supported us with your prayers and kindness during our time of bereavement.

May God bless and keep you in His tender loving care.

Sincerely, The Family



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