

Honorary Flower Bearers

Daughters • Granddaughters • Great-Granddaughters

Honorary Casket Bearers

Son-in-Law • Grandsons • Great-Grandson

Thank You

The family of Mrs. Catherine Williams is so thankful to have your love and support during this time of loss. We appreciate every thought, every prayer, every word of encouragement, and every hug. God bless each of you.

Repass immediately following service

Paradise Baptist Church
4401 E. 17th St. – Wichita Kansas 67208

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Fairfax Cemetery
648 S. 8th St. – Fairfax, Oklahoma 74637



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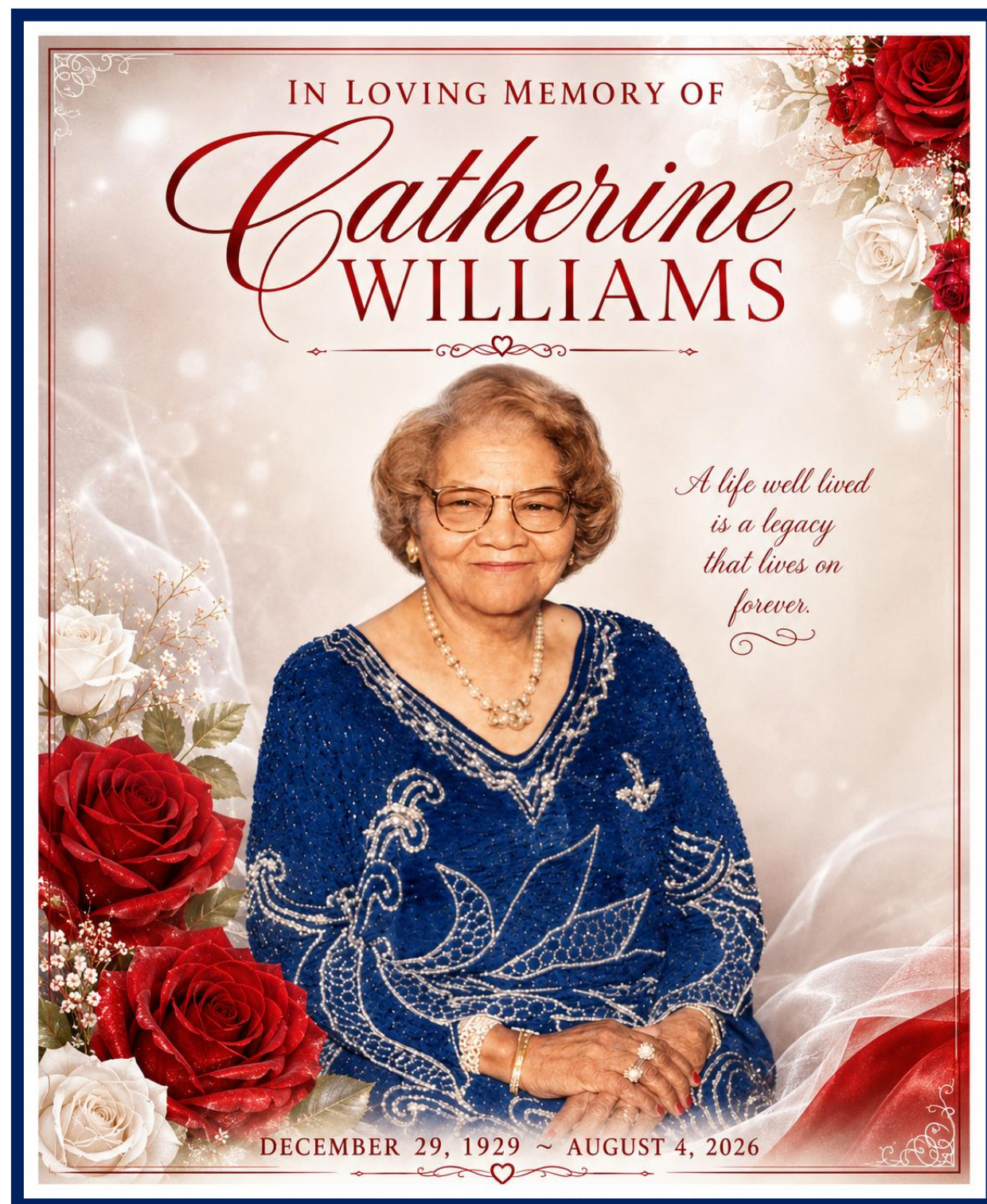
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Memorial Program



Obituary

Catherine Williams, a devoted mother, dedicated educator, and lifelong champion for learning, passed away at the age of 96, leaving behind a profound legacy of resilience, sacrifice, and service. Born near the Gray Horse Reservation in Fairfax, Oklahoma, to Earnestine and Curtis Williams. Catherine was the second oldest of five children.

As a child, Catherine attended a one-room schoolhouse located on her parent's property. Though her parents worked hard in manual jobs and lacked much formal education, they recognized the transformative power of knowledge and instilled a deep reverence for education and an unwavering commitment to achievement in their children. Inspired by their vision, Catherine excelled academically, graduating from high school at just 16 years old.

With incredible determination, Catherine balanced the demands of raising a growing family while relentlessly pursuing her higher education —returning to college after the birth of six of her seven children. Her devotion bore fruit in 1961 when she earned her degree from Oklahoma State University.

In 1963, Catherine and her husband, Vernon Williams, relocated from Pawnee, Oklahoma, to Wichita, Kansas, where Catherine embarked on a remarkable 34-year career teaching third grade with Wichita Public Schools (USD 259). Throughout her decades in the classroom, she shaped the lives of generations of young students and beginning teachers while continuing to elevate her own professional expertise:

- Oklahoma State University (1961): Bachelor of Arts in Education
- Wichita State University (1975): Master of Education
- Wichita State University: Specialist in Education focused on Educational Leadership and Administration.

Her journey from a rural one-room schoolhouse to raising seven children, earning advanced post-graduate degrees, and serving as a celebrated educational leader stands as a powerful testament to her strength, perseverance, and vision. She changed lives forever, and her impact will echo through the generations of family, students, and educators she inspired.

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, Earnestine and Curtis Williams; her husband, Vernon Williams; her brothers, Cornelius Williams (Janette) and Cecil Williams (Velma); her brother-in-law, Jesse House; her children, Earnestine Y. Gates, Eugene D. Stevenson, Charles P. Johnson, and Pamela S. Bullock (Robert); her grandchildren, Vernadette C. Barnes and Ruben D. Clark.

She transitioned to her Heavenly home on August 4, 2026, leaving to cherish her memories: her sister, Mildred House; her brother, Curtis Williams (Jeannina); her daughters, Sherry Clark, Paula Williams-Thomas (Virgil), and Veronica Kwareh; her daughter-in-law, Jane Stevenson; (20) grandchildren, (36) great-grandchildren, (5) great-great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Celebration of Life

Saturday – August 29, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Jackson Mortuary Chapel

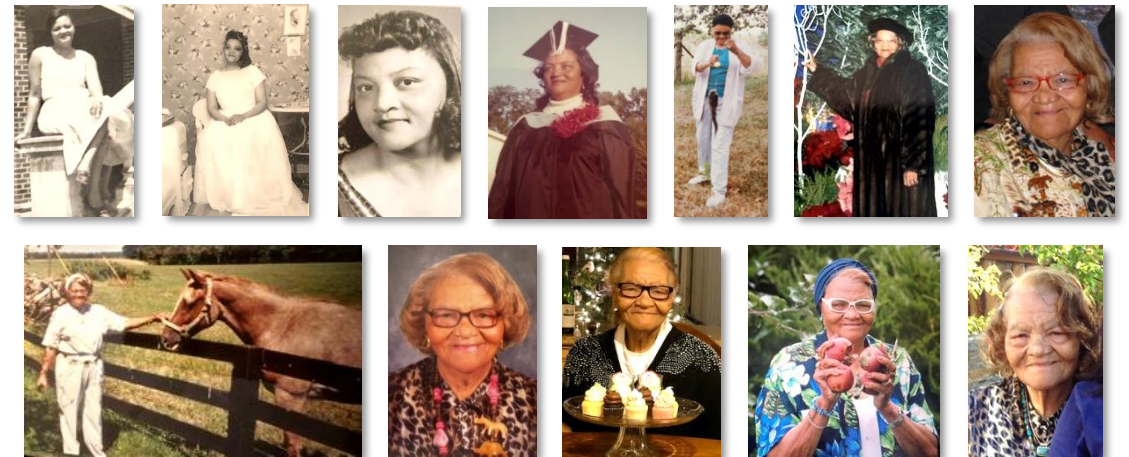
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Pastor Rueben Eckels, Officiating

- Processional Family & Clergy
- Welcome & Personal Remarks Pastor Rueben Eckels
- Opening Prayer Pastor Rueben Eckels
- Omega Omega Service Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Musical Selection: *"I Give You Jesus"* Mildred House (Sister)
- Old Testament: Psalm 34:18 Fara House Bostic
- New Testament: John 14: 1-3 Jerome Barnes
- Reading of the Obituary
- Tributes (2 minutes, please) Family & Friends
- Eulogy / Pastoral Remarks Pastor Rueben Eckels
- Musical Selection
- Recessional Family & Clergy

Burial will take place on Monday – August 31, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Fairfax Cemetery – 648 S. 8th St. – Fairfax, OK 74637



Sweet Memories of Catherine