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**My Brother – My Partner – My Friend
May God be with you until we meet again.**



Johnny

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words as anyone would say; perhaps you were not there at all, but thought of us this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts; We thank you so very much!

The Family of Tommy Williams

Celebration of Life

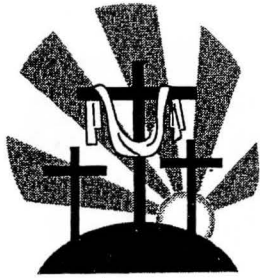
TOMMY L. WILLIAMS



SUNRISE: JULY 30, 1938 - SUNSET: MARCH 14, 2000

**Monday, March 20, 2000 - 11:00 AM
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
402 Clinton Street
Buffalo, New York**

Rev. Dr. W. S. Wilson Jr., Officiating



**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
Shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou
Art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they
Comfort me.**

Psalm 23:4

**OBITUARY
TOMMY L. WILLIAMS**

The first born to Thomas and the late Lessie Williams on July 30, 1938 in Chattanooga, TN. He confessed Christ at an early age at the Union Street Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Tommy began his education in Chattanooga Public Schools and eventually relocated with his family to Buffalo, NY. He graduated from East High School in 1958. Tommy continued his "Christian Journey" by uniting with St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. B. C. McCarley. After several years, he united with Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. T. L. Ransom. When the Lord called Tommy home, he was a faithful member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Tommy continued his education at Niagara County Community College where he became a licensed Respiratory Therapist. In 1961, he gained employment with Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY (from where he retired). During his tenure at Roswell Park, Tommy was a mentor for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program. He was an entrepreneur for which he earned several licenses from Bryant & Stratton Business Institute and Erie Community College in such areas as: Cosmetology, Tailoring, Catering, Tax Preparer, Notary Republic, and Real Estate.

Tommy was co-founder and Business Manager of The Var-Son Community Choir since its inception in 1966 under the leadership of the late Dallas Thompson and the late Carol Varner, and Mr. Wesley Webb Jr. He was also an original Board Member and faithful servant to the Gospel Music Workshop of America under the leadership of the late Rev. James Cleveland. His inspiration touched many choirs, musicians, Christian brothers & sisters, both locally and nationally.

Tommy L. Williams leaves to cherish his loving memories: Father – Thomas, Compton, CA; One brother – Johnny (Elizabeth), Cadillac, MI; Two sisters – Pauline (James) Simmons, Compton, CA; Shirley A. Williams, Grand Rapids, MI; One god-daughter – Shawndra Brooks, Buffalo, NY; Three god-sons – Michael Brendige, Mike Chatman, Miro Williams; Adopted Flakes family – Four brothers, six sisters; Two Aunts – Annie Barlow and Helen Barlow, Jackson, GA; Many god-sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and a special spiritual family – The Var-Son Community Choir and many, many friends.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 27

New Testament: 2Corinthians 5:1-8

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Celebration

Expressions

Solo

Expressions

Selection

Reflections (2 mins. Please)

Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary

Selection

Resolution

Selections

Eulogy

Recessional

Family

Rev. Robinson, Evening Star COGIC

Var-Son Community Choir

Congregation

Ministers

Vera Keith

Chairman of the Board

Gospel Music Workshop of America

Combined Choirs

Combined Choirs

Var-Son Community Choir

Var-Son Community Choir

Rev. Dr. William S. Wilson Jr.

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Pall Bearers

**hawn Harper
harlie Burch
aymond Jones**

**David Childs
Byron Echols
C. Moore**

**Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family**

Arrangements Entrusted To:

**Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York**

**- Interment -
Forest Lawn Cemetery**

**Lift me, Lord into your loving arms.
Grace me with the sweet memory of your care,
That I might never doubt you in times of trial.**

TOMMY

**You've been laboring in the Lord's vineyard for such a
long time;
You have inspired so many with your faith and
determination
Now it's time for you to take your reward.**

**No more will you have to deal with the pain
No more will you have to wonder where are those
so-called friends;
No more will you have to worry.**

**It's time...
Time for you to step onboard the sweet chariot
And let it carry you to a better place
A place of love, peace and happiness
Now all is well. All is well.**

SUNRISE

TO

SUNSET