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Linda’s Heart · Order of Service

Remembrance · Beyond Life’s Gateway

Precious Memories
Those we love
are never really lost to us -
We feel them
in so many special ways -
Through friends
they always cared about
and dreams
they left behind,
In beauty that they
added to our days...
In words of wisdom
we still carry with us
and memories
that never will be gone...
Those we love
are never really lost to us -
For everywhere
their special love lives on.

by A. Bradley

Together Again
Linda Dianne Williams and Son Brandon LaMont DeBose
Homegoing Celebration

Linda Williams

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013
Wake 11 AM · Homegoing Service 12 Noon
CENTENNIAL AME ZION CHURCH
127 Doat Street · Buffalo, NY 14212
Reverend Craig W. Douglass
Pastor, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude .............................................................. Martha Connors
Words of Assurance ................................................................ Reverend Craig W. Douglass
Invocation ............................................................................ Reverend Craig W. Douglass
Solo ..................................................................................... Jeanette Jones
Scripture Lesson .................................................................. Reverend Kenneth Terrell
   Old Testament: Psalm 23
Prayer of Comfort ............................................................. Patricia Terrell
Solo ..................................................................................... Patricia Terrell
Acknowledgement of Condolences &
   Reading of Obituary ........................................................ Daria Barney
Solo ..................................................................................... Reverend Rhonda Henderson
Eulogy ................................................................................ Reverend Craig W. Douglass
Recessional Selection ........................................................ Martha Connors

INTERMENT

St. Matthew’s Cemetery
180 French Road · West Seneca, New York 14224

Immediately Following Interment,
Repast Will Be Held at the Church
Linda Dianne Williams was born on August 20, 1952 to the late James T. and Geraldine (McMichael) Williams of Buffalo, New York.

Linda accepted Christ at an early age as a member of the Calvary C.M.E. Church. During the early 1970's, she moved her membership to the Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church where she was led by the late Reverend Maceo Freeman. Under the leadership of her current pastor, the Reverend Craig W. Douglass, she served as a member of the Centennial Mass Choir and the Gospel Chorus. She also served as Chair for the Church Anniversary Committee.

Linda graduated from Fosdick Masten Vocational High School in 1970 with a Secretarial Diploma. She went on to major in Business Administration at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Linda enjoyed a 36 year career with the Buffalo Board of Education, happily and graciously performing her duties at various schools throughout the city of Buffalo.

And who knew ... Linda was a former Brownie and Girl Scout. She also appeared on The Uncle Jerry Show on television. As children growing up in Linda’s family, things could get very comical when least expected. Linda was the one who gave their grandmother her moniker. As told, Linda couldn’t pronounce “Big Momma,” so she called her “Bit Monie,” much to the amusement of family and friends.

On March 20, 2013 when Linda was sixty years old, God dispatched His angels to rescue her from the body that held her beautiful soul, escorting her to that heavenly place where the streets are paved in gold and where there’s no more pain or discomfort. Linda joined her father James T. Williams and her beloved son Brandon LaMont DeBose, both of whom preceded her in passing.

Linda’s precious memory lives on in the hearts of her loving and devoted mother, Geraldine Williams; her sister Teresa E. Fields; aunts Ruby Brunson, Dorothy Terrell, Linnel Guyton and Jessie D. Williams; nephews and nieces LaMar Fields, Whittina Gregory (William), Terence Reddick and Tiera Reddick; great nieces and nephews Jasmine, Jarren, London, Jsaun, Za’Kyla and Jazaya; god sisters Nicole Montgomery and Cammie Torrance; goddaughter Angela Davis, and a host of cousins, other family members and dear friends.
"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

JOHN 11:25

Beyond Life's Gateway...

There is an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone.
And there is a light we cannot see
As our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate your loved one finds
Happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.
Precious Memories...

"Bit Monie's" Grands
Pallbearers

Raymond Staley  James Staley  Damian Staley
Terence Reddick  Lamar Fields  Michael Williams

The Care of Our Loved One Entrusted to

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Mr. Darrell M. Saxon II
Manager, Funeral Director

Thank You

Our hearts are sincerely grateful for all the expressions of sympathy we have received and all the acts of kindness that have helped us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement and acts of support have been a blessing to us and are greatly appreciated. We give special thanks to the staff of HighPointe on Michigan and Hospice of Western New York for providing excellent care and comfort for our loved one. May God bless and keep each of you in His love.

The Family of Linda Williams