



First Lady Wanda Ann Williams

February 11, 2015

(First Lady) Wanda Ann Williams, 65, passed away February 11, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. She was First Lady of Eastern Star Baptist Church in Toledo, OH and two additional churches in Buffalo, NY and a dedicated church leader. Mrs. Williams was born in Luxora, AR, the fourth of 11 children. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and completed her Master's at University of Indiana. She married John W. Williams in 1968. Throughout her life, Mrs. Williams was guided by her strong Christian faith. She began teaching Sunday school at 16 and after she relocated to Indianapolis, she served as youth supervisor, Sunday school teacher and mission teacher, as well as church clerk. She taught in the Indianapolis public schools until her husband was called as pastor of Eastern Star Baptist Church in 1979. Rev. Dr. Williams also took on pastoral duties at New Zion Baptist Church in 1991 and Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in 2004 with Sister Williams, always by his side. Sister Williams leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Rev. Dr. John W. Williams; daughter, Yolonda Cheles Williams; her father, Curtis Wilson; six brothers, Jesse (Catherine) and Tony (Felicia) Byrd, Orbeny (Mary Ann), Dwight, Meltorme and Dion (Audrey) Wilson; one sister, Kim (Terrell) Bryant; granddaughter, Marguita Nicole; six sisters-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, church family, other relatives, and many friends. There was a funeral service on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Buffalo, NY. There will be visitation Friday 3-6 p.m., followed by wake services 6-8 p.m. at Eastern Star Baptist Church. Also,

visitation Saturday 10 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Celebration 11:00 a.m.
Eastern Star Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. John W. Williams pastor, Rev. Charles
Jones officiant, Rev. Wallace Mills eulogist. Interment Historic Woodlawn
Cemetery. Arrangement by the Dale-Riggs Funeral Home. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Uncle Johnny and Yolanda -
I pray God's comfort and peace now and
always for the two of you. I can only thank
God for orchestrating a revival in Houston
Area allowing us time with you both. I am in
awe of the joy and the laughter she could bring to a room. She is
right, "cancer didn't have her". When cancer or any illness has it's
host, that is when it has taken all of that person's joy and all they
can see is sorrow. NO, "cancer didn't have her" . We trust the
sovereign God.. as in the Word it best describe Him- He REIGNS!
Trusting she is in the arm of Jesus -- cheering us all on - to have
"joy" in whatever God allows.
Rest in HIM
God bless you both*



Elder Samuel and Angela (Harris) Shephard

angela shephard - February 28, 2015 at 03:06 AM

TH

“ *Wanda Williams*

A Child of God

*A Wife, with integrity, respected her husband,
true to her husband, loved her husband*

A Role model for all women

My Friend!

A mother, how showed motherly love

A mother who demanded respect

A mother who taught her daughter and others about the love of God

A mother who knew her place and walked in her place fearing God

An Incredible Woman

My Friend!

Was always there for me

Would Share the truth, not what I wanted to hear

Was never too busy to listen

Was an Encourager

*Made a Commitment on Monday February 2, 2014 that God as
going to*

allow us to meet again

My Friend!

A phenomenal woman

Wanda Williams

A lifetime friend- that God gave to me

A beautiful soul, my friend

This is my time to reflect, I only see God

Therleen Harris



Therleen Harris - February 28, 2015 at 02:57 AM



“ Dear Pastor WILLIAMS,
MY heart grieved sorely for you in hearing the loss of our beloved First Lady. There are no words to describe her, she played a major role in making me the confident God fearing woman I am today. She was a great woman of God, the best sunday school teacher ever, role model of a wife and a mother figure for me. I am forever singing the praise of my First Lady and Pastor for the stance and commitment to God and his people. Pastor and YoYo, please accept my condolences for the irreplaceable loss of our Beloved one and only. I love you dearly Pastor.
Your child in Christ,
Sis



Sandra Johnson - February 21, 2015 at 05:30 AM

GW

“ To The Family of The late Mrs.Wanda Williams better known as Sister Williams. Sorry to hear of Sister Williams passing. Our first lady when we were members of Eastern Star M.B. Church. May God continue to Bless the family. Our prayers are with you at this time.

Mr. Jim, Geraldine Holmes-Watson & Family

Geraldine H. Watson - February 19, 2015 at 06:20 PM

LH

“ Wonderful Soul. 🙏 This Is Our Own Sis.W.Williams Always Smiling And Sharing Words Of Encouragement To Help You Along The Way. Prayers For The Williams's Family. Love: Bro.& Sis. Marvin and Loretha Hutchen



Loretha Hutchen - February 19, 2015 at 04:28 PM

EJ

“ *Elder Johnnie And Sis Brenda Jordan lit a candle in memory of First Lady Wanda Ann Williams*



Elder Johnnie and Sis Brenda Jordan - February 19, 2015 at 08:53 AM

DW

An amazing woman, a symbol of love, strength, and patience..you will forever be missed and never forgotten..thanking God that He allowed me to share time and space with such a remarkable person as First Lady Williams... my prayers are with you Pastor and Sis. Yolanda...

Donna Wade - May 07, 2015 at 06:19 AM

CJ

“ *Blessings from the local WTS(Brooklyn-based). May Jesus, our God of comfort, be with you all in the days to come.*



cjt - February 19, 2015 at 08:02 AM

JK

“ *Joyce King-Bland lit a candle in memory of First Lady Wanda Ann Williams*



Joyce King-Bland - February 19, 2015 at 07:55 AM

EM

“ *Etta McGee lit a candle in memory of First Lady Wanda Ann Williams*



Etta McGee - February 19, 2015 at 12:37 AM