

*O Give Thanks Unto the Lord, for he is good:  
for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm: 107*

*A Service of Celebration and Memory*

*Of*

*Maeomie (Mae) Franklin-Williams*



*“Let Jesus Lead You”*

Saturday, September 8, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**UNITY FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH**

739 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Newark, New Jersey

The late Rev. Isaac Martin, Jr. - Founding Pastor  
Rev. Cornelius Wesley Martin - Pastor and Officiating

## *Obituary*

On the morning of August 31, 2012, God's death angel of silence came and with chilly fingers sealed the lips of our Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend, **Maeomie Franklin-Williams**. Her soul winged its flight from this world of sin, sorrow and pain to a place of eternal rest.

Maeomie began her earthly journey in Ozark (Dale County), Alabama to the late Deacon Nathaniel Franklin and the late Deaconess Lizzie Newman-Franklin. She is the fifth of nine children. Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death: John Franklin, Elijah Franklin and Martha Jean Franklin.

At an early age, Mae joined the Old Salem Baptist Church in Ozark, Alabama and remained a faithful and loyal member until she relocated to Newark, New Jersey. While there, she worked diligently with the Junior Missionary, sang with the choir, worked as a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Usher Board, a guiding force on the Program Committees and Youth Group Supervisor. After moving to New Jersey, she joined the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.

She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Melvin Herman Williams on December 14, 1963. To this union, three wonderful children were born: two daughters, Angela Tamar and April Cantrell and one son, Melvin Herman, Jr.

Mae was a loving and caring wife to her husband Melvin and they worked side by side to build and sustain her family to be close, respectful, to cherish one another and to serve the Lord. They were partners in life and partners in business. They were married for almost forty-two years until the time of his death in November, 2005.

Maeomie was a thoughtful Mother. She was one who realized that children should be given the right start in life while they are young and easily impressed. She knew that education was the key to a better life for her children and she made sure that they attended school daily. Church and Sunday School were instilled in her at an early age therefore; she instilled it into the lives of her wonderful children. Mae was a loving and very giving mother who strove to provide every need for her children.

Early in their marriage, Mae and her husband joined the New Born Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. Later, she and her family moved and joined the Unity Freedom Baptist Church in this city under the leadership of the late Rev. Isaac Martin, Jr. During her many years here, she worked assiduously as the president of the Senior Usher Board and a member of the Missionary. On the fourth Sunday, you could often hear her voice singing in the Celestial Choir. She was also a Youth Supervisor and one of the Mothers of the Church.

Mae was not afraid to praise the name of Jesus and whenever her spiritual cup ran over, she would speak of her happy soul. She loved attending church, loved praise and worship, and loved being in the presence of God. She was an inspiration to many. Maeomie was a fighter and champion.

She was an avid gardener. She made every effort to plant and care for her flowers, vegetables and yard until she was no longer able. Her garden was often admired by family, friends, and people passing by her house.

Mae loved to spend time with her family. She cherished her four grandchildren who were the light of her life and enjoyed getting on the floor with them playing games, laughing and just having fun.

Throughout her illness, she was blessed with many angels who provided encouragement and comfort that facilitated an atmosphere of healing. Those who witnessed her journey were inspired by her courage and faith.

With her journey coming to a close, her final battle won, the fight of good faith transitioned from the natural to the eternal. At that time our Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin and friend took her last breath early Friday morning on August 31, 2012 and submitted herself to God. A commitment to being a mother and inspirational woman for many has come full circle as her name is now read in the Lamb's Book of Life. It is Well with her soul.

The sorrow brought into her home by death casts a shadow over the domestic circle so deep that only Jesus, the light of the world, can remove it.

Left to cherish her memory as long as life endures are: Three wonderful children: two beautiful daughters: Angela Tamar Williams, Cockeysville, MD; April Cantrell Williams-Carrington (Derrick Sr.), Egg Harbor Township, NJ; one devoted son: Melvin Williams, Jr. (Ali Deena), New Jersey; one son-in-law: Derrick Lysander Carrington, Sr.; one daughter-in-law: Ali Deena Williams; Four extraordinary grandchildren: Derrick Lysander Carrington, Jr., Jewel Lyzette Carrington, Janae Lynarra Carrington and Melvin H. Williams, III; two brothers: Enoch Franklin (Mildred), Colonia, NJ and Nathaniel Franklin (Linda), Hillside, NJ; three sisters: Irene Pitts, Newark, NJ; Lorine Glanton (Bobby), Rahway, NJ and Margaret Franklin, Hillside, NJ; sister-in-laws: Mary Franklin, Roselle, NJ and Rochelle Evans, Rockaway, NJ; brother-in-law: Leo Smith, Columbus, OH; one goddaughter: Valerie Franklin, Avenel, NJ, one "play" grandson: Stephen Russell, Wilmington, DE; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

*God prepares a home for us  
Our lives reflect but dimly the perfection of the Lord  
And when our loved ones pass beyond our view  
They come into the presence of the One who made us all  
Where glorious love and joy come shining through  
And while the earth is precious  
And our sorrow is sincere  
Our hope is in the promise we are given  
That life is but a journey  
Leading to the perfect home  
That God prepares for each of us in Heaven*





# Order of Service

Rev. Cornelius Wesley Martin, Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... “Nearer My God to Thee”

FAVORITE HYMN..... Choir  
“I Will Trust In The Lord”

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament - Psalms 122

New Testament - John 14:1-6

INVOCATION ..... Melinda Franklin

SOLO..... Nathaniel Franklin  
“Hem Of His Garment”

REFLECTIONS ..... Melvin Williams, Jr.

SOLO ..... Karen Franklin  
“Precious Lord”

EXPRESSIONS .....Relatives and Friends

FAVORITE SONG .....Choir  
“Let Jesus Lead You”

OBITUARY .....Read Silently

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS,  
TELEGRAMS AND FLOWERS .....Constance Holmes

SOLO ..... Enoch Franklin  
“I Come To The Garden Alone”

EULOGY .....Rev. Cornelius Wesley Martin

MOMMY’S FINAL WISH ..... Final Viewing By Children

RECESSIONAL..... “Soon and Very Soon”

<p><b>Entombment</b> Glendale Mausoleum Bloomfield, New Jersey</p>
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*Repat Immediately Following Entombment  
The Church Dining Hall*

*Sleep on dear Mommy, Mom, Mama, Grandma  
Tis God who thought best  
To take you from this world of sorrow  
To a lovely place of rest*

*Safe in the arms of Jesus  
Angels guard thy sleeping clay  
She has gone but not forgotten  
To that Heavenly home above  
God knows how much we miss you  
Never shall your memory fade  
Loving thoughts shall always wander  
To the spot where you were laid*

*No one knows of the sadness  
Only those who have lost can tell  
Of the grief that's borne in silence  
For the one we love so well*

*We sit and think of you  
When we are all alone  
For memory is the only thing  
That grief can call it's own*

*God took Mommy by the hands  
and said you can come here now  
You can come home now.*

THE CHILDREN

LIFE IS BUT A WORKING DAY  
A TIME TO WORK, A TIME TO PRAY  
AND THEN COMES DEATH; THIS COMES TO ALL

Honorary Pallbearers  
Deacons and Trustees

Pallbearers  
Nephews

Floral Bearers  
Nieces, Ushers, Choir

*Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Maeomie Franklin-Williams** wish to thank each and everyone for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during our bereavement.  
May God Bless You.

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