

In Loving Memory  
Celebrating the Life of



*Matthew Williams*  
*“Boog”*

**Sunrise**  
November 24, 1943

**Sunset**  
October 13, 2013

*Service*

Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
Visitation - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
Celebration Service - 12:00 Noon

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave.  
Bronx, New York

# Life Reflections

## ***A time to be born....***

**Matthew Williams** affectionately known to family and friends as “Boog” entered this earthly life on November 24, 1943. He was one of six children born to the late Osceola Cook Williams and Edward Williams in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1947, the family moved to the Bronx, New York and New York became his permanent home.

## ***A time to love....***

Matthew was a giver. He was always willing to help people in his community. He was never one to see anyone go hungry and he would always take on other people’s children as if they were his own. He loved to shop. Matthew took pleasure in shopping for some of the finer things in life. He enjoyed color coordinating his clothes and took pride in looking “sharp.” He was also deeply devoted to his family and friends and he loved to brag about them. He bragged about their goals, their dreams, and successes. Most of all, he loved to brag about his sister’s cooking. To him, no one could cook better. Bragging about his family brought him joy. Although, he had a lot of life struggles, he persevered and continued to support his friends and family no matter the circumstance. He always encouraged and took pride in his family’s accomplishments.

Matthew was the proud father of two children: Manika Williams and Jabbar Swinton. He is also survived by a loving sister, Geraldine White; and loving brother, James Edward Thornton; four grandchildren; six nieces: Areva Thornton, Linda Lockett (Larry), Denise Turner (Greg), Felecia Soloman, Karen Lawrence (Keith) and Katrina Knight of the home; six nephews: Lovelle Thornton (Ora), Rodney Thornton, Wesley Williams, Michael Williams, Edward Donnell Williams (Clemence) and David Roundtree (Valerie); special friends: Thomas and Evelyn Wray, Darren Chandler, Douglas Green, and Linda Spooner; and a host of cousins, great nieces and nephews, extended family members and loving friends. Three of his siblings preceded him in death; Annie Kate Woods, Eddie Donnell Williams and Columbus Williams.

## ***A time to die...***

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, Matthew was doing one of the things he loved best - listening to his music. His body was weary and God said it is time to go. Surrounded by family, God’s Angel guided him to eternal rest.

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Visitation*.....10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

## *Call to Worship*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament*.....*Psalm 23:4*

*New Testament*.....*1 Corinthians 15:53-55*

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*Zebikah L. Spooner*

*Musical Selection*..... “*The Lord’s Prayer*”  
by *Patti LaBelle*

*Life Reflections*.....(*Please Limit To Two Minutes*)  
*Family & Friends*

*Letter from Sister to Brother*.....*Karen R. Lawrence*

*Musical Selection*..... “*That Will Be Good Enough For Me*”  
by *Rance Allen*

*Words of Encouragement*.....*David Matthew Roundtree*

*Musical Selection*..... “*People Get Ready*”  
by *Al Green*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*

### **Final Disposition**

*Woodlawn Crematory*  
*Bronx, New York*

## ***MATT***

Dear Brother,

As I write this letter, my heart is filled with sadness and joy.

Joy because I know you left us a free man.

Joy because you were not incarcerated, but a free man.

Joy because you were the best brother a sister could have.

Joy because you had so much love for your family and friends.

Joy because I love you so much.

Joy because, I still feel you in my heart.

Joy that God loaned us you for 69 years.

Joy that you have no more aches, pains or sorrows.

Sadness because you are no longer with us.

Sadness because I can no longer hear your voice.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning

*Your sister Geri.*

### ***Acknowledgement***

The family of **Matthew Williams** wishes to express our sincere appreciation for your many acts of kindness. Thank you for your prayers, visits, telephone calls, flowers and cards during our time of bereavement.

May God's everlasting mercy, peace and blessings be upon you.

### **Repast**

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