



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Willie Louise Minatee Williams

Sunrise
October 5, 1921

Sunset
June 1, 2015

Service

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On Monday June 1, 2015, **Willie Louise Minatee Williams** made the tradition to greatness and joined our ancestors in power. She was a hardworking southern stunner as far back as anyone can remember.

Louise was born in 1921 to Louis and Izora Minatee in Ft. Gaines, GA. She was the 3rd oldest of 14 siblings that consisted of 9 girls and 5 boys. She joined St. Peters A.M.E Church at an early age and served as usher. She attended Speight High School and graduated with honors in 1938, then followed her family and moved to Newark, NJ. Once in Newark, Louise maintained employment with Western Electric during her earlier years. While working, she also took college courses at Essex County College and earned a degree in Applied Science in 1974. From there she enrolled in Rutgers University and earned a degree in Social Sciences completing in 1979. During her time in Newark, she began to get involved in catholicism and therefore attended, the now closed, Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Louise never let age slow her down. She continued to stay active in her golden years, working in corrections and even other roles for the County of Essex. She loved to take frequent trips to Atlantic City for shopping and long walks along the water. Louise was as warmhearted as they come. Often reaching out to help others with assistance whenever possible, family and friends alike. She finally decided to retire from her last job well into her 80's, being known as the oldest retiree in Essex County. Her trademark fiery red hair and incredible smile will be missed by all. She was known to carry on conversations with any age group. Never bearing children of her own, Louise continued to share her knowledge and guidance with the younger generations whenever possible.

She was predeceased by one husband, John Hawkins; five brothers, Charles, Marcellus, James, Waymond and Alton Minatee; three sisters, Irene Minatee Goins, Mattie Minatee Wilson, Vera Minatee Austin.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories: a devoted husband, Thomas E. Williams; stepson, Eric Williams; sisters, Evelyn Minatee Cloud, Eula Minatee Pettis, Imeldia Minatee Doughty, Lois Minatee White and Christine Minatee DuBose; Godmother to Barbara and Tracey and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Repast

Garden State Grand Lodge
883 Sanford Ave.
Irvington, NJ 07111

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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