


In Loving Memory of
Deacon
James Albert Williams, Sr.

Sunrise
October 3, 1928

Sunset
June 12, 2015



Friday, June 19, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH
91 Dewey Street • Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Reverend Vernon C. Miller, Pastor
Melvin Calhoun, Organist

Obituary

Heaven gained a new angel when **James A. Williams, Sr.** took flight and departed this earthly life peacefully on June 12, 2015.

He was born October 3, 1928 in Baxley, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams. One of 15 children, James grew up in Georgia before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He served our country from 1951-1953 and was deployed during the Korean War. Promoted to corporal, he was honorably discharged and returned home to Georgia.

Eventually, he packed up and headed to Newark, New Jersey, where he met and married his first wife, Bertha McGill. From that union, they raised two children James Jr. and Karen.

In 1966, the family settled in Bloomfield, where James began attending New Light Baptist Church. He later became a member for over 30 years. He served faithfully in many positions, as a mentor, confidant advisor, and devoted Christian. His most revered position was being an ordained Deacon. The title "Deacon Emeritus" has been bestowed upon him.

James worked for many years as a machinist. He retired in the mid-1990s from Wallace and Tiernan, Inc. in Belleville. He enjoyed retirement to the fullest and often could be found assisting anyone that needed a hand at the church, taking daily walks on Broughton Avenue, going on fishing trips and visiting the sick and shut-in. But to see him at his happiest was to see him in "his chair."

After many years as a widower, James found love again and married Ida Bell, in 1991. They enjoyed 23 years together before she was called home to be with the Lord on May 29, 2014.

Affectionately known as Jim, Dad, Deacon Williams, Pop-Pop and Gramps, he loved his family dearly and they loved him. He always had a kind word or simple hello to everyone he encountered.

His sense of humor, kind spirit and heart of gold for everyone will be greatly missed.

James leaves to cherish his memory, son, James Jr.; daughter, Karen Burroughs (Paul); stepdaughter, Linda Wynn-Good (Larry); stepson, Allen Banks; sisters, Elizabeth Walters, Juanita Harris and Barbara Ann Thomas; brothers, Horace Williams (Mamie), and Ronell Williams; sisters-in-law, Mary Lewis, Rose Denard and Brenda Williams (Greg); 13 grandchildren, Nikita Williams, James Williams, III, Shameka Williams, Kyle Simmons, Kennedy Burroughs, Ryan Burroughs, Frederick Johnson (Latrell), Shavone Watson-Crumpler (Derrick), Ronald Johnson (Charlene), Terrance Banks (Melissa), Chimere Brown, Jarret Redding and Keturah Guary; 10 great grandchildren, Marquise Watson, Brashard Johnson, Maya Johnson, Kiara Johnson, Justin Banks, Ezekial Anderson, Morgan Fulston, Charnele Johnson and Ronald Bryce Johnson; God children, James Spence and Olivia Walker and a host of other relatives, friends and extended family at New Light Baptist Church.

Order of Service

Family Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn **“Blessed Assurance” - Hymn # 27**

Scripture Readings.....Kyle C. Simmons

Old Testament: Psalms 100

New Testament: Romans 8:38

Musical Selection.....Choir

Remarks, Special Expressions(2 minutes Please)

Acknowledgements, Condolences

and Resolutions.....New Light Baptist Church

Reading of the Obituary.....Debbie Watkins

Musical Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Vernon C. Miller

Recessional

Repast Family requests that you join them for repast in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Interment

Friday, June 19, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

General William C. Doyle New Jersey Veterans Cemetery

350 Province Line Road

Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Dear Dad In Heaven

I sit here and I ponder how very much
I'd like to talk to you today
There is so many things
That we didn't get to say
I know how much you care for me
And how much I care for you,
And each time that I think of you
I know you'll miss me too.

An Angel came and took you by the hand, and said
Your place was ready in Heaven, Far above . . .

And you had to leave behind,
all those you dearly loved
You had so much to live for,
you had so much to do . . .

It still seems impossible,
that God was taking you.

You'll live for eternity,
just as God has promised you.

And though Heaven's gate

We are never far apart

For every time I think of you,

You're right here, deep within my heart.

Star Bright Angel

Acknowledgement

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

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