"From The Church Militant,

To the Church Triumphant"

Celebrating the Life and Home-Going of



Sunrise December 21, 1965

Karen

Melinda



**Sunset** May 31, 2016



<u>Reflections of Life</u>

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

I Corinthians 15:58

The Life of **Karen Melinda Williams**, the eldest child of the late Wyman Edward, Sr. and Gracie (Merritt) Williams, truly reflected the words of the Apostle Paul through the supplication of her faith throughout her days as granted by God.

Born December 21, 1965 in Hackensack, NJ, she departed this life for life everlasting on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in Hackensack, NJ.

Karen was a product of the Garfield School system graduating from Garfield High School in 1984. She continued her education at Bergen County Community College Paramus earning her degree in Culinary Arts. She was employed by Toys-R-Us/Babies-R-Us, Paramus, in excess of ten years, followed by her employment with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Paramus until her illness. She was also a part-time employee of Hallmark Cartiquette and Florist in Saddle Brook, NJ.

At an early age, Karen professed her faith in God through Christ Jesus, was baptized, and became a life-long member of the Calvary Baptist Church Family under the leadership of Pastor Calvin McKinney. In her years of membership (even in her youth), Karen displayed an unusual commitment to devotion. She was active in Sunday Church School; Thursday Night Bible Study; Gave leadership to the youth ushers and then the Adult Church Ushers; and served as our Culinary Team Leader with excellence. Even in her illness, Karen was faithful in her attendance in morning worship. Karen will be greatly missed from among us.

Karen's warmth in demeanor and personality was equally evident in her relationship with all: "Just A Few Friends", her adopted mother, Alicia Jackson-Thompson, Sherry Price, Patricia Peay, and many more.

She leaves to cherish her love in memory: her beloved mother and best friend, Gracie M. Williams; one sister, Felicia Anne; two brothers, Wyman, Jr. and the Rev. James (Sharon) Williams; her special and devoted friend and companion, Gerald Fields; uncles, James (Christine) Merritt, Wilbert Merritt, Edward (Helen) Merritt, James (Nancy) Williams, Cleveland (Lessie) Williams, and Spencer (Debbie) Williams; one great uncle, Rev. Clarence (Mary) Merritt; one niece, Leah Rose; one nephew, Jared Edward; and a host of cousins, other relatives, friends, neighbors and her Calvary Church Family.

## Sunday, June 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH JERSEY AT GARFIELD 217-245 Passaic Street Garfield, New Jersey 07026 Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor

<u>The Order of Worship</u>

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Presiding

Recessional

## **Interment**

Monday, June 6, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. East Ridgelawn Cemetery 255 Main Avenue Clifton, New Jersey

The Master Called



I'm sorry I had to leave you. My loved ones, oh so dear. But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear! I had made my reservation A heaven bound ticket for one, And I knew that He would call me When He felt my work was done. I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away, But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones, oh so dear,

But, you see, the Master called me And, now I'm resting here. Yes, I've crossed on over to glory And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Karen Melinda Williams** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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