

Celebrating the Life of
Maggie Lee Williams

Sunrise
March 3, 1945

Sunset
May 25, 2017



Service

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

838 E. 165th Street • Bronx, NY 10457

Deacon LeRoy Gadsden, Officiating
Reverend Idus Nunn, Organist



Order of Service

OFFICIATING: DEACON LEROY GADSDEN, (GODSON)
PRESIDENT, JAMAICA BRANCH NAACP
SUNRISE: MARCH 3, 1945 SUNSET MAY 25, 2017

PRELUDE PROCESSIONAL:

PRESIDINGDeacon Leroy Gadsden

INVOCATION

SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALMS 25:1-7,

NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN 1:1-7.....Sister Cynthia Williams (daughter in law)

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

TRIBUTE: ORIGINAL POETRY BY CHANDRA GADSDEN, (Grand Daughter)

Granddaughters:

Shaquanan Knight, Sharella Drake

Chandra Gadsden, Synclaire Drake

Rozlette Gilmore, Shanaya White

Shania Williams, Mavis Green, Essence Williams

REFLECTIONS..... (Community and Friends-2 mins)

The Honorable Judge J. Machel Sweeting

Sister Michele Hines

Presentation.....Sister Lacena

Cookie Knight

REMARKS..... Brother Darryl Williams (Son)

Sister Glenda Stewart (Sister)

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Sister Shameika Russell (Grand daughter)

OBITUARYSister Delores Perryman

(Goddaughter)

SELECTION

EULOGYDeacon Leroy Gadsden

RECESSIONAL

VIEWING

**REPAST FAMILY REQUEST:
PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO TAPING PROHIBITED**

Reflections of Life

Maggie Lee Williams was born March 3, 1945 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Ruth Mae and Samuel Shelton Sr. She was one of six siblings. She attended public schools in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In the early nineteen sixties, Lee as she was affectionately known to everyone left Tennessee and relocated to New York City. Where she married the love of her life Arthur Williams Sr. and from that union five children were born, Cheryl, Ardella, Arthur Jr., Darryl, and Charlette. Lee was a dedicated housewife and mother and supported her husband and children in whatever they tried to accomplish in life. Lee always pushed them to be better than whatever they thought they could be. She was the mother that could always be counted on to stand by and support her children with an abundance of love, guidance and support in whatever circumstances they found themselves in.

After rearing all of her children to adult status and helping raise her grandchildren, Lee continued her education and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Social Work in New York City. She was employed by New York City Board of Education where she took on the awesome task of educating the emotionally disturbed students of New York City.

Lee was a longtime resident of 1368 Webster Avenue where she was known as the Queen of 1368. Lee was the community and the community was hers. Lee was known for her love and care for others. Her care and love for people exceeded beyond the boundaries of her family and was shared with all of those in her community. She not only loved her own children but she loved and nourished everyone else's children in the neighborhood. Everyone respected her and the floor she lived on. Lee was always ready and never too busy to take the time to encourage, correct or listen to the people in building 1368. Her home was always opened to anyone in distress or trouble or just in need of someone to listen and show they cared. She was not afraid to involve herself with the ills that plague all communities. Many potential violent altercations and domestic disputes were prevented and resolved by the intervention of Lee daring to get involved with a stern lecture or sending someone on a mission to remove one party from the scene or an invite to come inside and cool off and listen to sound reasoning. Lee was a confident, friend and mentor to many both young and old. She was a spiritual, loving and affectionate person with a laugh and smile that could light up any room or brighten up any situation. She accepted and trusted her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all of her heart and tried to live the life as prescribed by Christ when he commanded that "ye love one Another."

Her hobbies were playing spades, cooking, singing, dancing and enjoying family. Lee studied the game of spades and was known for starting the four day weekend spades marathon on the fifteenth floor of 1368. Which was a fellowship in itself that brought about people from all walks of life to mingle and get to know each other.

On May 25, 2017, at the Einstein Hospital, God came to call his own. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Williams, daughter, Ardella Drake, brother, Gene Dale Evans, Mother In-Law; Lera Williams, niece, Sharon Williams, and nephew, Melton Williams. Lee departed this earthly life and went on home to be with her Lord. She will be missed by all. Lee leaves to cherish her love, Children; Cheryl Sims of Chattanooga, TN, Arthur Williams Jr., Darryl (Cindy) Williams, Charlette (Robert) Gilmore, Son-in-law, St. Claire Drake, all of New York. 19 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, sisters; Syvella White, Glenda Stewart, Alma Harris, Brother; Samuel Shelton Jr. of Chattanooga, TN, Brother-in-law, Wilbert (Willie) Williams; Aunt; Frances Evans of Chattanooga, TN, A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Best friends; Betty Jones Thelma Gould, Rose Foster, Vernice E. Little, Mamie Perryman, and her God Children.

The Family

MOM

Things we feel most deeply about are the hardest things to say. Dearest mother we loved you in a very special way. If we could have one lifetime wish, one dream that could come true we would wish and pray to God with all of our hearts for yesterday with you.

Done In Sorrow, Your Loving Children



PALLBEARERS:

Sons, Grandsons
Great Grandsons

FLOWER BEARERS:

Granddaughters
Great Granddaughters
Nieces

Acknowledgement

The Family of **Maggie Lee Williams** wish to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for your many expressions of love, prayers, words of comfort and encouragement during our time of need.

May God Bless Each One of You.

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