

*Celebrating the Life  
Of*



*Christine Williams*

Sunrise: March 9, 1933

Sunset: October 7, 2017

**Service:**

Thursday, October 12, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. Walter Johnson, Officiating**

**Osmond Collins, Organist**

## *Obituary*

The late **Christine Williams** was born March 9, 1933 in DeLeon Springs, FL from the union of her late parents Rev. AJ, Sr. and Mrs. Mabel Hall. She departed this life peaceably in her sleep on October 7, 2017 at home with her family.

Christine relocated to Newark from Florida during her elementary school years and lived here ever since, where she attended the Newark Schools and graduated from South Side High School (now Malcolm X. Shabazz High School).

During high school, Christine met the late Philip Williams, Sr., who worked at his father's auto body shop, near her home. However, soon after graduating high school, Philip Sr. was drafted into the military, and served with honor in the Marine Corps during the Korean War conflict. After his discharge, Philip married his high school sweetheart, Christine on June 26, 1955 and from this union was born two sons, Philip Jr. and Alvin Williams.

After marriage, Christine was a homemaker for many years, and enjoyed sewing, cooking and caring for her family, while Philip Sr. worked for the now defunct Interpace Corporation as a machine operator making large concrete water mains. After her sons reached middle school age, Christine then continued her education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, and thereafter worked at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ in the Pediatrics Department until her retirement.

After retiring from Saint Michael's, Christine became interested in starting a private duty nursing service and investing in real estate. She purchased a second home for that reason, rented rooms for a short time to family members, and then offered apartment rentals. She never started a private duty nursing service, but instead, used her nursing skills to care for many family members, including her great uncle, "Buddy" Green, her mother-in-law, Blossie Williams, her sister-in-law, Beatrice Hill, her father, Rev. AJ Hall, Sr., her mother, Mabel Hall, and then her husband, Philip Williams, Sr. In October of 2010, Christine was stricken with a stroke while caring for her husband, and after a lengthy hospitalization, she returned home where her devoted family cared for her until she went to be with the Lord.

Christine was active in church for many years. As a child in Florida she was baptized at the Saint Paul Primitive Baptist Church in Monticello Florida, and after her family relocated to Newark, she joined the Randall's Chapel Baptist Church of Newark, and then moved her membership to Brown's Chapel Baptist church where she served as the corresponding secretary, and then to St. Mark Baptist Church where she was active in the choir and directing the Young Peoples' Christian League (YPCL). Her husband, Philip Sr. was active on St. Mark's Trustee Board, eventually becoming the Chair of the Board. Christine worked with him to support various building and funding projects until 1988.

Christine loved the Lord, loved her family, and gave her all caring for people.

Christine leaves to mourn two sons, Philip Jr. and Alvin, and a host of relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalms 27:1 – 10.....Rev. Walter Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT – John 14:1 – 20.....Thomas Wilkins

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Johnson

Obituary Reading.....Keesha Melendez

Acknowledgements,

Cards & Condolences.....Thomas Wilkins

Solo.....Keesha Melendez

Eulogy.....Rev. Walter Johnson

Benediction

Recessional

## Interment

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## Repast

Please join the family at home:

746 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Newark, NJ 07108

# *Thy Will Be Done*

Sometimes it's hard to understand  
Why some things have to be,  
But in His wisdom, God has planned  
Beyond our power to see.  
So looking back in tenderness  
Along the road we trod,  
We cherish the years we had with you,  
And leave the rest to God.

*"For we know to be absent from the body  
is to be present with the Lord."*

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!  
The Williams Family

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