



*Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Marian Jean Briggs Williams*

**Sunrise**

November 23, 1930

**Sunset**

February 11, 2022

Service

Saturday, February 26, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

**Second Baptist Church**

200 Locust Street

Roselle, New Jersey

*Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Officiating*



## *My Life Story*

### *Marian Jean Briggs Williams*

1930-2022

On November 23, 1930, I was born in Elizabeth General Hospital, the seventh child of Alexander and Lillian Edmonds Briggs. At that time, we lived in Roselle Park and later moved to Roselle, New Jersey where I started first grade at the former Lincoln School, and graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1948.

At age 14, I was baptized in Second Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey and remained a faithful member there.

In 1951, I married Edward Williams, lived in East Orange and we later had three children, Warren, Sharon and Wayne Williams. In later years, after our marriage ended, my children and I moved to Rahway and then Roselle to be near my family.

A longtime member of Second Baptist Church, I was a soloist and sang in the Junior, Adult, Senior and Mass Choirs. In addition to the choirs, I was an Usher for more than 40 years and served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Chaplain in both Ministries. I also enjoyed assisting the teachers in the Children's Summer Bible School.

In 2002, I was an honoree as one of the "WOMEN OF GOLD". That was a day to honor the women of our church who had given more than 50 years of service unto the Lord. In 2010, I joined a new Ministry at our church, "SENSATIONAL SENIORS".

My work career began as a Clerk/Typist and Aide in Elizabeth General Hospital. My big break came when I was hired as a Blueprint Typist at Western Electric Company. While there, I was a volunteer Phone Operator for the first Cerebral Palsy Telethon in New Jersey. I later transferred to AT&T in Piscataway, New Jersey and retired from there as a Data Systems Administrator in 1989.

After a short break, I worked part time as a Facilitator for the Child Assault Prevention Program and was a volunteer reader at all the Elementary schools in Roselle.

For many years, I was a Lifetime and Executive Board member of the Roselle NAACP. Formerly a member of Star of Bethlehem Chapter # 26, I served as Worthy Matron from 1995 to 1996. A long time member of the Roselle section of the National Council of Negro Women, I was honored as "Council Woman of the Year" in 2006.

My retirement years were great! I helped coordinate plans for our Family Reunions in New Jersey, traveled to many states and Islands and went to Disney World numerous times. Thanks to my late sister Louise who lived in Orlando and my devoted nephew and his wife who have passed away.

I thank God for a long fruitful life; my late parents who were my Role Models and my devoted family members who have gone home to be with the Lord. I have been showered with many beautiful flowers, gifts and awards, so at the end of my journey, donations will be greatly appreciated for Children's Specialized Hospital 150 New Providence Road – Mountainside, New Jersey or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

My parents and son, Wayne, have been deceased for many years. Also deceased are four brothers, Frank, Louis "Alex", William and Morris Briggs. Three sisters, Louise B. Harris, Sarah B. Jones and Marjorie B. Porter.

Left to mourn are my loving son and daughter, Warren Williams and Sharon Smith; a devoted sister, Betty "Barbara" B. Turner; four precious granddaughters, Precina, Pariese, Parielle and their mother, Millicent Williams and Jacqueline; three great grandchildren, Aiden, Ava and Alijah and one sister-in-law, Deaconess Margaret Briggs.

Also left to mourn are special friends, Priscilla Handy, Elaine Green, Ollie Ridley, Patty Jackson, Cauldette Adams, Jennie Botts and Kim Dobson and a host of family, friends and loving brothers and sisters of Second Baptist Church.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....A. Vincent Jeffreys

Family Viewing

Opening Prayer.....Reverend Barbara Turner

Hymn.....“Beautiful Garden of Prayer”

Invocation.....Pastor James E. Moore, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 23 – Deaconess Catherine Williams

New Testament.....1st Corinthians 15:55-58 - Deacon Joseph Williams

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Margaret Moore

Musical Selection.....“Peace Be Still” – Pastor James E. Moore, Sr.

Reflections (2 minutes, please).....Granddaughters of Marian Williams  
Minister Yvonne Briggs

Acknowledgments/Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection.....“If I Can Help Somebody” – A. Vincent Jeffreys

Eulogy .....Pastor James E. Moore, Sr.

Recessional..... “Going Up Yonder”

## Interment

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

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Services Entrusted To:

**G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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**Pallbearers**  
Family and Friends of **Marian Williams**

**Honorary Pallbearer**

James A. Cheek

I trust in God, I know He cares for me  
On mountains bleak or on the stormy seas,  
Though billows roll, He keeps my soul  
My Heavenly Father watches over me



*Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Marian Briggs Williams** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you. Special Thanks to caregivers, Tonica Wells and Crystal Brown.*



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