

In Loving Memory of

Yolanda M. Williams

Sunrise: November 16, 1971

Sunset: March 7, 2022



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Hilton Rawls, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Yolanda Williams, known as “yellow” or “yo-yo” to family and friends, was a protector and provider. Born November 16, 1971 to Stella Anderson and Marvin Williams, she went on to graduate from Orange high in 1989. She later birthed her son, Marquise Williams, and her daughter, Carleesha Gregory. During her lifetime she worked tirelessly to make sure she provided for her family. She was the definition of a people’s person. Everyone around for miles could tell you that. She’d take to a stranger on the street like she’d known them for years. When you talked to her you’d felt like she loved you for years. She loved to eat and she loved making everyone eat with her. You could never be hungry or sad around Yolanda; you didn’t really have much of a choice.

One thing she never did was hold her tongue. For anyone who didn’t have a voice, she did. She gave people courage, confidence and strength to be themselves and defend themselves against the world. No one could be more original and unapologetically themselves than Yolanda

She is preceded in death by her son, Marquise Ellis Williams.

She lives on in the fond memories of her mother; Stella Anderson, Father; Marvin Williams (Jackie), her daughters; Carleesha, Quamisha and Carlia Gregory and Amira Hinton (Daniel), her grandchildren; Markia Williams, Jahmir, Zakir, Jackie, Zorah and Noah, Her siblings: Laketa, Jamara and Bryce Williams. Her aunts; Gladys Anderson, Mary Jamble (Joe), Sarah Calhoun (Ed), and Shelly Anderson. Uncles; Junior Anderson (Cleo), Walter-Anderson, and Calvin Anderson, her bestest of friends, Carl Gregory and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional - "Missing You" - Brandy

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Isaiah 57:1-2

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Recessional - "We Belong Together" - Mariah carey

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Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Poem from Mother to Daughter:

This daughter of mine is a little outrageous...
With the sweetest of smiles and a laugh so contagious.
She's the light of my life and the joy in my day...
She's simply the best in every way.

Poem from Daughter to Mother:

They say people come and go. And I've come to know that
no one ever stays. But it's hard to think that the other day,
was your last day.

So, from now on,

I'll leave footprints dark enough for you to follow,
Say your name loud enough to fill wherever it's hollow.
And I'll think about you hard enough that you bite your
tongue while speaking to god.

And when I've finally caught your attention; you'll look
down and see

Every door I enter, I left unlocked.

Cause I know one day you'll return

You'll come back to me...where it's empty and reclaim
your spot.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all
acts of kindness extended to them during this
bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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