

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Rose Fiona Williams

Charlotte Elizabeth Gooden

Sunrise: November 29, 1932 – Sunset: March 14, 2022

Service:

Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 10:00 am

Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church

3757 White Plains Rd. • Bronx, New York 10467

Rev. Noel Chin, Officiating

Obituary

Rose Fiona (Santfleben) Williams was born to Alice Louise Gooden on November 29, 1932 and was given the name **Charlotte (Shottie or Shotts) Elizabeth Gooden**. When 'official' papers were produced for her to start school, she found out her Father, Sydney Santfleben had registered her as Rose Fiona Santfleben.

On January 25th, the birthday of his Mother, as the sun began to settle in the western sky, a dashing young officer on his motorbike had a collision with a pig and fell at her feet. They married and she became Mrs. Gladstone Wilberforce Williams (Mrs. Willie). The union produced four children. She was a 'Stay-at-home' Mom and taught her children the foundational love and joy of reading.

Mrs. Rose Williams often stated that her formal education did not go past the sixth grade. This did not quiet her thirst for knowledge. As a teenager, she went to live with her Dad and Step-Mother and worked in their shop. She could quickly and easily add a stack of numbers in her head. Mama learned hairdressing and was also a very good seamstress, saving to purchase her own Singer® sewing machine. Mama enjoyed learning to use her computer which came in handy for attending Church via Zoom®. At the tender age of 69, she performed at Church on her saxophone and she was an avid gardener.

Her caregiving began with her cousins, Ken, Ned, Leslie, and Michael and her own younger Sisters. In the USA, she worked with several families, caring for children. Two families stand out: "Rose" co-parented Lizzie and Peter with Mr. and Mrs. Feld. Later, she would become an integral part of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Patty Green and she was, is and always will be the beloved Grandmother, Grandma Rose to Kristen Green (Nic Praet).

Mrs. Williams (her preferred title), never met a stranger and she will be missed for her laughter, her sense of humor, and her generosity. Mama 'produced' her own birthday parties and often went on a cooking spree, sharing food with family and friends. Mama did exactly that on the day before she was called home.

A woman of faith, Mrs. Williams was a member of Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church and was a United Methodist Woman. She was always delighted to participate in Children's Ministries. She baked and made baskets and crafts for church fundraisers.

Sharp as a tack until the very end, Mama enjoyed recounting her family's history as well as her many travels around the World.

Predeceased by eldest child, Dr. Louise McKenzie, she leaves to celebrate her life: Daughters Gwendolyn (Gem) (Glen Douglas), Janet (Carl Clarke), Son, David (Tresa), and Son-in law, Paul McKenzie; Grandchildren, Peter, Bryce, Adira, and Miles; Sister, Monica (David Whelan); and beloved and faithful caregiver, Ann Felix; A host of extended family and friends all over the world as well as members of her Church Family.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

WORD OF GRACE..... Rev. Noel Chin

GREETING..... Rev. Noel Chin

HYMN.....Trust and Obey #467

PRAYER..... Rev. Noel Chin

OLD TESTAMENT.....Isaiah 61:1-3.....Amanda Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT.....John 14:1-7.....Amanda Johnson

SOLOTresa Williams (Daughter-in-law)

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING.....Peter McKenzie (Son)

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

OBITUARY.....Gwendolyn Williams (Daughter)

HYMN..... It Is Well With My Soul #377

SERMON.....Rev. Noel Chin

SOLO.....Michael Henry (Cousin)

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION.....Rev. Noel Chin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Rev. Noel Chin

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING.....Rev. Noel Chin

RECESSIONAL.....Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory #717

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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