

Order of Service

The Rev. Tony D. Hansberry, Presiding Elder
Suwannee North District

The Gathering Soft Music

Processional

Opening Hymn Choir and Congregation
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #84

Invocation The Rev. Marcius King

Ministry of Music Greater Grant Memorial Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament The Rev. Karl V. Smith
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

New Testament The Rev. Dr. James M. Proctor
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Solo Ms. Angela Cole

Poem Ms. Kwanaiya Marshall

Resolution &

Acknowledgements Sis. Connie Corker

Ministry of Music Greater Grant Memorial Choir

Words of Comfort The Rev. Tan C. Moss

Recessional Choir and Congregation

Repast

Greater Grant AME Church Fellowship Hall

Honorary Pallbearers

Atiba G.E.W. Jr. Kojo	Lance M. Burns
Kevin A. Williams	Uzabakiliho Kojo
Anthony Burns	Ukurugenzi Kojo

Active Pallbearers

Greater Grant Sons of Allen

Flower Attendants

Maggie Pearl Tookes Women’s Missionary Society

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our family members and friends for the many kind words, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness that have been extended to us during this difficult time.

~With our love, the family of the late Myrtle B. Williams~

Interment

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

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In Loving Memory



Sister Myrtle Beard Williams

January 3, 1932— October 3, 2015

Service

10:00 AM, Friday, October 9, 2015

Greater Grant Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church

5533 Gilchrist Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32219

***Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Presiding Prelate
The Reverend Tony DeMarco Hansberry, Presiding Elder
The Reverend Tan C. Moss, Pastor***



“Crossing Over”

Oh, please don't feel guilty; it was just my time to go. I see you are still feeling sad, and the tears just seem to flow. We all come to earth for our lifetime, and for some it's not many years. I don't want you to keep crying, you are shedding so many tears. I haven't really left you even though it may seem so. I have just gone to my heavenly home, and I'm closer to you than you know. Just believe that when you say my name, I'm standing next to you. I know you long to see me, but there's nothing I can do. But I'll still send you messages and hope you understand that when your time comes to "cross over" I'll be there to take your hand.



Obituary

Myrtle Beard Williams was born in Columbia, South Carolina on January 3, 1932 to the late Marrie Harmond and Murry Tobe. Myrtle wore many hats; she was a daughter, sister, loving wife, mother, and too many a friend, and mentor. Myrtle worked as a Beautician and a Customer Service Representative, but her rewarding career was being a house wife. Together with her husband Rev. Gerald E. Williams, Sr. of 63 years they raised five children, Shirley, Atiba (G.E.W. Jr.), Dawnn, Kevin, and Vivian. Myrtle was a kind and generous soul; she enjoyed her family, cooking, reading, singing, and traveling. As a military wife she lived on all sides of the United States. After they both retired they continued traveling by taking cruises to many different destinations.

Myrtle departed this life on Saturday, October 3, 2015. She was a member of a large family, and was preceded in death by her parents, Marrie Harmond and Murry Tobe; five sisters, and one brother (Charlie Beard).

Myrtle leaves to cherish her memories a loving husband Rev. Gerald E. Williams, Sr.; five children: Shirley Ann Williams of Jacksonville, Florida, Atiba Gerald E. Williams, Jr. Kojo (Donna) of Tallahassee, Florida, Dawnn Williams of San Francisco, California, Kevin A. Williams (Elizabeth) of Los Angeles, California, Vivian Burns (Anthony) of Miami, Florida; grandchildren, Lance Burns (Laura), Kwanaiya Marshall of Miami, Florida, Uchefuna Kojo, Uzabakiliho Kojo, Ukurugenzi Kojo of Tallahassee, Florida, Briana Williams, Grant Williams of Los Angeles, California; sister, Elizabeth Joseph of Rochester, New York; brother-in-law, Thomas A. Williams, Jr. (Brenda), of Greensboro, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Louise Beard of Columbia, South Carolina; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Forever In Our Hearts



“To Those I Love & Those That Love Me”

When I am gone, release me, let me go; I have so many things to see and do; you must not tie yourself to me with tears; be happy that we had these years; I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness; I thank you for the love you have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on so if you need me, call and I will come though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you will hear, all my love around you, loud and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you at Heaven's gate with a smile and a "Welcome Home."