



**Pallbearers**

(Grandsons)

Andre Williams Ernest Murphy, IV  
 Jesse Williams, II Dawaun Smith  
 Nicholas Lloyd

**Flower Attendants**

(Granddaughters)

Porsche Bright Chrystal Silas  
 Brittany Williams Alexis Silas  
 Jah'nai Williams

**Until We Meet Again**

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain, but you are forever in our hearts until we meet again.

**Acknowledgements**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend would say. Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much whatever the part, May God bless you.

~The family of the late Martha Nell Williams

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

**Arrangements in Care of:**



4315 N. Main Street  
 Jacksonville, FL 32206  
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**Martha Nell Williams**

March 20, 1936 — November 21, 2015

**Service**

11:00 AM, Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Greater Friendly Missionary**

**Baptist Church**

1721 West 19th Street

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

**Reverend Jarvis Bracy, Officiating**

**Mothers Never Die- They Just Keep House Up in the Sky**

When we are children, we are happy and gay  
 and our mother is young and she laughs as we play,

Then as we grow up, she teaches us truth  
 and lay's life's foundation in the days of our youth-  
 and then it is time for us to leave home

But her teachings go with us wherever we roam,  
 For all that she taught us and all that we did  
 when we were so often just a "bad, little kid"

We will often remember and then realize  
 That mothers are special and wonderfully wise...  
 and as she grows older, we look back with love  
 Knowing that mothers are "Gifts from above,"  
 and when she "goes home" to receive her reward

She will dwell in God's Kingdom and "keep house for the Lord"

Where she'll "light up" the stars that shine through the night  
 and keep all the moonbeams "sparkling and bright"  
 and then with the dawn she'll put the darkness away  
 as she "scours" the sun to new brilliance each day...

So dry tears of sorrow, for mothers don't die-  
 They just move in with God and "keep house in the sky."



# A Celebration of Life

## A Loving Tribute From Mom



**Martha Nell Williams** was born on March 20, 1936 in Monroeville, Alabama to Lemuel and Mattie Hixon. She confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, joining, Carry Mount Baptist Church where she was baptized. Martha graduated from Bethlehem Industrial Academy located in Monroeville, Alabama on May 19, 1955 and was united in holy matrimony on April 26, 1958 to Frederick "Buck" Williams in Pensacola, Florida. They soon moved to Jacksonville where she became a long and faithful member of Greater Friendly Missionary Baptist Church.

**Martha** was employed by the Duval County Public Schools at Northwestern Middle School for 30 years, until her retirement in 1999. She faithfully fulfilled her most important role as the dedicated matriarch of the Williams Family.

The Lord called Martha to glory on November 21, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lemuel and Mattie Hixon; spouse, Fredrick Williams; two of six children, Darryl Williams, and Michelle Williams; her twin sister, Adell Ewing; brothers, Robert Hixon, and Thomas Hixon.

**Martha** leaves to cherish her memories: four children, Tommy Hixon, Jacqueline Warren, Valerie Williams, and Terrell "Von" Williams, all of Jacksonville, Florida; two sisters, Julia Mae Burroughs of Birmingham, Alabama, and Minnie Peoples of Tampa, Florida; a cherished sister-in-law, Elma Hixon of Monroeville, Alabama; 12 grandchildren, Ernest IV, Bradley, Andre (Kelly), Porsche, Jesse II, Brittany, Chrystal, Shanda, Alexis, Adrianna, Jah'nai, and Nicholas; 21 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and many loving relatives, and friends.



As I sit in Heaven and watch you everyday, I try to let you know with signs I never went away.

I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep, I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.

I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home so I try to send you signs so you know you're not alone.

Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me, Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.

So line your life laugh again. Enjoy yourself be free, then I know with every breath you take, you'll be taking one for me.

I Love You All...

### Order of Service

#### Processional

**Selection** ..... Potter's House Praise Team

**Invocation** ..... Bishop David Black  
Total Praise International Ministries

#### Scripture:

Old Testament ..... Elder Milton Peoples, Jr.  
St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church  
Tampa, Florida

New Testament ..... Rev. Dr. James B. Sampson, Pastor  
First New Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
President, Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc.

**Musical Selection** ..... Brenda Oliver

**Reflections** ..... (2 Minutes Please)

- As A Neighbor
- As A Friend
- As A Person
- As A Family Member

#### Acknowledgements

**Selection** ..... Greater Friendly Church Choir

**Obituary** ..... (Read Silently)

**Musical Selection** ..... Apostle Dee Black

**Words of Comfort** ..... Reverend Jarvis Bracy

#### Recessional

#### Repast

Greater Friendly Missionary Baptist Church Family Hall