

Obituary

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing". 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Mrs. Annie Laura Morris Williams was born on August 21, 1938 in Bolton, (Hinds County), MS. She was the third child of seven children born to the late Mr. Robert Morris and Mrs. Laura Henderson Morris. She peacefully entered her eternal rest on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Clinton Healthcare Center, Clinton, MS.

At the age of fifteen, **Annie Laura** confessed Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at the Champion Hill M. B. Church in Bolton, Mississippi. In 1959, she united with Wells Grove M.B. Church in Clinton, Mississippi under the leadership of Reverend C.C. Buckley. She remained a loyal and faithful member of this congregation until her health failed. Annie Laura's commitment to the church and the work of the Lord was her motivation to serve the church as a member of the Mother's Board, Senior Choir, and Senior Citizens Choir. She often quoted the scripture, *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"* (John 9:4). She often visited neighboring churches where she felt at home as long as God's word was going forth. Her servant's heart led to her being a sitter and caregiver to those in her community that required her assistance.

Annie Laura attended Bolton Elementary School in Bolton, Mississippi and graduated in 1958 from Utica Institute Junior College (*the institution was an agricultural combination of high school and junior college*) in Utica, Mississippi.

Her work experiences were: Mississippi College (baker), Southern Carton (catcher), Clinton Park Elementary School (food services), and Hinds County Public Schools (teacher's assistant).

Annie Laura was united in holy matrimony to the late Mr. Velman Williams, Jr. on April 19, 1959. To this union six children were born: Clency, Brenda, Larry, James, Shelia and Craig.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Velman; sons, Larry and Craig; granddaughter, Kimberly Mounger-Fields; parents, Robert and Laura; and siblings, Annie Marie Morris, Burnice Kyles, Rosie Davis, and Lee Morris.

She leaves to cherish her memories four children, Clency (Brenda) Williams of West Orange, NJ; Brenda (Earnest) Johnson of Jackson, MS; James T. Williams of Clinton, MS; Shelia A. McCollum of Byram, MS; grandchildren, LaRico Williams, Cortez Mounger, Yukela S. Williams, Roshunda (Emanuel) Sterling, Ricardo Mounger, DaJuan Williams, Derrick Williams, Kanika Williams, Breona Williams, Lunden Williams; and great-grandchildren, Caileigh Williams, Kennedi Williams, Roman Sterling, Carson Grant, Niori Williams, Kouri Williams

and Krislynn Grant; her siblings, Reverend John Morris of Milwaukee, WI; Ada T. Davis of Jackson, MS; brother-in-law Monroe (Dorothy) Williams of Clinton, MS; sister-in-laws Bessie Haynes of East St. Louis, MO, Ida L. Turner of Chicago, IL and Shadean Morris of Clinton, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

*Words from Mama: "Make sure your business is fixed with God so we can rest together.
Trust in the Lord"!*