

MESSAGE TO MY FAMILY

When I am gone, just release me. Let me go so I can move into my afterglow. You mustn't tie me down with your tears, let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love, so you can only guess how much you gave ME in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled alone. So grieve for me awhile - if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so keep all those memories within your heart. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a WELCOME HOME. WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

MARCH 10, 1940 ~ APRIL 16, 2023



CARMON

Rutha Williams

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Rutha C. Williams wish to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for your many, many acts of kindness, comforting words, prayers, phone calls, texts, visits, gifts, and dinners provided during our time of sorrow. May GOD continue to bless and keep you all, and may His face shine upon you and grant you Grace, Mercy, and Peace.

THANK YOU

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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The life and legacy of
Rutha Carmon Williams

Rutha Carmon was the first born of eight children to John Carmon Sr. and Bessie Warren Carmon on March 10, 1940 in Prescott, Arkansas. The family later relocated to St. Louis, Missouri. In 1958, Rutha graduated from Hadley Technical high school in St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1961, she was recruited into the U.S. Army by Sgt. Harry Howard Williams Jr. While in active duty she became certified and worked as a Dental Assistant. She was stunningly beautiful to Harry, and he closely followed her military travels. In 1963 (two short years later) they were united in a military wedding ceremony. To this union two children were born; Donna Williams Stevenson and Harry H. Williams, III. Rutha received an Honorable discharge and focused on being a devoted wife and mother. They remained married 55 years until his death in 2018.

As a civilian, Rutha decided to continue her education by becoming a certified Nursing Assistant. She worked in this field for 20 years then retired to become a fulltime homemaker.

Rutha confessed her faith in Jesus Christ at age 11, and was baptized at Galilee Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Later, she joined Friendship Baptist Church (Etsel & Clara) where she served faithfully on the Usher Board and Health Unit until she could no longer attend services.

Rutha enjoyed her life. Her younger years consisted of hosting Spades card parties and bowling in leagues throughout St. Louis. She loved being a mom to Donna and Harry, and absolutely adored hearing the word "GRANNY" by her granddaughter Dionna Ashley. Rutha was a main staple throughout her family and loved and supported them all. She loved reading her bible daily, and was extremely gifted by GOD in arts and crafts: (painting, drawing, knitting, crocheting, diamond dot art, plaster art, homemade gift cards and making flowers). She created the most beautiful artwork and would GIFT those pieces to anyone upon request.

Rutha departed this life on Sunday, April 16, 2023 in the early morning. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years- Harry H. Williams Jr; Father- John Carmon Sr; Mother- Bessie Warren Carmon; Brother- John Carmon Jr. Infant sister- Denise Carmon; Sister-in-law- Carmelita Carmon; Brother-in-law- Clarence Burnett; Step-grandson- Brian Paul.

She leaves to cherish memories: Daughter- Donna (Antonio) Stevenson of St. Louis, Missouri; Son- Harry H. (Paula) Williams III of Tacoma, Washington; Step-daughter- Debra Williams of Los Angeles, California; Three sisters- Joann Carmon, June Burnett and Vanessa Carmon all from St. Louis, Missouri; Two brothers- Barnett (Juanita) Carmon of Dallas, Texas and Reginald Carmon of Sikeston, Missouri; Her granddaughter- Dionna Ashley Stevenson of St. Louis, Missouri; Three step-grandchildren- Kenesha Joshua, Benedict Adjuah and Markeesha Johnson all from Los Angeles, California; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Procession

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Musical Selections

St. Joseph M.B.C

Acknowledgments of Condolence

Nina Rene Hairston

Life Reflection (read in silence)

Musical Selections

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Message To The Family from Rutha C. Williams

Eulogy

Pastor Antonio D. Stevenson

Glimpse til Glory

William C. Harris Funeral Directors

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Jefferson Barracks Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road

Saint Louis, MO. 63125

Wedding day 1963

Dad