



Celebrating the Life of
Mae Carolyn Jackson Williams

Sunrise: May 14, 1944

Sunset: August 5, 2023



Viewing - 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Omega Omega Service - 10:15 A.M.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Celebration of Life - 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Gethsemane United Methodist Church
910 Addison Road, South
Capitol Heights, Maryland
Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett, Officiating



Mae Carolyn Jackson Williams' Life Story

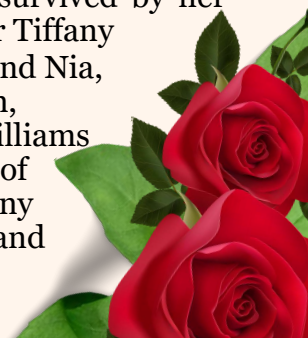
Mae Carolyn Jackson Williams was born on May 14, 1944 to Della Hayden Davenport Jackson and Clarence Eugene Jackson. She had two sisters Evelyn Davenport Petty, Elizabeth Davenport Gray and a brother, Frank Davenport. She was the youngest of her siblings who all preceded her in death. Mae Carolyn attended primary school where her mother was a teacher or principal. She attended Edmond Emory School in Tryon, NC for 1st grade. She attended Union Grove School for 2nd grade and Cobb Elementary School for 3rd – 8th grade, which were Rosenwald Schools built in Polk County, North Carolina for the education of African American children during the days of segregation. Mae Carolyn attended 9th grade at Carver High School and she attended 10th – 12th grades at Allen High School, a Christian Boarding School for Girls in Asheville, NC. She graduated from Allen High School in 1961.

Mae Carolyn was a proud NCCU Eagle. She attended college at North Carolina College, later known as North Carolina Central University. She was initiated into the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a sophomore in the fall of 1962. It was at North Carolina College where Mae Carolyn developed lifelong friendships and met the love of her life, Joseph Williams, Jr. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in French from North Carolina College in 1965. She completed advanced course-work at Trinity College, George Washington University, and the District of Columbia Teacher's College. Her teaching experience includes being a teacher of French at Atkins Senior High School in Kinston, NC for one year and an elementary school teacher at Van Ness Elementary School in Washington, DC for 38 years. She retired in 2004 after an exemplary career in Elementary Education.

In February of 1966, Joseph asked Mae Carolyn to marry him. They were married on July 2, 1966 in Mill Spring, NC. To this union two loving children were born, Joseph Patrick and Tiffany Joanna. In the words of Mae Carolyn, “Joe has always been a great provider for his family. He has always shown love and goodness toward his family.” Joseph and Mae Carolyn lived in Prince George's County, Maryland where they were happily married for over 57 years. God has always been a part of Mae Carolyn's life. She grew up as a member of Stony Knoll CME Church in Mill, Spring, North Carolina, and spent over 50 years as a member with her husband at Seat Pleasant United Methodist Church later renamed Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland. At Gethsemane she was a member of the Chancel Choir, she was on the Board of Trustees, active member of the United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women), served most recently as Nominations Chair, she was Church School Superintendent, Worship Co-chair, Lay Speaker, a part of Gethsemane Reads, Co-Facilitator of Discipleship Study Classes with her husband Joseph, Lay Member Alternate to Baltimore Washington Conference Annual Conference, Chairperson of Religion and Race and an active participant in weekly Devotional Ministry Virtual Prayer.

Mae Carolyn was a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In December 2022, she organized a virtual celebration with her Alpha Lambda line-sisters for their 60th Deltaversary. Mae Carolyn was a Delta Dear and was an active member of the Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. For over 17 years, she faithfully served as Chair of the Ridgeley Rosenwald School Task Force, which was made up of Deltas from PGCAC who provided tours and educational and culturally enriching programs for the Community and the Chapter at historic Ridgeley Rosenwald School. She absolutely loved the work that she and her Sorors did for the Community, Chapter and Alumni of Ridgeley School. She was also a member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Prince George's County Truth Branch and a Golden Eagle and Life Member of the the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association.

Mae Carolyn Jackson Williams entered into eternal rest on August 5, 2023. She is survived by her husband Joseph Williams, Jr. of 57 years, her son J. Patrick Williams (Cherie), daughter Tiffany W. Jennings (Jeffrey), step-daughter Zina P. Dudley (Jerome), grand-children Marcus and Nia, great-grand-children Logan and Easton, her nieces Sandra Forney and Beverly Morrison, nephews Robert Edward Petty (Sirvinuel) and Dennis Gray (Lois) brother-in-law Bill Williams (Mavis), and sister-in-law Ann Williams, cousins, her Gethsemane UMC Family, Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Ridgeley Rosenwald School Task Force and many friends. Mae Carolyn will always be remembered for the sweet, kind, loving, thoughtful and positive person she was.





ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude		Pastor Raimon Jackson
Officiating		Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett, Senior Pastor Gethsemane United Methodist Church
Opening Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	GUMC Combined Choir
Prayer of Comfort		Minister Jacqueline Coleman
Scripture Readings:		
Old Testament - Psalms 23		Minister Lenward Hood
New Testament - John 14:1-6		Reverend Frederick Hancock
Selection	<i>I Won't Complain</i>	Mr. Bill Williams
Reading of Acknowledgements		Ms. Cynthia Rodgers
Selection	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	Mr. Marcus Williams
Reading of the Obituary		Ms. Dorothy Stubbs
Reflections		Designated Family and Friends
Selection	<i>Order My Steps</i>	GUMC Combined Choir
Eulogy		Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett, Senior Pastor Gethsemane United Methodist Church
Benediction		Reverend Ronald E. F. Triplett, Senior Pastor Gethsemane United Methodist Church
Recessional	<i>I Just Want to Praise You</i>	GUMC Combined Choir

Repast

*Immediately following the Celebration of Life, in the Fellowship Hall
for family and out of town guests.*







“Miss Me But Let Me Go”



*When I come to the end the road, And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long, And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone,
It's all a part of God's master plan, a step on the road to home.
So when you are lonely and sick of heart, Go to family and friends we know.
Laugh at the things we used to do, Miss me but let me go.*

Author Unknown

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mae Carolyn Jackson Williams extends our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for your many prayers, cards, visits, meals, flowers, gifts, and any act of kindness and words of encouragement during this time of bereavement. May our God abundantly bless and keep you and your family in his care.

The Williams and Jennings Family

Pallbearers

*Marcus Williams
Edward Petty
Gerald Petty*

*Weston Samuels
Arvel Howerton
Pete Stubbs*

Professional Services Entrusted to:

*JB Jenkins Funeral Home, Inc.
Landover, Maryland*

Interment

*Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
Tuesday, August 29, 2023
Arrive at 12 Noon*

