

**A Celebration of Life  
For  
*Dr. Rosa Lee Williams***



**Saturday, February 4, 2023  
10:30 AM  
Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
Shelby, NC  
Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn, Pastor**



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## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Reception of Friends.....10:00 AM-10:30 AM

Officiating Minister.....Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn

Selection.....The Keys of Harmony

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn

New Testament.....Bishop Sharon Martin

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James Williams

Selection.....The Keys of Harmony

Remarks.....Ms. Terri Williams, niece

Ms. Anne Lauher, Sun City Renaissance Club

Mrs. Sharon Robbs , Shelby Alumane Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, INC.

Mr. Mark Babyak, Bank of America

Mr. Theodore Hoover, Winston-Salem State University Alumnae

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Annette Toms

Selection.....Rev. Billy Houze

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Billy Houze

Recessional Selection

Interment  
Sunset Cemetery  
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God looked around His Garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon His earth  
And saw your loving face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
And He knew that you would  
Never get well on earth again.  
He saw your path was difficult  
So he closed your tired eyes  
He whispered to you "Peace Be Thine."  
Then gave you wings to fly  
When we saw you sleeping  
So calm and free of pain,  
We would not wish you back to earth  
To suffer once again.  
You've left us precious memories,  
Your love will be our guide.  
You live on through your family  
You're always by our side.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
For a part of us went with you  
On the day God called you Home

## Obituary

Dr. Rosa Lee Williams, 79, was born on September 20, 1943 in Lincolnton, NC to the late Jack and Alice Clay Williams. She departed this life on Wednesday, January 26, 2023 at White Oak Manor, Shelby.

Rose, as she was affectionately known, had a welcoming personality, loved to dance, and always wore a smile. She joined First Baptist Lawndale at an early age. After moving to Detroit in the late 1960's, she joined Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. She graduated from Douglas High School in Lawndale, NC in 1961 and Winston-Salem State University in 1965, earning a degree in Elementary Education. She honored her commitment to WSSU by becoming a lifetime member of the National Alumnae Club and the RAMS Club. Rosa also graduated from Wayne State University where she earned her Doctorate of Education. She retired from the Detroit Public School System where she served as a principal at Earhart Middle School. While working in the school system, she was named the 1994 Michigan Secondary Principal of the Year and also one of the four finalist for the National Principal of the Year. Rosa received the 1995 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, which recognized excellence in the teaching profession. She was among the educators from around the United States who helped formulate the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards in 1987.

Retirement lured her back to the Carolinas and she landed in Sun City Retirement Community, Indian Land, South Carolina. With her passion to be of service and contribute to the community, she founded the Renaissance Club. An avid reader, she also joined the Sun City Book Club; attended Steele Hill AME Zion Church. Rosa was a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and current member of the Shelby Alumnae Chapter; and a NAACP lifetime member.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Paula Vinson, Juanita Williams, and Mac Love Williams. She leaves loving memories to three sisters, Jacqueline Peeler, Lawndale, NC; Joan Jamison, Kings Mountain, NC; and Susie Young, Shelby, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



**Floral Bearers**  
Family and Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
Family and Friends

**Acknowledgement**

We wish to express sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.

Special thanks to Erica Gill, caregiver, and White Oak Manor and Hospice Palliative Care staff.

May God forever bless you.

The Family of Rosa Lee Williams



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