



Deacon Edward Williams

August 1, 1934 - January 11, 2024

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

Deacon Edward Williams Sr., son of the late Martha Williams and the late John Johnson, was born Wednesday, August 1, 1934, in Rafting Creek, Sumter County, South Carolina. He received his primary education at the former Catchall Road School in Sumter.

In 1952, he left South Carolina to live in Richmond, VA, with his Uncle King, Aunt Josephine Coles, Aunt Emma Young and his brother, Stephen “BJ” Williams. There, he learned how to install septic tanks.

On February 6, 1956, he married the woman of his dreams, the former Bernice Dawson, and their union was blessed with six children.

As a faithful member of Turner Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Steelton, PA, he served as a Deacon, with the distinction of being the eldest Deacon of the church, as Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Director, Groundskeeper, Prayer Service Leader, Transportation Driver and with numerous other committees.

Deacon Williams was known by many as “Boss Hogg,” “Mean Joe Green” and “Kush.” He sang with the renowned gospel singer, the late Gloria Spencer as a member of the United Male Aires as well as with the Angelic Gospel Aires

and his quartet, the Gospel Harmonizers. Deacon Williams loved talking on his Citizens Band Radio and was part of the Stompers Citizens Band Club (CB). His other pastimes included part-time mechanic, fishing, hunting, riding his motorcycle and playing the guitar. He was an avid gardener and loved sharing his vegetables with the community. Deacon Williams retired from the Bethlehem Steel Plant, Steelton, PA, after many years of dedicated service.

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, Deacon Edward Williams transitioned from labor to reward at the blessed age of eighty-nine. He was preceded in death by two sons, Edward Williams Jr. and Calvert Williams, three grandchildren and five siblings.

Deacon Williams leaves a loving and faithful legacy to be honored and cherished by his devoted wife of sixty-seven years, Bernice (Dawson) Williams of Steelton, PA; three sons, Gregory B. Williams Sr. (Denise) of Harrisburg, PA, Ira F. Williams of Melbourne, FL, and Kenneth E. Williams of Steelton, PA; one daughter, Chevette D. Williams-Jefferies (Rashad) of Virginia Beach, VA; godson, Rev. Dr. Aaron Willford Jr. of York, PA; twenty grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren, twelve siblings and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens

6701 Jonestown Rd
Harrisburg, PA 17112

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

JAN 19. 8:30 AM (ET)

Turner Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
130 Watson Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Viewing

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turner Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
130 Watson Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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130 Watson Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Tribute Wall

TS

“ We will miss that singing and shouting Mr. Eddie but now you can sing and shout in heaven with the Father! Love you Mr. Eddie and peace and comfort for the Williams family and my Turner Memorial family!!

Tanya Seay-English - January 19, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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Cynthia A McCarthur - January 19, 2024 at 09:03 AM

CA

Sincerest Condolences to the Family. May God Bless and keep you during this time.
Anderson Family

Christine Anderson - January 19, 2024 at 10:12 AM

CC

Rest In Peace Sir Williams

Craig L Corbin - January 19, 2024 at 02:00 PM

CM

Let Your Will Be Done

Cynthia A McCarthur - January 19, 2024 at 02:13 PM

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Cynthia A McCarthur - January 19, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CM

*The Gospel Harmonizers with Mr. Eddie on the lead ..this memory will be forever etched in our hearts ..Thank you Casandra Davison for posting this to Youtube. Rest in Peace Mr. Eddie, I will miss you..you and my Dad(on the guitar on the left) were like brothers than friends.
Cynthia A. McCarthur*

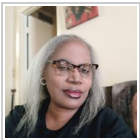
Cynthia A McCarthur - January 19, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Edward Williams.*



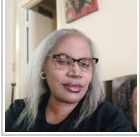
January 17, 2024 at 04:53 PM



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Stephanie Williams - January 17, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *I will miss you Uncle Edward. From childhood to adulthood I will forever cherish the wonderful memories of the Mighty Man of God that you were. Rest on in Heavenly Peace my Beloved Uncle, I will see you on the other side.*



Stephanie Williams - January 17, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Elaine R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Edward Williams.*

Elaine R. - January 16, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Edward Williams.*



January 16, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the Williams Family*

Tracy Lynn Burton - January 16, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon Edward Williams.*



January 16, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Deacon Williams. Rest In Heavenly Peace Deacon.
Michele Danner Morrison*



MicheleMorrison - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ *To the Williams family. Deacon Williams was such a loving and caring person. He always looked out for us growing up at church. He took the youth of the church all around Pa and VA to sing on Sundays. Singing was a big part of his live and he loved to sharing it with everyone. He continue to watch over us and care for us even as adults. He was an awesome brother and friend to my dad and mom. He could come up everyday and sit and talk to them. He and my dad would ride their bikes together. I am going to miss him. Deacon William always made us laugh at the crazy things that he would tell us. He was a amazing person that everyone loved. Rest in Peace. Sheila Rucker and Family*

Sheila M Rucker - January 16, 2024 at 11:29 AM

SR

“ *Sheila M Rucker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Williams*



Sheila M Rucker - January 16, 2024 at 11:10 AM

EJ

“ *To the Family of Dec. “Mr Eddie” Williams, we offer our deepest condolences on the loss of your Husband, Father, and Grandfather! May God continually comfort and keep you in His tender care as you go through this time of bereavement!! We pray that you will find peace in knowing that Mr Eddie will be singing those songs of Zion, all around that heavenly throne!!*

The Jefferies Family

Elizabeth Jefferies - January 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

TJ

“ *Sing on in that heavenly choir, Deacon Williams. Your voice will be missed here but will always be remembered. I am grateful to God for the time of praise and worship shares with you. Peace and comfort to Mrs. Bernice and the entire Williams family*



Tonia Johnson - January 14, 2024 at 09:47 AM

DK

“ Dorothy Kohl lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Williams



Dorothy Kohl - January 14, 2024 at 08:51 AM

DK

My sincere condolences to the Williams family. Mr. Williams will truly be missed.

Dorothy Kohl - January 14, 2024 at 08:52 AM

DE

“ Denisha Epps lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Williams



Denisha Epps - January 13, 2024 at 11:50 PM

MO

“ Sincere condolences to Deacon Williams family. I will truly miss him and his singing. RIP.



Maxine Oakley - January 13, 2024 at 02:26 PM

PJ

“ *Priscilla Jackson lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Edward Williams*



Priscilla Jackson - January 13, 2024 at 11:44 AM

PJ

*To the family
Sorry for your loss of your
Husband and Father
Yes he will be missed by all that knew him...
Dec. Williams Rest in Heavenly Peace*

Priscilla Jackson - January 13, 2024 at 11:49 AM