



Mrs. Florence Janie Williford

April 1, 1940 - September 4, 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Florence Janie Calhoun Williford, the firstborn of Alma Desiree Calhoun and James Calhoun was born April 1, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, Florence was educated in the Detroit Public School System. After graduating from Commerce High School, she later attended William Tyndale Theological Seminary and Biblical Institute, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree. As a young child, Florence confessed Christ as her personal savior. She attended and was baptized Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, then located on Marston and Melrose Streets in Detroit, Michigan. Being gifted with a beautiful soprano voice and leadership qualities, Florence sang many solos and she directed several/choirs. She was very active in the Youth Missionary Department and was also one of the Allen Temple “girls”, under the leadership of the late Mrs. Eloise Evans.

Later in life, Florence and Armour Jackson were united in Holy Matrimony, and to their union, their daughter Selena was born. After Armour’s death, Florence met and married Ernest Williford and they were blessed with their son, Sean. Florence, a very active and involved parent, was deeply involved with her children and their friends. She often transported them to and from their various activities, many times providing not only protection, but food and shelter as well.

As a young adult, Florence was an original member and model of the Vogue Socialites Club. Some of her hobbies included modeling, sewing, and cooking.

One of Florence's favorite songs was "God Has Smiled on Me."

On Monday, September 4, 2023, at 7:05 a.m., God smiled on Florence and He set her free...He rewarded her with her wings.

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Sep. **14**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Friday, Sep. **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

Friday, Sep. **15**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

Monday, Sep. **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery
19807 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48203

Tribute Wall



“ Selena, Shaun and Annette, you have our deepest sympathy. We will truly miss Florence.
Fond memories of singing together in the Gospel Chorus at Allen Temple AME for many years.
Maurice and Roshelle Mason

Roshelle Mason - September 14, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ Selena, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family in the loss of your mother. Will keep you in my prayers. Love, Glodeen, a.k.a., Gloria Hatchett.

Gloria Hatchett - September 12, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ Durren and Sophia Nelms purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Florence Janie Williford.



Durren and Sophia Nelms - September 12, 2023 at 01:48 PM



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September 11, 2023 at 01:34 PM