



## Mrs. Minnie Marie Henderson Williams-Cheney

January 3, 1935 - November 12, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

Life is a road that winds among the hills of time. With every turn in the road an old view vanishes, and a new view appears. Minnie Henderson entered the world on January 3, 1935.

She was the 4th of 11 children born to Lee Henderson and Jessie Lee Cooper in Olmsted, Illinois. She grew up in Olmsted, Illinois. Minnie received her primary education from Washington School in Olmsted. She also continued her adult education from Northwestern, Cass and Cody High Schools in Detroit. Minnie was a lifelong learner, and took classes at WCCC, Wayne State University and Madonna University. She received her high school diploma from Northwestern High School.

Minnie was united with Charles Jesse Williams Sr., and married on April 4, 1950 in Metropolis, Illinois. Five children were born to their union. They moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1951 with their firstborn. Minnie was a woman of God. She joined the New Greater St. John Baptist Church in her early 20s, on the west side of Detroit. She performed many jobs in church as an usher, joined the senior choir, and was one of the Mothers of the church. Later she became a member of Grace Community Church located on W. Chicago in Detroit. Minnie worked on several committees at Grace Community Church.

She was also a woman of service and community. She was a member of American Business Women Association, Widows with Wisdom, Alzheimer's Association, Citizens for Better Health, Retired Citizens, Neighborhood Legal Services, Mini Police Station, Block Club Captain and a Street Patrol Volunteer.

Minnie was a stay at home Mother for 20 years. When she was free to work outside the home, she took a civil service exam, and was hired as an IRS worker and supervisor. She worked 24 years for the IRS Treasury Department, and received numerous outstanding performance awards, and recognitions before her retirement in 1993.

She found love again and changed her name to Cheney. She married Ollie Mack Cheney in 1975, who preceded her in death after 18 of marriage. They were a devoted couple, who loved their organic garden for many years, and traveled together to many places. Minnie became good friends with her stepdaughter, Katherine and Mack's niece, Stella.

Minnie possessed excellent homemaking, entrepreneur and stewardship skills. She had a giving spirit and left to remember the Christian values she imparted in her children, grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, friends and acquaintances. Her claim to fame was her love of God and others, cooking, baking, quilting, sewing, and canning. She was a financial guru, comparison shopper, a gardener, teacher, leader, reader, an activist, role model and mentor.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Community Church of Detroit  
20021 W. Chicago  
Detroit, MI 48228  
(313) 838-8058

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Minnie Marie Henderson Williams-Cheney*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



Jacquella  
Patterson

“ *Mrs Cheney loved the color purple. She was my sons grandmother. May she rest in eternal peace. Jacquella /Jason Patterson.*

**Jacquella Patterson** - April 13, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *I have so many precious memories that Minnie and I shared. Too many to mention them all. A few being common interests in cooking, canning, and gardening. Minnie was special. Her interest of caring, sharing, and giving to help others inspired me. Sis, you are gone but special memories will forever be with me. Rest In Peace.*

**Jessie Kimmins** - November 22, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ I certainly enjoyed my visits with cousin Minnie. We would listen to gospel music sometimes and it would really lift her spirit. When my mother Dorothy Cooper Lee passed in 1993, I looked to cousin Minnie for guidance and advice. She loved baking things with sweet potato. Sweet potato cookies, biscuits and breads! And she used to keep a wonderful garden too! I will miss cousin Minnie tremendously! She has been such a help to me and my family. I learned family history from her as well. She had the gift of knowledge and will truly be missed.

*You have run a good race.  
Good and faithful servant well done!*

*Rest in Peace,*

*Cousin Evon Lee-Williams and family, Husband Marlon  
and sons William, Marlon Jr. and Marcus.*

*The Lee Siblings:*

*Elaine, James Jr.*

*Vernon and Arnetta*

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**Evon Lee-Williams** - November 21, 2019 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Minnie will be missed. I have been a member of the Henderson family for almost 40 years. Minnie was a wonderful sister in law. She always made me feel so welcome.*

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**Cindy Hebderson** - November 20, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ *The Henderson Family ( of Olmsted & Joliet, IL) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Minnie Marie Henderson Williams-Cheney.*



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**The Henderson Family ( of Olmsted & Joliet, IL) - November 18, 2019 at 04:44 PM**

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“ *There are no words to express the sorrow in our hearts. Please accept our deepest sympathy . May the God of comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. With caring thoughts.*

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**Evans family - November 18, 2019 at 05:47 AM**