

Home Going Celebration
for
Phyllis S. Williams



Sunrise
February 14, 1960

Sunset
January 10, 2007

Funeral Service
Friday, January 19, 2007

Viewing
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Service
11:00 AM

Kent Funeral Home
6506-20 Haverford Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19150
Reverend Leroy Smith—Eulogist

"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play,
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too, shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch . . .

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



The Obituary

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Phyllis Sherdine Knighton Williams, was the eldest daughter of the late Roosevelt and Ethel Juanita Knighton. She was born on (Valentine's Day) February 14, 1960, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Phyllis was educated in the Philadelphia School System and she also attended Philadelphia Community College. Phyllis was employed with the Woods School for Special Needs and Whitman Chocolate Company until she was unable to work. Phyllis had a smile about her that would win anyone's heart, she was a very loving and caring person. At an early age, she was taught to believe in herself, but her dreams were shattered by years of illness. At the young age of 16, she was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease that caused her to be constantly hospitalized and/or bed ridden most of her young life. Despite her illness, Phyllis had such a strong determination to live her life and enjoy each day. As a strong believer in learning and an avid reader combined with her interest in medicine, she was able to help diagnose her disease.

At 24, Phyllis married Billy Joe Williams and through their union they had a son, Corey. Many years later she was blessed with another son, Terrick Wilcox, Jr., which she called both sons her miracle babies. In the late 1980's, Phyllis' health was rapidly declining and she realized that she needed God in her life. She joined Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church at which she attended regularly until her illness prevented her from attending. Although, she was unable to attend regularly, she stayed steadfast with God and the Bible, finding solace, courage and strength. She attended Grace Chapel Church when her health permitted. She also enjoyed listening to Gospel music. God called Phyllis Home on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories : her husband, Billy J. Williams; two sons, Corey and Terrick; two brothers, Bobby Garland and Marshal Smith; two devoted sisters whom she loved very dearly, Pamela and Sheila; one brother-in-law, Dennis Saunders; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; godchildren, Larry and Ebony; her very special friends, Vanessa Davis, Terrick Wilcox, Sr., and Vernon Jones.

*Prayerfully Submitted,
The Family.*



Order Of Service

Reverend Leroy Smith



The Organ Prelude

Organist

The Processional

Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation

"Yesterday", Mary, Mary

The Prayer of Comfort

Sis. Lisa Jones

Abundant Life Healing Fellowship Church

Scripture Readings

Sis. Lisa Jones

Old Testament: Psalm 24:1-10

New Testament: John 17:1-26

Selection

Sis. Alberta Weaver

Saints' Memorial Community Church

Acknowledgement / Cards

Sis. Tina White

Solo "Eye On The Sparrow"

Sis. Alberta Weaver

Saints' Memorial Community Church

Reflections

Sis Regina Jones

Sis. Tina White

Billy Williams (husband)

Silent Reading of the Obituary—

Solo "I Won't Complain"

Sis. Alberta Weaver

Saints' Memorial Community Church

The Eulogy

Rev. Leroy Smith

Grace Chapel Church

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Leroy Smith

The Recessional

"By And By"

Interment

Fernwood Cemetery

Delaware County, PA

Repast

*Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ
60th & Callowhill Streets—Phila., PA*





Pall Bearers



Darryl Brown

Eric Frasier

David Miller

Vernon Jones

Michael Rowe

Anthony McLean

“When I Must Leave You”

*When I must leave you for a little while,
 Billy, Corey, Terrick, Pamela, and Sheila,
 please do not grieve and shed wild tears,
 and lay your sorrow to you through the years,
 but start and bravely with a gallant smile;
 and for my sake and in my name,
 live on and do all things the same.
 Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
 but fill each waking hour in useful ways,
 reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
 and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
 and be afraid to die for I am waiting for you in the sky.*



The Acknowledgement

*The Family would like to extend their appreciation.
 Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say.
 Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much,
 Whatever your part.*

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