



## Ms. Geraldine O. Williams

August 7, 1929 - August 18, 2019

The family of Mrs. Geraldine O. Williams, age 90, announces her passing which occurred on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at Hock Family Pavilion, 4023 North Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina 27704.

Geraldine was born in Durham, North Carolina on August 7, 1929, to the late Luther and Alma Patterson Williams.

She attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School, Class of 1947. After high school graduation, Geraldine attended and graduated from Miners Teachers College, (now the University of the District of Columbia) and received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Geraldine went on to receive her Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Trinity College in Washington, DC.

Geraldine taught for the District of Columbia School System, in Washington, DC for 42 years. Geraldine was very active with the National Association of Educators and other organizations.

Geraldine was a member of John Wesley AME Zion Church in Washington, DC, where she was a member of the Cathedral Choir, August Birthday Club and worked with many other organizations in the church. After her retirement, Geraldine moved back to Durham, North Carolina and rejoined St. Joseph AME Church.

In addition to her parents, Geraldine was preceded in death by her brother, Luther Williams, Jr.

Geraldine is survived by her two sisters, Laura Williams Sligh (Robert) and Winifred Y. Williams, both of Durham, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Lucille Bell Williams of Durham, North Carolina; two nieces, Laura L. Sligh of Baltimore, Maryland and Lisa Y. Sligh of Bowie, Maryland; and a host of extended family and friends.

A celebration of Geraldine's life will be held at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina, 27707 on Friday, August 23rd; Family Visitation at 11:00 a.m. and Life Celebration Service at 12:00 noon, with Rev. Jonathan C. Augustine delivering the eulogy.

Ms. Williams will be laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Geraldine O. Williams*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Such a beautiful lady, a teacher, a compassionate leader and cheerful person! She was active at John Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC for over 50 years before moving back to her hometown of Durham, NC. Her contributions to the church and the city through DC Public Schools of the nations capital were tremendous and greatly appreciated. She has been missed since moving back to NC. May the family find great comfort in knowing Geraldine is at eternal peace with our Heavenly Father and may her spirit of LOVE be with you always.*

*GOD Bless and keep you,  
Alberta C. Kinard*

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**Alberta Crawford Kinard** - August 22, 2019 at 05:00 PM