



Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams

March 19, 1918 - January 9, 2021

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams, age 102, departed this life at Duke Regional Hospital. With deep remorse, the family acknowledges her transitioning to eternal life.

Each day the sun rises and sets at dusk. God in his infinite wisdom, breathed life into Willie Lazora Holman Williams, on March 19, 1918 In Mocksville, NC. The early morning of January 9, 2021, God dispatched his angels, transitioning her from earthly home to her eternal home in heaven. The only child of her mother, Lizzie Holman, proceeded her in death during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918. Lazora was the oldest child of her father, William Harper Dillard. Lazora was raised by loving grandparents, Thomas and Clementine Holman alone with her Aunts and Uncles.

As a child, Lazora attended Mocksville Elementary and Middle Schools, and graduated from Price High School in Salisbury, North Carolina. For several years she helped her grandmother during the winter months, and would travel north to Cape Code, Massachusetts during the summer months where she served as a nanny for many families. It was this experience that fostered her love of children, elementary education, and led her to enrolling in Livingstone College to pursue becoming a teacher.

W. Lazora H. Williams graduated from Livingstone College in 1944 receiving a

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, with a Minor in Physical Education. While at Livingstone College, she was a member of the Student Christian Association (S.C.A. 4) and a Member of the Basketball Team 1, 2, 3. She began her teaching career immediately after graduating from Livingstone College. Her specialty was elementary education, and she taught in four school systems in North Carolina. These systems were in Davie, Stanly, Pender and Montgomery Counties. She was a devoted educator, one who knew the value of an encouraging word or pat on the back of her students. Her goal was to enrich the lives of each student and instill the idea, "if I can dream it, I can achieve it." To instill this idea, did not come easy but was overcome with love and patience.

Lazora, later pursued a graduate degree at NC A & T State University. However, she was involved in a very serious automobile accident that prevented her from completing the degree program. Her desire to continue her education and teach children led her to become a certified reading teacher in 1969.

During the course of her teaching career, she touched the lives of so many children in profound ways. Committed and Dedicated, she is the teacher that will always be remembered as the one who wore numerous hats while putting the students' interests before her own. She was the teacher, bus driver, custodian, Mother, Father, dietician, disciplinarian, physical education teacher, nurse, doctor, secretary, community leader, crossing guard, referee, policeman and many more. The magical part of it all is that it was all done in love and care.

Lazora's passion for teaching had not been quenched. After retirement in 1981, she taught Adult Education at Stanly Technical and Community College (STCC) for nine (9) years. This opportunity allowed her to teach adults who were seeking their General Education Diploma (GED).

In addition to her teaching duties at STCC, she also worked at the Senior Citizen Center as the assistant manager and was later promoted to manager. She helped to provide meals to seniors that came into the cafeteria and they also served the sick and shut-in seniors from the seven (7) surrounding communities through Meals-On-Wheels. She worked in this capacity for 12-years and this concluded her active work life and she fully retired in 2000 at the age of 82.

Starting in 1960, during the summer months she served as the Activity Director for Kingville Park and Recreation. She created an environment of continuous learning for all in attendance. Activities included: arts, crafts, basketball, baseball, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, table tennis (ping pong), swimming, diving, and more. High on the extended lists were the teachings of life lessons; how to work together with others to achieve common goals such as teaching the difference between winning, losing, competing and challenging everyone to be good citizens and give back to the community.

She was active in her church and at an early age Lazora confessed her love of Christ and join St. John AME Zion Church in Mocksville, NC. After moving to Albemarle, NC she joined Union Chapel AME Zion Church, where she was an active member for 55-years. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, worked with the Young People's Division – Buds of Promise, the Missionary Society, Children's Choir, Senior Choir, Building Fund, Steward Board, Deaconess Board, Kitchen Committee, and Lay Organization at the local, conference and district levels. Lazora was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star, Ivey Chapter 126. She received numerous accolades for her outstanding civic and volunteer service. One of her crowning achievements was initiating the Girl Scout Program for black girls in Stanly County. Lazora received the Governor's Volunteer Award for her tireless community and civic

activities. She was a charter member of the Stanly County Retired Teachers Association and was honored in 2006 by the organization as one of the founding members.

Lazora moved to Durham, NC sixteen (16) years ago and quickly established her independence, except driving. She joined St. Joseph's AME Church and extended her membership to the Women's Missionary Society, participating in Sunday school and served as the Assistant Treasurer for her Sunday School Class until her health began to decline. During the week, she spent time at WD Hill Recreation Center with fellow senior citizens. She attended bible study, exercise class, took computer classes, sewing, knitting, made floral designs, jewelry and other crafts. She won several awards and prizes for her crafts. In the afternoon, she taught the after school children hand weaving. She participated in Senior Citizens group outings; attending Durham Bulls baseball games, toured Wilmington, NC where they cruised and dined on the Henrietta III Riverboat, just to list a few.

She was affectionately known as "Mrs. Williams, Mrs. BK, Mother or Mama Biddie."

W. Lazora H. Williams, was married to Baxter Kelly Williams, Sr. on December 23, 1951. To this union were four (4) children. Her husband and son, BK, Jr. preceded her in death. She is survived by her son Marlowe A. Williams of Albemarle, NC; daughter Paula W. McAdoo (Terry), and son Paul D. Williams (Almertia) both of Durham, NC; nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; a special first cousin, Ms. Cathy Deloris Jeffers, and a host of relatives and friends.

A private family service of celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707; with a viewing from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00

p.m.

The service of celebration will be streamed live at <https://www.stjosephame.org/>

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that contributions be made to:

Livingstone College Endowment Fund In Memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H.

Williams, Class '44

701 West Monroe Street

Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

Mrs. Williams will be laid to rest in the Historic Salisbury National Cemetery, 202 Government Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144.

Cemetery Details

Historic Salisbury National Cemetery

202 Government Road
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Private Family Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sincere condolences from the Stanly County unit of the North Carolina Retired School Personnel. We only recently learned of Mrs. Williams's passing. She was a vital member of our educational community.*

Kim Whitley - February 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Allen And Deandra Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams*



Allen and Deandra Fletcher - January 23, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sending blessings of peace and love to the family of a life well lived to the glory of God. Gloria & Ricky Hamilton*



Gloria Hamilton - January 23, 2021 at 12:06 PM

BW

“ Blessings and comfort to the family. May you find peace in His arms.

Mrs. Brenda W. White and family.



Brenda White - January 22, 2021 at 12:18 PM

JJ

“ Jerry Head, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



Jerry Head, Jr. - January 18, 2021 at 10:53 PM

MD

“ Marva D Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



Marva D Davis - January 18, 2021 at 03:36 PM

CB

“ Sincere condolences to the Williams family during this time of bereavement. May you find peace and comfort knowing that your mom is in the arms of the Lord. Continued prayers are with you today and always. The Bobo family.

Chester Bobo,III - January 18, 2021 at 10:21 AM

AF

“ May God bless you and keep you in this your hour of sorrow.

Annell Barker and Family - January 17, 2021 at 08:31 PM

GF

“ To the family - May you find comfort in the inspiring memories of the exemplary life of your mom.

George - Priscilla Williams & Family - January 16, 2021 at 07:57 AM

VR

“ I'd like to express condolences to Paula & Paul at the passing of their dear mother. I, Virginia Rochelle, was a friend & coworker at Burgaw Elementary in Burgaw N.C. Lazora & I spent many days in each other's homes sharing delicious meals and good conversations with laughter. She was a devoted member of Macedonia A.M.E church serving in many capacities in an excellent manner. It was a pleasure to have known her & to be her friend.
Virginia Rochelle

Virginia Rochelle - January 15, 2021 at 10:15 PM

AP

“ To Paul and Paula my dear classmates and fellow Bandmates. It is with deep sorrow that I offer my condolences to you and the extended Williams and McAdoo family, on the passing of our dear beloved teacher, Mrs. Lazora Williams. Although I never had the opportunity of being in any of her classes, I was honored to be able to know her from the days of visiting at the home on Colston street, in Albemarle, with my childhood friend Paula. May you find Peace and comfort in the memories of your sweet mother.

Angela Little Phillips
Albemarle,NC

Angela Little Phillips - January 15, 2021 at 07:26 PM

KP

“ *Paul, Paula, and the Williams family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult
time. I pray for strength and loving memories to help you get
through this. I remember your mom (Miss Biddy) as always very
kind and pleasant. It was always a joy to be around her. You all did
a great job taking care of her.*

Stay strong and know that God will see you through!

Kathye Bannerman Perry

Class of 1972

Burgaw High School

Burgaw, N. C.

Kathye Bannerman Perry - January 15, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CB

“ *With deepest sympathy to the Williams family in the demise of your
loved one. Mrs. BK Williams as I fondly remembered her as a
teacher. May God continue to comfort you at this difficult time. She
will forever be remembered in spirit*

Clara B.Cole - January 14, 2021 at 06:46 PM

MS

“ *Sending Condolences to the Williams family. I thoroughly
appreciated assisting your mom many years ago. She was a very
sweet person.*

Ms. Reba B. Smith - January 14, 2021 at 03:06 PM

MS

Reba Bivens Smith

Ms. Reba B. Smith - January 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM

KH

Sending heartfelt condolences to Paul and Almeria and the rest of the Williams family. I had the greatest pleasure of being her pharmacist for most of the last 15 years. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. May God provide strength and comfort for you and your family.

Keith Hersey - January 16, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AB

“ *The family of Ms. Thelma & Andra Barnett send Condolences to Marlowe, Paul & Almeria, Paula & Terry Williams & Family. May God continue to bless & keep you uplifted at this time of your loss.*

Andra & Ms. Thelma Barnett - January 14, 2021 at 03:02 PM

CN

“ *The family of Charlie N. Barker offers our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mother. We rejoice that she now resides in Heaven with her sisters and brothers. Auntie Biddie lived a long and productive life and set an example for many others. She will be sorely missed here on Earth but we will meet with her again.*

Charlie N. Barker, Nephew - January 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM

KH

“ *In memory of a life so beautifully lived, a heart so deeply loved. May love be what you remember most. With heartfelt sympathy. The Hoyle Family
Matthews NC*



Kathy Little Hoyle - January 14, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DT

“ Our entire South Albemarle (Kingville Community) extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Lazora H. Williams, known to most as Mrs. B.K. Williams. We pray that God will grant each of you the strength & courage needed to get through the difficult days ahead. Please know that we all have indeed lost a "True Legend". As a young man growing up in the community and being reared in Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church I was blessed to have benefited from the encouraging & comforting words of wisdom instilled by her. To this very day when I hear the words "Buds of Promise" I will always attribute those values to Mrs. B.K. Williams. Additionally, one can't speak of the history of Kingville High School without thinking of her. At the end of the day when it's all said & done we can without a doubt say "Job Well Done". Continued prayers for the family !

Dexter G. Townsend - January 13, 2021 at 08:02 AM

RH

“ Roderick Howell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



Roderick Howell - January 13, 2021 at 02:44 AM

PH

“ Our sincere condolences to the Williams family...my second grade teacher and girl Scout leader...she was a great incentive to me!!!



Patsy Howell - January 13, 2021 at 02:42 AM

ET

“ *Emily Turner and Family*



Emily Turner - January 13, 2021 at 01:04 AM

JC

“ *Mrs. Williams was a part of my life for many years at Union Chapel AME Zion Church and her Wisdom and Faith help shaped the lives of those she touched including mine. The memories of her will forever be in my heart. My heartfelt condolences and prayers goes out to her family.*

Janice Daniels Crump

Janice Crump - January 12, 2021 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ *Deepest condolence to the Williams' family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Cytrena Snuggs - January 12, 2021 at 09:56 PM

GR

“ *Gloria Vaughan Rhames lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams*



Gloria Vaughan Rhames - January 12, 2021 at 08:52 PM

AM

“ April Davis Murillo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



April Davis Murillo - January 12, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AM

Mrs. Williams will always hold a special place in my heart. She was an amazing spirit and I will always remember her at the park in the summer, even after I was no longer in her 2nd grade class, always sharing and teaching. RIH ...you will be forever missed and thought of with fondness.

April Davis Murillo - January 12, 2021 at 08:56 PM

DC

“ Praying for peace and comfort for the Williams family.

Dawn Casterlow - January 12, 2021 at 05:31 PM

MP

“ Marva Pete-Booker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



Marva Pete-Booker - January 12, 2021 at 03:46 PM

MP

I have such pleasant memories of Mrs. Williams as my second grade teacher and my Brownie Scout troop leader. Mrs. Williams was such an amazing teacher as she always instilled in us how important we were and used little things like having spools of ribbon to put in the girls hair just to make us feel special. She was adjusting our crown before it became a thing to do. Prayers to the Williams family.

Marva Pete-Booker - January 12, 2021 at 03:51 PM

RG

“ Heartfelt condolences and prayers to my friend Marlow, Paula and Paul. She was a wonderful beautiful lady my Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. Rest In Paradise Mrs. Williams. 🍷

Rita Davis Green - January 12, 2021 at 03:14 PM

CB

Condolences to the Williams Family during this time of bereavement. May God continue to keep each of you in His care.

Chester Bobo,III - January 18, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LK

“ My deepest condolences to the family. She was a lovely person and a great teacher. From Linda and Lewis McLendon.



Linda McLendon Keesee - January 12, 2021 at 01:06 PM

AP

“ Amy Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams



Amy Parker - January 12, 2021 at 12:26 PM

CB

“ To Paul Marlowe and Paula. What a blessed and long life your mother had. I can remember her coming to pick us up in her Oldsmobile and blowing the horn. Working with us in girl scouts and other things. Sending prayers to the entire family as you go through this difficult time.

Cynthia Baldwin - January 12, 2021 at 12:24 PM

TT

To the Williams family your mother was a blessed lady, she lived a long life. She was my second grade teacher , troop leader and Sunday school teacher. I shall never forget riding in her green Oldsmobile every Sunday morning going to Sunday school. She was the pillar of the community. My sincere condolences and prayers to you all. She will truly be missed.

Terry Tabor - January 12, 2021 at 12:53 PM

BJ

my condolences to the william family praying for your strength.

Barbara Joiner - January 12, 2021 at 03:09 PM

GH

To the Williams family, my deepest condolences to all of you. Your mother was a blessing to my life as a caring and concerned woman of God, pillar in the community, educator, and leader. She was truly blessed with longevity and now has taken her rest. May God comfort all of you, give you His peace and heal your hearts, leaving you with the beautiful memories of a life well lived.

Gwendolyn Davis Hudson - January 13, 2021 at 06:17 AM



“ My sincere and deepest Condolences and prayers to the Williams family with all my Love



Bonnie Brooks Knight - January 12, 2021 at 11:37 AM

VC

To Marlowe and your entire family may God continue to be with you all and know that we are praying for you and your family. Love Deacon Kenneth and Evangelist Vanessa Chambers

vanessa. chambers - January 12, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May God grant peace and comfort.*

Johnnie Harris - January 12, 2021 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *To Marlowe, Paul and Paula:
My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Your mother was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed.
Love and blessings*



Dr. Pamela J. Bennett - January 12, 2021 at 11:14 AM

LH

“ *This candle is lit in remembrance of our Sister Lazora Williams. Bro Marlowe and the entire you will be in my prayers. Family earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Cherish the sweet and precious memories that you have. Take your rest Dear Sister your work down here is through.*

Lynette Huntley - January 12, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TS

“ *Praying the peace of God and sweet(oh how sweet) memories bring comfort to the family ❤️🙏*

Teresa Hunter Stokes - January 12, 2021 at 10:24 AM

BJ

“ Our eyes are filled with tears from sorrow:
It is our loss - not our Sister Lazora Williams.
For her, the gate has truly opened.
Hear Christ's words so truly spoken:
"Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, ye may be also ."

*There is a vacancy that we must face, but there is no void, for the memories she leaves behind will live within us all our lives.
So on behalf of District 34, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, we thank you for loving and taking care of our Dear Sister, Lazora Williams better known as Sister B.K., a jewel in our crown.
To our Brother and Worthy Patron of Ivey Chapter 126, Brother Marlowe Williams, May the Lord comfort your heart as only He can do.*

*To the remainder of the family, Our Lazora has made her journey home
and if she could see us now
She would be smiling in her sweet way
And would have us to remember her in love
But not weep that she has gone away.*

She remains the Star that will forever shine bright.

District Deputy Grand Matron, Brenda James-Stanback

Brenda James-Stanback - January 11, 2021 at 11:04 PM

AD

“ *Lazora was my Friend for many years and her memory will always remain dear to me.. She was 102 and I am 93 so we had many years of friendship. She was very special and her life was important not only to me but to many others.*

Children, remember the God of all comfort will always be just a prayer away.

With deepest sympathy and love

Alice Davis - January 11, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DW

My deepest sympathy for the family. She was a well known and loved lady and will be missed by many. We love you family and keeping y'all in our prayers

Donna Wall - January 12, 2021 at 10:37 AM

BS

My heart bleeds for anyone losing their mother. We had what I considered good days and bad days. There were days I would call you Mrs. B.K. and the other days I would call you Mrs. Williams. Of course it never seem to matter what I called you. You always treated me the same because you knew what I needed, and I know that now that's what I needed! Thank you for being you. Yes, my heart bleeds for this generation that has missed Mrs. W. Lazora H. Williams. Mrs. B.K. Williams, Mrs. B.K. They have missed more than they would ever, ever imagine. I can only wish that my grandchildren could experience a fine woman mother and teacher like Mrs. W Lazora H. Williams.

To the family I can't tell you how much my heart bleeds for you but I know that she is raised strong strong children into beautiful adults and that you will march on in her memory. God bless you.

Howard and Brenda Spencer

Brenda Spencer - January 13, 2021 at 04:55 PM

BP

“ *To the Entire Williams Family*

Please know how much you all are loved and how deeply your loss is felt by us.

Mrs. Williams taught many students at Dear Old Kingville and those memories will never fade away.

It will be the little things that you we all will remember, the smiles, the laughter and the guidance. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these things that will help push away the pain and bring the smiles back again.

We thank you for sharing her with us and may our loving Father give you comfort.

Members of the Kingville Alumni Association,

Brenda James-Stanback, President - January 11, 2021 at 10:18 PM

BJ

“ *To the Children and Family of my Dear Sister Lazora,*

*Just know that in your special need
my love goes out to you
that you are constantly
in thoughts and prayers
and God will continue to walk with you.
With very sincere sympathy*

Brenda James-Stanback - January 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM

PS

“ To Paul and family. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies for your loss. Your mother will be sorely missed.

Phyllis Shumate

Phyllis Shumate - January 10, 2021 at 01:19 PM

QL

“ Mr. and Mrs. Williams, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Willie Williams. She was blessed with many, many years of life. May Our Heavenly Father comfort you.



Queen Lawrence - January 09, 2021 at 04:48 PM