

# Acknowledgements

The family of Bishop Herbert Williams, Jr. acknowledges with grateful hearts and deep appreciation all acts of sympathy extended to our family during the illness and demise of our loved one. Your kind deeds, prayers and comforting words have been a source of strength as we prepare to say our final farewell to one we held so dear. Thank you for your love, loyalty and support. May the Lord bless each of you and keep you forever in His grace and mercy.

~The Family

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Mothers of  
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Celebrating the life and legacy of

*Bishop* Herbert  
Williams, Jr.

Alpha: June 28, 1952 ~ Omega: April 5, 2022



Saturday, April 9, 2022

11:00 o'clock AM

*L.N. Forbes Original Free Will Baptist Tabernacle*  
1800 Bishop L.N. Forbes Street, Wilson, North Carolina

Bishop Eloise Sessoms, Eulogist | Vice Bishop Donald Batts, Presider  
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# To Those I love and To Those Who Loved Me"

*When I am gone, release me, and let me go....  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.*

*I have given to you my love.  
You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I traveled alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a time that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
though you can't see or touch me.  
I'll be near and if you listen with your heart,  
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear,  
And then when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say:  
"Welcome Home"*

**Rev. Dr. Herbert Williams  
& The Joyful Uplifters**



**I CAN CALL ON GOD**



# OBITUARY

## *Bishop Herbert Williams, Jr.*

Bishop Herbert Williams, Jr., son of Herbert Williams, Sr. and Vernell Jackson Lane, was born June 28, 1952 in Middlesex, North Carolina. God in His infinite wisdom and unfailing power called him to eternal rest on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Reared in Wilson, North Carolina by his grandmother, Pastor Lillian Lane and her husband, John he received his formative education from the Wilson County Public School System where he graduated from Ralph L. Fike High School in the class of 1971. He continued his education at the Wilson Community College where he earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in Technical Arc Welding in 1973. To his delight he married his loving and devoted wife, Kathleen Barnes on February 23, 1973. To this union two beautiful daughters were born, Tammies and Tina. Entering the workforce, he was employed by Wallace and Murray Manufacturing Company as a professional welder. Dedicated and resourceful, he was later employed by Hackney Brothers as a mig and tig welder.

With the call to preach he attended the United Christian Bible College and began preaching in 1974. In 1975, Bishop Williams became the pastor of Simon Grove Holy Church where he proclaimed the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ as he carried out the spirit of God's word with a vision. A genuine, caring, highly trained servant of God, he earned an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the United Holy Church of America and was appointed as a district elder in the early 1990s. Shortly after, he was appointed the Pastor of Mount Zion Holy Church located in Warsaw, NC where he remained until 1995. After serving several years with the United Holy Church he, Bishop F.C. Barnes, and Bishop Jerome Wilson were ordained Bishops and started their own conference, the Roanoke District. Next, he started True Standard Holy Conference with Bishop Cabbagestalk and Bishop Jerome Wilson. His final endeavor was Simon Grove Greater Grace World Ministries where the late Bishop Cabbagestalk, the late Bishop Thomas Lucas, and Bishop Williams served as its first leaders. He continued to serve as the Prelay Bishop of Simon Grove Greater Grace World Ministries until his transition.

Gifted and talented, and a visionary, Bishop Williams praised and worshipped through music. He traveled near and far as a musician. He played multiple instruments with the bass guitar being his favorite. His musical career began at the age of nine as he began singing with his first group, the Junior Ambassadors. In his teens, he sang with the Mighty Cherubims and wrote several songs, "I Got the Love of Jesus" and "Try Jesus." He sang with this group until 1986 when he formed the Joyful Uplifters. With this group he recorded five albums, the most popular songs being "I Can Call on God" and "You've Been Down to Long." With a desire for preparedness, he equipped himself and was well prepared for ministry for his congregation as well as the communities he served. A dear beloved heart is now at rest and will always be remembered with thankfulness, love, and adoration.

Bishop Williams was preceded in death by his mother, Vernell Jackson Lane; his father, Herbert Williams, Sr.; his son, Herbert Williams, III; one brother, Ronnie Finch; and one step-sister, Betty Thomas.

Left to cherish his loving memories are his beloved wife, Kathleen Barnes Williams of Wilson, NC; two daughters, Tammies Johnson and Tina Williams of Wilson, NC; two grandsons, Zyyayre Williams and Lee Williams, III of Wilson, NC; one sister, Barbara Henfield of Wilson, NC; two brothers, Willis Lane (Angela) and Larry Parker of Wilson, NC; three step-sisters, Annie Finch (Adam) of Stantonsburg, NC, Peggy Finch of Atlanta, GA, and Bernice Walker of Trenton, NJ; one aunt, Debora Whitfield of Des Moines, IA; one sister-in-law, Brenda Sutton of Wilson, NC; five brothers-in-law, Ricky Barnes (Sheila) of Raleigh, NC, Randy Barnes, Allen Barnes (Angela), Tommy Barnes (Jessie), and Roger Barnes all of Wilson, NC; his spiritual mother, Bishop Eloise Sessoms of Wilson, NC; his bishop adjutants, Ricky Spell (Pamela) and Melvin Cooper of Wilson, NC; a special friend, Mother Jennie Mae Harris, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, god-children, and friends.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." -Psalm 30:5



