

A Celebration of Life for

Sharon Deserie Williams

Sunrise:
March 25, 1960



Sunset:
September 6, 2024

Friday, September 20, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
5055 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

Sharon Deserie Williams was born on March 25, 1960 in Hackensack, New Jersey, to Earl Ragland, Sr. and Rachelle Ragland.

Sharon grew up in nearby Teaneck, where she attended Teaneck High School and was actively involved in various activities, including being a flag twirler, dancing with the Teaneck Terpsichoreans (also known as Terpsys), and playing volleyball.

In 1978, after having graduated high school, Sharon enlisted in the United States Air Force where she proudly served her country for 23 years, rising to the rank of Master Sergeant.

While on active duty, Sharon earned an associate's degree in business administration from the Community College of the Air Force, and a bachelor's degree in business management from National-Louis University. Additionally, she was the recipient of the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards.

Sharon's final assignment in the military was serving at the Pentagon, a position she held with pride and dedication. It was during her time in the military that she met her husband, Sam Williams. Her years of service sparked a deep love of travel, a passion she carried with her throughout her life. Sharon retired from the military in August 2001, having served with distinction. After completing her military service, she continued her dedication to public service by working as a civil service contractor, a position she held until her retirement in June 2024.

Sharon had a passion for cooking and was known for her legendary holiday dishes, including her delicious breakfast casserole, crab dip, and sweet potato souffle—all prepared with love. She was also known for faithfully sending text messages with words of encouragement and wisdom, which were a source of inspiration to all who received them. Sharon's vibrant spirit, generosity, and love of life touched everyone she met.

At an early age, Sharon gave her life to Jesus Christ and was baptized while attending New Hope Baptist Church. In 1996, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries where she faithfully served in the Helps and Duplication Ministries. Sharon, a woman of God, lived her life guided by her faith, which remained a constant source of strength.

Sharon will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish her beautiful spirit are her father, Earl Ragland, Sr.; sisters, Regina (Bryce) Jackson and Renee Bass; brother, Earl (Debbie) Ragland; mother-in-law, Cressie Williams; nieces and nephews: James Louison, Enjoli McDonald, Kiara (Isham) Kellem, Briaunna Louison, Bilal (Alice) Ragland, Savonnah Cauthen, and Kayley Arthur; goddaughter, Maia Carson; cousin, Destardi (Marcel) Sherman; aunt, Rita (Bruce) Richardson, along with a host of extended family members, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Williams; mother, Rachelle Ragland; grandmother, Racheal Watkins; uncle, Milton Stith; niece, Shakira Bass; and father-in-law, Sam Williams, Sr.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Lift Him Up”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Ms. Cathy Spence, Friend
Ms. Rita Richardson, Aunt
Mr. Marcel Sherman, Cousin

Poem..... *Ms. Savannah Cauthen*

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Robert Dickerson*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Drive | Arlington, Virginia 22211
(The burial date is forthcoming)

Family Sentiments

God Saw You Getting Tired

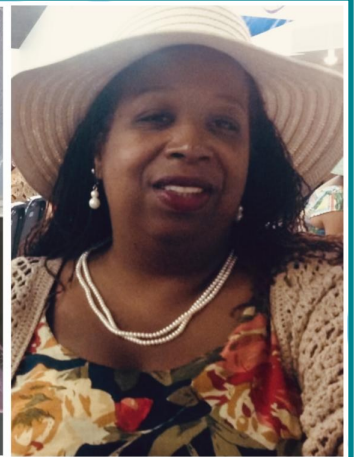
*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered,
"Come to Me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay.*

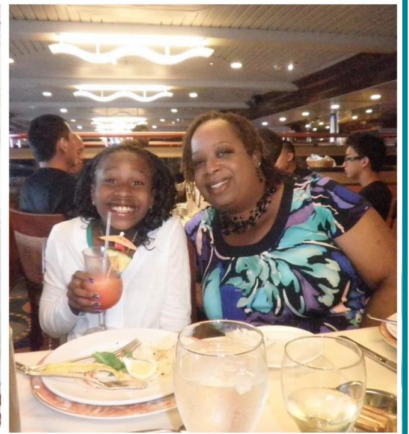
*A Golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

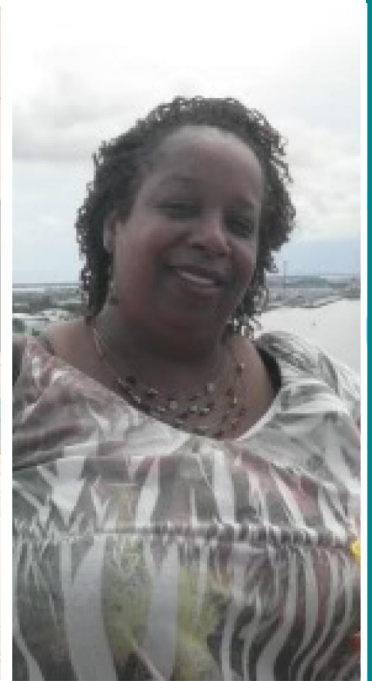






Enraptured: Sam Williams of Chicago and Sharon Ragland of Teaneck, N.J., are caught in the rapture of love after their wedding ceremony at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.





Congregational Hymn

LIFT HIM UP

*How to reach the masses, men of ev'ry birth, For an answer Jesus gave a key,
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me."*

CHORUS

*Lift Him up, Lift Him up,
Still He speaks from eternity,
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."*

*O the world is hungry for the living bread,
Lift the Savior up for them to see,
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."*

CHORUS

*Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,
Let the world in you the Savior see,
Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."*

CHORUS

Acknowledgements

The family of Sharon D. Williams would like to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers, and support shown to us during this time of sorrow. Your kind words, comforting presence, and thoughtful gestures have been a source of strength and peace in this difficult period.

We are deeply touched by the many who shared their stories, memories, and tributes to Sharon. She touched many lives with her kindness, warmth, and unwavering love, and it has been a comfort to see how she lives on in the hearts of so many.

Whether through your presence, cards, flowers, or prayers, we are grateful for the ways you have honored Sharon's memory and supported our family.

*With heartfelt thanks and appreciation
The Family of Sharon D. Williams*

Pallbearers

Bryce Jackson, James Louison, Bilal Ragland, Bruce Richardson, Jr., Marcel Sherman, Robert Smith

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

*Pope Funeral Home
5538 Marlboro Pike | Forestville, Maryland 20747*