

Reflections

Mildred Louise White Williams was born on September 8, 1951, in Como, Mississippi, to the late Samuel "Bill" Clifton White and Daisy Lee Herron White. Mildred spent her childhood in Crenshaw, Mississippi, where she embraced her faith in Christ at Rose Chapel Church of God in Christ. She initially attended Quitman County High School in Marks, Mississippi, before moving to Memphis and continuing her education at Booker T. Washington High School. She knew the importance of an education and enrolled in Shelby State Community College.

Mildred married Charles Williams on October 4, 1989.

Mildred had a diverse career path working for the City of Memphis – Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Program that trained workers and provided them with public service jobs. This program helped to diversify the City of Memphis Police and Fire Departments. Mildred also worked at the Shelby County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Jailer and as a Line Coordinator at Specialty Packaging Company. She was also known for her outstanding secretarial skills, which she showcased at First Baptist Church Lauderdale, Barron Heights Baptist Church, and Memphis City Schools, serving at South Side High School, Germanshire Elementary School, and Coro Lake Elementary School. She retired in 2013 after years of dedicated service.

Mildred was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Mildred found joy and expression in her favorite genres of music—gospel, blues, and country. These genres reflect the essence of her life: faith, resilience, hope, and redemption.

Mildred loved the Lord, cherishing time reading and quoting the bible and making up her own proverbs, also known as Mildredisms. Mildred enjoyed cooking, playing cards and traveling. She loved, loved Coca Cola, The Real Thing. She had a profound love for her family and friends and enjoyed and mandated family gatherings. Mildred always had something to say—and she made sure everyone heard it! Her lively spirit and unfiltered honesty will be remembered (and laughed about) for years to come. Mildred was known for her sharp wit, love of conversation, and her colorful way with words that could make a sailor blush. She never shied away from sharing her thoughts, and her vibrant personality left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Mildred departed this life on January 1, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Williams; her parents, Samuel and Daisy White; her brothers, Larry White and Bobby Joe White; and her nephew, Larry Bernard Patterson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved children: Lynette "Lisa" White Washington (Danny); Keetrick McKinney; Naketsha McKinney; and Jamie McKinney; her brother, Samuel "Billy" White; and eight grandchildren: Keetrick McKinney, Jr (Rachell); Eric Rogers; Cydney Miller; Eryn Rogers; Taylor Washington; Kasey Washington; Kevin Brigance; and Jessica Brigance. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and countless friends including Edna Davis, who remains a cherished part of the family.

Mildred's legacy of love, kindness, and wisdom will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Order of Service

Processional	. Ministers and Family
Scripture Reading Old Testament	. Eric Rogers, Grandson
Scripture Reading New Testament	Taylor & Kasey Washington, Granddaughters
Prayer	. Keetrick McKinney, Jr., Grandson
Musical Selection	. Anthony Coleman
Expressions (Two Minutes)	
Family	Angie Middlebrook
Friend	Deborah Williams
Family/Friend	Lula Armstead
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Words of Comfort	
Musical Selection	. Anthony Coleman
Expressions (Two Minutes)	
Co-Worker	LeQuite Mannina
Neighbor	
Granddaughter	
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Musical Selection	. Kentrilia LeSueur

Eulogy

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PALLBEARERS

Antwain Patterson

Charles Davis

Danny Washington

Eric Rogers

Eryn Rogers

Keetrick McKinney

Keetrick McKinney, Jr

Kevin Brigance

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