



Juanita Olive Williams

May 19, 1923 - January 22, 2020

Juanita Olive Williams, age 96 of Mattoon, IL went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Lee Chapel AME Church, located at 1200 Drive DB Todd Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37208; Pastor Ronald Jasmin. will officiate. Burial at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL 61938 will take place at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is assisting with arrangements.

Juanita was born on May 19, 1923 in Mattoon, IL the daughter of George Harry and Ada Mae (Gray) Estell. She married Edward Williams on November 22, 1969 in Mattoon, IL; he passed away May 22, 2018.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Paula Butler Murphy of Antioch, TN; one sister, Clarice Freeman and husband Reverend Thomas F. Freeman Sr. of Houston, TX; one granddaughter, Tiare Douglas; two great grandchildren, Courtland N. Douglas II, Jordan C. Douglas all of Nashville TN; a special nephew, Jonathan "Mike" Jackson of Mattoon, IL; and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by one brother Harry Everett Estell, three sisters, Mariah Estell, Rosie Mae Jackson, Vera Louise Harding.

Juanita was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church for ninety years in Mattoon, IL. During that time, she served as a Sunday school teacher, Mentor to the Youth, a member of women's club, Deaconess, Mother of the church, and church treasurer until her passing. Juanita loved the Lord and

cared for all that knew her. In her spare time, you could find her enjoying the challenge of a crossword puzzle, journaling bible verses or shopping to spoil her granddaughter and her great grandchildren.

Juanita was devoted to her family and loved her church. She never met a stranger and will be fondly remembered for her kind heart and giving disposition.

A special Thank You to the hospice care she received from Old Fellow – Rebekah Home and Sarah Bush Lincoln Land Hospital and Hospice, 4-E and 2-E nurses during her final days.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lee Chapel AME Church
1200 Drive DB Todd Boulevard
Nashville, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita Olive Williams*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Mother Williams and Deacon Williams always said, "this Christian walk is a lifestyle" and she definitely proved that. Her wisdom-filled words and trendy fashion will be missed. With Love, The Higginbotham Family*

AI & Taneya Higginbotham - February 15, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Barbara A. (Boyer) McLain lit a candle in memory of Juanita Olive Williams*



Barbara A. (Boyer) McLain - February 12, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *So many great memories with her, her husband Deacon Edward Williams and her family over multiple decades.*

Our deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Juanita Williams during this time. God bless you and keep you!

*With love,
Elia Foster, John & Yvonne Steward, Rev. James Sr & Clarice Williams (and our extended family)*

Foster-Steward-Williams Family - February 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM

PM

Thank you

Paula Murphy - February 13, 2020 at 10:46 AM

TN

I knew Juanita and Ed Williams from meeting them at my job ,Walker,s Supermarket and when I worked at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital. First, they were so dedicated to God and each other. Second , they were such great people to know as Friends. Third, they were the the perfect example of walkin in the Footsteps Of Jesus. Itb was a privilege and an honor to be ablke to be a part of their Life. Tony Nicholson- Mattoon, Illinois

Tony Nicholson - February 16, 2020 at 12:08 AM

CM

“ *My husband and I only met Mrs. Williams when we were delivering Peace Meals to her house, so we didn't know her well. She was always such a kind and gracious person to talk to. Prayers of comfort for her family.*

Chris McMinn - February 11, 2020 at 11:45 AM

CB

“ *I worked with Juanita in the office at Bergners many yeats ago. She was the sweetest, kindest person I ever knew. My Mother and I had many conversations with Juanita and Eddie when we ran into them at the Mall.*

What a wonderful couple. My thoughts and prayers go out to Juanita's family and friends. She will be missed!!!



Cathy Boyer - February 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CT

“ Paula, I am so sorry to hear about cousin Juanita! I did not know she was in a nursing home! I sent flowers when Eddie died but never heard from her and I called and left a message! My prayers are with you and the family. Did you know that her middle name, Olive, was my dad’s sisters first name and Juanita was named for her. May God be with you as you mourn Juanita’s death in the years to come. Love, Caryl Vickers Taylor

caryl Vickers Taylor - February 07, 2020 at 10:29 AM

PM

Thank you Caryl did not know that about her middle name. Are you still in Las Vegas? Mom’s illness was very brief. Thank you again.

Paula Murphy - February 11, 2020 at 01:22 PM

CT

I am still in Vegas. Will be 90 this year! I am losing my hearing and just got hearing aids as well as eyesight! I have Age Related Macular Degeneration, but still living at home and manage my own care, meals, etc? My youngest daughter lives with me. My son, an Ophthalmologist, also lives in Vegas, my second daughter lives in San Francisco but comes to see me every three months! My oldest, Caryl, dies March 19, 2019 of 17, 2019. Massive heart attack. She was 60. My grandson, Died, March 17 of a drug overdose! He was 23. We are still feeling the pain from both deaths and know your sorrow! I dearly loved Aunt Ada and Uncle Harry! Take care and love and prayers to all!

caryl Vickers Taylor - February 18, 2020 at 03:19 PM

SV

“ I remember that she always dressed so elegant. She use to do my hair when i was very young. She always had a pleasant smile.

Stella Vickers - February 06, 2020 at 10:53 PM