



## Bonnie Pearl Williams

April 9, 1942 - May 18, 2016

Bonnie Pearl Williams was born on April 9, 1942 to the late Jack Robinson and Martha Chapman in Grove Hill, Alabama. She accepted Christ early in her life at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She graduated from Wilson Hall in 1960 where she was a cheerleader and a basketball player. Basketball was her favorite sport and her basketball jersey #15 became her legacy worn by her children and grandchildren up to the highest of collegian level. She wed Albert Williams Sr. in March of 1960 and later relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, where she continued to grow her family. After 13 years of residency in Jacksonville, she had a brief residency in Louisiana then relocated to Detroit, Michigan where she remained. At the age of 62 she remarried to Boise Gatlin. Bonnie established employment with St. Mary's Nursing Home for 28 years. Bonnie was not just an employee she was an atmosphere changer. She was the prayer warrior on site as well as a spiritual inspiration to a multitude of residents as well as employees.

Bonnie is well known for her spiritual greeting, "Praise the Lord". Anybody that has encountered her, no matter where knows that she loved the Lord. She loved to pray for others in and out of season. She was definitely a friend to all and a mother not only to her kids, but gave motherly love to all that encountered her. She helped everyone that she could as she kept all uplifted. In her younger years she loved drag racing. She told stories about how she would have to race their family car as a teenager to raise grocery money while leaving her siblings on the side of the road (she always came out on top). As

she progressed she continued to follow sports. Westerns became her favorite retirement shows while the bible remained her favorite book to read.

Bonnie departed this life on May 18, 2016. She was proceeded in death by her husband Albert Williams Sr. She leaves to cherish her memories 6 kids, Glenda Webb (Darryl Webb) Detroit, MI, Albert Williams Jr. (Poncho) (Lori Williams) Inglewood, CA, Anita Williams Detroit, MI, Maurice Williams Detroit, MI, Darrell Williams Westchester, CA, Wyman Williams (Ricky) Detroit, MI, and a devoted husband Boise Gatlin.

She also leaves 9 siblings: Walter James Robinson (Dorthula Robinson ) (Grove Hill), AL, Bettie Lou Dickinson (Carmichael, CA), Mary Ann Chapman (Grove Hill, AL), Gladys Coates (Grove Hill, AL), Jessie James Chapman (Grove Hill, AL), Claudia Washington (Redford, MI), Verta B. Brown (Tuscaloosa, AL), Loretta Fenton (Curtis Fenton) Norwood, GA, Elbert Chapman (Alma Chapman) Grove Hill, AL. 8 Grandchildren Kashae Clegg ( Mark Clegg), Sade Fortune, Miles Williams, Taylor Williams, Maurice Williams Jr., Tierra Williams, Kullen Williams, Ra'nala Skye Williams, 4 great-grands, Billie Watkins Jr., Nei'Shae Clegg, Mark Clegg Jr., Caliyah Mason, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Northside Church  
25600 23 Mile Road  
Chesterfield, MI 48051

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Pearl Williams.*



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May 22, 2016 at 11:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bonnie Pearl Williams.*



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May 20, 2016 at 09:48 PM