



Gladys Mae Williams

August 6, 1935 - May 27, 2017

Mrs. Gladys Williams was born August 5, 1935 in Starkville, Mississippi. She was one of the eight children that was born in the family of James and Clara Hogan. Gladys attended school at the Rock Hill Attendance Center. After school Gladys was united in holy matrimony to Rufus Williams and to this union 7 children was born.

Mrs. Williams enjoyed family and friends. She loved to watch sports, play cards and the lottery.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter Debra Hogan and son James Williams; her grandson Dennis Williams Jr. and several siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories her loving eight children, Eva Louise (W.L.) Smith, Mary Brown both from Starkville, Mississippi; Rufus Williams, Jesse (Lenise) Williams, Dennis (Anita) Williams, DeWayne (Carol) Williams, Damont Williams, all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Frank Williams of Frederick, Maryland. She also leaves two sisters, Dollie (William) Harris and Alice Barnes of Starkville, Mississippi; two loving granddaughter she raised as her own: Yena Hogan from Frederick, Maryland and LaKeysha Hogan-Anderson (DeQuilla) Anderson of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and 20 Grand Children, 33 Great Grand Children and 1 Great-Great Grand Child.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys Mae Williams



Harper Funeral Home - May 31, 2017 at 07:42 PM



May my aunt Gladys forever rest in peace, I love you always!

Lula Ligon - June 06, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ Gladys Mae Williams

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Gladys Mae Williams

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

YH

“ This is to you grandma thank you for being the woman that you were strong and courageous in everything that you have done in life good and bad. Thank you for being the woman that you were in all of your family and friends lives. Ms. Gladys you always held the "bar" high with your children and failing in life was not an option. But due to your persistence and constant praying it actually has kept a level protection around each and every once of us. Granted we have been through some very tough times, but thankful because you have always been a praying mother, grandmother and fighter. The same determination you have always had to pick yourself up when you fall down, has been instilled in me and my son. To know that, no matter what life throws at you. Know this "God never said weapons wouldn't form, he just promised they wouldn't prosper. The life lessons has grounded me to become the woman that I am and so so grateful for the experience. Harper's funeral home had you looking fabulous and peaceful in which we all prayed for. We will see each other again just rest up for our big celebration. But until then, make it comfortable for us in heaven "OG". We love and will miss you dearly. Love your granddaughter Yena.

Yena H - June 05, 2017 at 01:40 PM

YH

“ Grandma you will forever be in my heart and never forgotten. I am so proud that Harper funeral home did a wonderful job making you look fabulous. But most importantly peaceful within your setting. I am so proud to be your granddaughter, and thank you for installing values in me that has grounded me to this day. Once a praying grandmother always one. We love you and will miss you dearly. This is not the end as I cannot wait until I see you again. But until then "OG" make it comfortable for us in heaven. 😊 Love you always.

Yena H - June 04, 2017 at 07:45 PM

GA

“ Gailasmith lit a candle in memory of Gladys Mae Williams



gailasmith - June 04, 2017 at 09:48 AM

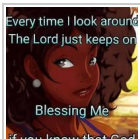


“ Gladys Williams was the loving grandmother to three of my children - Azmen, Riyan and Frankie Williams. She may have been a strict mom, but she only had tender love for all her grandbabies -- including my three. She always had unique insight on the world around her and could see through a half truth like nobody I know. She wasn't always right, but she knew when something was off ... when something needed more investigation, a trait that the kids' dad inherited. I have always thought of her fondly, even when she was no longer "officially" my mother in law and I know that she considered my family, her family. And I've always thought of her the same way. When I got remarried and had Cobey, she adopted him as one of her grands as well. I love you forever, G-Mot-G and I will see you again.



-Rhonda (Williams) Lowe

Rhonda Lowe - June 01, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ Karen Tiggs lit a candle in memory of Gladys Mae Williams



Karen Tiggs - June 01, 2017 at 04:32 PM

WF

“ With Love, Uifsa Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Gladys Mae Williams.



With Love, Uifsa Family - June 01, 2017 at 01:47 PM

AG

“ Alicia Gardner-White lit a candle in memory of
Gladys Mae Williams



Alicia Gardner-White - June 01, 2017 at 09:16 AM

KM

“ Keyonna Marshall lit a candle in memory of
Gladys Mae Williams



Keyonna Marshall - May 30, 2017 at 04:07 PM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Gladys
Mae Williams



Alma Snell - May 29, 2017 at 12:26 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Gladys Mae Williams*



Georgia Williams - May 29, 2017 at 10:10 AM