



## Mrs. Virginia Williams

June 4, 1921 - March 25, 2010

Mrs. Virginia Williams went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 25, 2010. She was born June 4, 1921 the daughter of Wesley and Lula B. Austin in Athens, GA. She received her highschool education at Lansing Eastern High School in Lansing, MI and college education in Chicago, IL. Mother Williams retired from the Kalamazoo Public School System in the late 70's. Mother Williams was Secretary for the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the 70's, where she had been active for many years during and after the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. Mother Williams was one of the founding members and Secretary of Pioneer Baptist Church that was located at 908 Gull Road in 1965. She was instrumental in the merger of Pioneer Baptist Church with Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Through this union became the First United Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, MI in 1974. The congregation later moved from Gull Road to South Burdick and Vine. Mother Williams was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband of over 67 years, Theopolus "Ted" Williams; her parents: Wesley and Lula B.; two sisters: Carlene Johnson and Camilla Matthews; and one brother, CH Austin.

Mother Williams leaves to cherish her memory: one sister, Lela Lane of Kalamazoo, MI; one brother, Alton Austin, of Lansing, MI. She also leaves her loving children: Wesley (Mary) Williams of Kalamazoo, MI; Shirley Marie Williams of Homewood, IL; Lionel (Pam) Williams of Coloma, MI; Greg (Joyce)

Williams of Grand Rapids, MI; two step-daughters: Odessa Kozetta West of Bosque Farms, New Mexico; and Carolyn Ann Charles of Lansing, MI. Mother Williams departed this life a loving mother to five generations and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church  
821 S Burdick Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Virginia Williams



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**Harper Funeral Home** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Virginia Williams

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Virginia Williams

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I love and miss you so much grandma

*Ursula*

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**ursula** - January 01, 2016 at 02:51 AM



“ *To The Williams Family:*

*I Stayed on Hotop, she was one of the involved mothers. To Mary, Greg, and Lonnie God Bless You. May God keep you in perfect peace.##imported-begin##Jo-Evelyn Wilson Williams##imported-end##*

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March 30, 2010 at 04:11 PM



“ *Mrs. Williams*

*You and Mr. Williams started out as next door neighbors then we ended up as family -- Georgi will miss you as well as myself, Patrese Jennifer and Kayla*

*Rest In Peace*

*The Brooks Family##imported-begin##Valerie Brooks##imported-end##*

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March 30, 2010 at 10:18 AM