



Alice M. Williams

January 9, 1946 - June 25, 2017

Alice Marie Williams

1/09/1946 - 6/25/2017

Albany-Affectionately known to her family as Rie...Alice Marie was born on January 9, 1946 in Savannah, Georgia. She was the 3rd child for her mother Josephine, but the 2nd child to the union of Othello Williams and Josephine Barnes-Williams. Alice attended Primary, Junior High School, and then Johnson High School in Savannah. Upon graduating in 1963, Alice moved to Brooklyn, New York joining her mother and siblings who had migrated north the year earlier. In the face of blatant racial and feminist segregation issues in the early 60's, Alice's independent and studious nature led her to a Professional Secretarial program where she quickly mastered typing and shorthand. She easily landed a job in the Banking industry in New York City, NY. While coming from work one day Alice met the tall and handsome James Mitchell. They married in 1965. They had 3 children, Darrell Eugene (deceased), Eric Wendell, and Sherri Delores Mitchell. They divorced in the early 70's. The sharp mind and work ethic of the now single mother paid off, and she was promoted out of the Secretarial pool, and placed in the Margins Department of Bankers Trust, and then Standard Charter Bank on Wall Street. After moving her family from Brooklyn East New York to Flatbush, Brooklyn, Alice met Lloyd Dillon whom she married in 1978. From that union, her

youngest son Lloyd Alfredo Dillon was born. Ending her marriage to Lloyd, Alice left Brooklyn in 1985 and settled in Utica, NY. She married Roger Williams (deceased) a few years later. Still wanting to elevate herself, and wanting to serve her community, Alice seized the opportunity to return to school. Earning her degree in Humanities Alice graduated from Mohawk Community College. Moving to Albany Alice found a job using that degree at Equinox Inc., a non-profit organization that provides vital social services to families, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) an alternative to incarceration for at-risk youthful offenders. She worked hard, long hours but felt a profound sense of fulfillment working in her field. Alice retired from both respectively in 2009, and 2015.

Besides having a great and friendly personality, Alice was brave and tenacious. In 1968, she realized Darrell was seriously ill after several hospital stays. Alice pressed Doctors and Specialists to find out what was wrong with her child. Receiving a diagnosis of Sickle Cell Anemia and the prognosis of her child's demise by the age of 12 was devastating! She refused to accept it, and wouldn't let Darrell believe it, or give up either. She did not put him in a bubble. She treated and raised him like he was going to live forever. He went to Karate with his brother Eric, he skateboarded, and played outside with his friends, and fought with his cousins-just like any other normal and healthy child. His blood disorder and frequent hospital stays were afterthoughts. Rie was faithfully by his bedside when he was sick, but once the crises was over, it was back to normal. Due to her strength "D" could live well past that projected age of 12.

Alice loved cooking and could cook any type of cuisine to perfection. Many benefitted from the southern hospitality that Alice never lost...she always had enough food to feed every and anybody! While she believed that cooking was a form of therapy for her, her food was definitely therapy to the taste buds and stomachs of all who was blessed to eat it! She had an entrepreneurial mind too. She combined her business acumen with her love of cooking when she

opened, owned and operated Alice's Soul Food Kitchen. She also had a genuine love for children. All children loved her too...maybe partly because she was close to their size. Seriously, Alice had a calming, soothing countenance, and was a great confidante and advisor. She would hear you out, and always had a never-ending supply of good advice! She was soft spoken, measured her words, spoke slowly and deliberately, and clearly made her point! While small in stature Alice took no mess: she earned the same respect she gave to others. Alice was truly the epitome of the saying "Big things come in small packages"!

Alice Marie transitioned on Sunday, June 25th in her home surrounded by loved ones.

So, we say Good-bye for now Alice Marie, take your rest until we meet again!

Left to celebrate her legacy:

Children - Eric Mitchell, Sherri Mitchell-Harris, and Lloyd Dillon; Daughter-in-law - Michelle Mitchell; Son-in-Law - Craig Harris; Siblings - Luther Williams, Hansel Golden, and Selma Smothers; Brother-in-Law - Gene Smothers; Sister-in-law - Lourdes Golden; Grandchildren - Shekema & Sheniyah Mitchell, Consuela, Ahlloyia, Raquel, Pharaoh, Zahkee, Phaybien, Aspen & Zyion Dillon, and Darryl "DJ" Harris; Great Grandchildren - Ambishas "Poppo" Cowan, and Jasai Dillon; Aunt - Mary Matthews; Nephews - Aaron Washington, Otis Reaves, Damian, Jamal, Khalah, & Amani Golden, Tyrone McClary, Jared Smothers, and Arlexter Banks; Nieces - Tyesha McClary-Banks, Tiffany Golden, Dawn O'neal-Washington, and Heather McClary; Great Nephews - Qadeem Goodman, Calmeek Golden, Alijah Banks, Aaron Reaves, and Ryder McClary; Great Nieces - Tavonni Washington, and Aniya Banks; Great-great Niece - Mercedes Bivins; Honorary Children: Maurice, Michael, and Makesha Williams; Honorary Daughter-in-law - Rose Pickens; Special Companion - William E. Humphrey; along with a host of cousins, friends, and former co-workers.

Memorial service celebrating Alice's life will be Saturday July 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY 12206. Relatives and friends are invited and may visit with Alice's family Saturday July 8, 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the funeral home.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alice M. Williams*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My condolences to Sherri and Family. Your mom always made me feel welcome.*



Sabrina - March 19, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

John 14:2-3

Not only did Jesus prepare a a place for Auntie Rie, but he saw fit for her to be where he was. What a great place to be, In the hands of Jesus.

I Send my love and Condolences

Damian Golden and Family



Damian Golden - July 06, 2017 at 07:10 PM

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“ With heartfelt condolences to the family, May your heart and souls find peace and comfort. Peace, Prayers and Blessings.
Grace Taylor



Grace Taylor - July 05, 2017 at 02:36 PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 05, 2017 at 09:58 AM

LH

“ Lisa Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Williams



Lisa Hopkins - July 04, 2017 at 01:34 PM

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To My Cousins Shekema and Sheniyah: Always treasure the great memories that you have of 'Nanny' and although you may shed tears, know that it is alright to cleanse the soul. 'Nanny' was a force to be reckoned with and a very strong, black woman. At this time, you ladies have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your paternal grandmother. Keep your heads high and continue to shine knowing that 'Nanny' was always happy to see you glow and grow. Peace and many blessings always.

Lisa Hopkins - July 04, 2017 at 01:42 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Williams*



Lisa Hopkins - July 04, 2017 at 12:38 PM

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To the Mitchell & Dillon Families: Words cannot convey how I felt after hearing about the loss of 'MOTHER' and how tremendous this loss would be to Sherri, Eric and Lloyd. 'Mother' was indeed their mom, confidante, best friend and someone who loved them unconditionally until the day she passed away. The last time I saw 'Mother' was at her home around Thanksgiving 2015. She had cooked a feast. We had a great time eating some very delicious soul food, listening to music and having great conversations with her family and mine. At this time, I would like to extend my condolences to Sherri, Eric, and Lloyd. I am really sad that all of you have lost such a precious lady in your life, someone that loved to cook delicious meals and have gatherings for her children, their families and friends, and last, but not least, someone that was always about her "truth." Sherri, Eric and Lloyd, you have my deepest, heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your mom. I pray that Almighty God will continue to strengthen and guide you through this very painful time. All of you are in my prayers. Peace and blessings always!

Lisa Hopkins - July 04, 2017 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Selma lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Williams*



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Selma - July 03, 2017 at 05:17 PM

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“ *Because of you my dear Big Sister I learned the philosophy of "to each his own". Learning that set me on the path to successfully living my life the way I choose and leaving others to do the same. Thank you for all your words of wisdom! Thank you for your laughter, and your zeal for life! Though I will miss you, I know that you are in a better place without the stresses and pains of this world.*

Until we meet again...

Selma

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