



*Celebration Service  
for  
Mrs. Virginia D. Williams*

**SUNRISE**  
March 21, 1927

**SUNSET**  
October 2, 2019



**SERVICES**

Thursday, October 10, 2019 — 10:00 a.m.

**EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

2801 N. Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Rev. Dr. Ernest Jackson, Jr., Pastor  
Selecman United Methodist Church  
*Officiating*



# Remembering the Life of Mrs. Virginia Williams

Mrs. Virginia Williams was born on March 21, 1927 to Chester and Nollie Mae Ockletree in Alderson, Oklahoma with the help of her grandparents, Joe and Virginia Thomas. She was the second of four children. As a child and teenager she learned from her father to help others as he shared his community garden and other resources.

She enjoyed attending Hartshorne and McAlester Public Schools. She married her childhood sweetheart at the age of sixteen. He was seventeen. They were married for 49 years before he passed away in 1993. Nine children were born to this union: Edward III, Marilyn, Carolyn, Joseph, Billy Dean, Shirley, Betty, Patricia, and Teresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were members of the Church of the Living God in McAlester. They resided in the McAlester area for many years then moved to Muskogee and purchased a home. Mr. Williams continued to commute to the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant until his retirement. They also attended the Church of the Living God in Muskogee.

Virginia enjoyed raising her family, sewing, cooking, crocheting and gardening. She also enjoyed working with the Parent Teacher Association and working in church activities which included Usher Board and Sunday School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Williams, Jr.; sons, Edward Williams, III and Billy Dean Williams; siblings, Alberta Campbell and Catherine Ockletree; and granddaughter, Gina Keith Reagan.

Mrs. Williams passed away on October 2, 2019. She leaves to cherish her memory and love, her children: Marilyn Smitherman (Louis) of McAlester, OK, Carolyn Jackson (Ernest) of Oklahoma City, OK, Joseph Williams of San Diego, CA, Shirley Frazier (Craig, Sr.) of Edmond, OK, Betty Bruner of Fort Worth, TX, Patricia Williams of Muskogee, OK, and Teresa Barnes (J. D.) of Wichita Falls, TX; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Della M. Booker of Romulus, MI; sister-in-law, Josephine Giddings of McAlester, OK; niece, Gwen Carr of Hartshorne, OK; first cousin, Phillip Ockletree (Elaine) of Hartshorne, OK; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives in California, Texas, and several other states.



## Order of Service

- Prelude ..... Hsin Hua Wang, Minister of Music  
Selecman United Methodist Church
- Processional ..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Officiate —
- Words of Grace .... Rev. Dr. Ernest Jackson, Jr., Pastor  
Selecman United Methodist Church
- Opening Hymn..... *“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”*
- Prayer ..... Deacon Louis Smitherman  
Mt Nebo Baptist Church
- Scripture Reading  
Old Testament ..... Bro. J. D. Barnes  
New Testament ..... H. Ray Keith, Jr.
- Solo..... Rev. Erica Thomas, Associate Pastor  
Quayle United Methodist Church
- Tribute ..... Teresa Barnes
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement ... Marilyn Smitherman  
Carolyn Jackson
- Remarks *(Please limit to two minutes)*
- Solo..... Rev. Erica Thomas
- Words of Comfort..... Elder Craig Frazier, Sr.
- Video Tribute
- Parting View ..... Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

## Active Pallbearers

L. Don Smitherman • H. Ray Keith, Jr.  
Shawn Smitherman • Craig Frazier, Jr. • Chris Frazier •  
Brandon Jackson • Brian Frazier  
Drake Propes • Paul Bruner, Jr. • Greg Jackson

## Honorary Pallbearers

Louis Smitherman • Ernest Jackson, Jr.  
Craig Frazier, Sr. • J. D. Barnes

## Flower Bearers

Carole Johnson • Paulette McGill • LaChelle Smitherman  
Tonja Grant • Christina James • Katisha Bruner  
Chasity Blackwell • Delisa Jackson • Ambrielle Propes

## Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery  
7600 Old Taft Road  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

*Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seatbelts.*

Services under the direction of:

### TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

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*“We Care” — II Timothy 4:8*

## Acknowledgment

The family of Mrs. Virginia Williams would like to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who showed acts of kindness; prayers, words, cards, flowers, phone calls or whatever you did to console us. We offer our sincere thanks. Special thanks to family and friends who traveled near and far to celebrate this homegoing. Special thanks also to Temple & Sons Funeral Directors for your support and service to the family.