

*Home Going Celebration
In Loving Memory
Of*

Homer Williams

~ Service ~

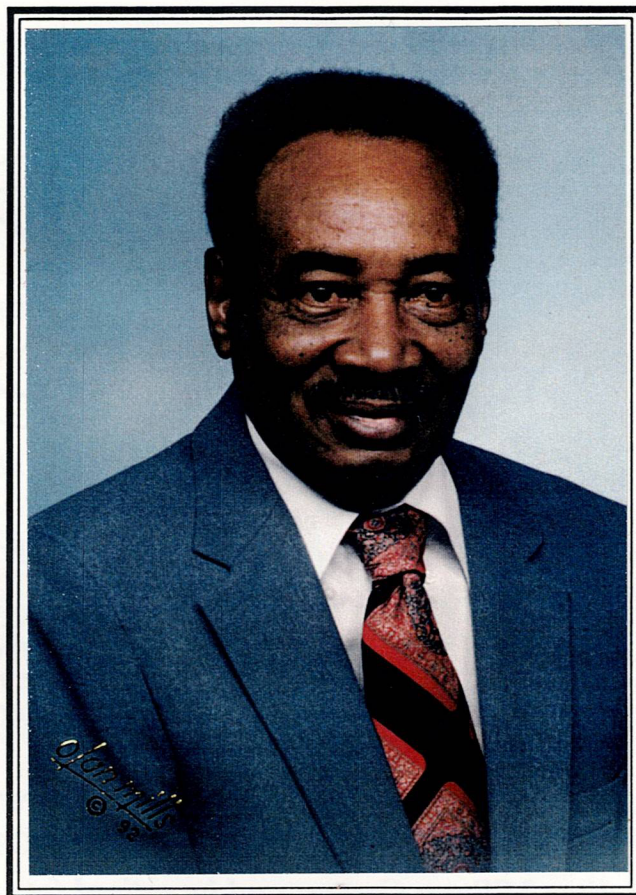
**Tuesday, March 10, 1998
One Hour Before Noon**

At The

Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church
3215 Lyons Avenue ~ Houston, Texas

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Pastor C. C. Johnson, Sr.
Officiant



I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following
the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I
heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all. I
could not stay another day; to laugh, to love, to
work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that
way I found that peace at close of day. If parting
has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A
friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these
things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times
of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My
life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good
times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; Don't
lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your
hearts and share with me
God wanted me now;
He Set Me Free!*

Obituary

HOMER WILLIAMS was born August 26, 1929 to Billy Williams and Odessa Caldwell Williams in Jossierand, Texas.

Homer joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in Jossierand at about age 10 and was baptized by Reverend Hoseah Dolphus, Sr. In Houston he rededicated his life offering his soul and being to God under the leadership of Reverend O. C. Johnson, Sr. at the Lyons Unity Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Homer attended Jossierand School until it was moved to Groveton - then Groveton Colored School where he graduated in 1948.

Homer served a 22-Year Military Career; and he retired from the U. S. Army in 1970. During his military career he met and married Joy Etta Kimble. After military retirement he was employed by the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Houston where he retired after 20 years. He was then employed by Houston Independent School District making children safe going to and coming from school until his health failed.

Homer was preceded in death by his father, Billy Williams; mother, Odessa Wells; step mother, Rhoda Williams; son, Earnest Small; brother, Eugene Carlton Williams; and his loving daughter, Barbara Joy Williams.

Homer leaves to cherish his memories: his loving and devoted wife of 40 years, Joy Etta Williams; son, Ronnie Shortie, Houston, Texas; granddaughter, Shona Small of New Orleans, Louisiana; sister and brother-in-law: Sammie Lee and Joe Crouch, Stockton, California; sisters-in-law: Lillie B. Morris, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Clea Carr, Houston, Texas; and Bertha Ballou, Siera Vista, Arizona; aunt, Jewel James, Baytown, Texas; uncle, Roy Caldwell, Oakland, California; extended family children; Darrell Williams, Courtney Lackey, Dorothy "Tu Tu" Robinson and his buddy Dan Dan Paley; cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear, dear friends.



The Order Of Service



MELODIC REMINISCENCE

THE PROCESSIONAL *Clergy and Family*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Congregational Hymn*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

*OLD TESTAMENT Reverend Miller Harp, Pastor
Lake Station Baptist Church*

*NEW TESTAMENT Reverend Greg Dightman, Assistant Pastor
Northwest Community Baptist Church*

PRAYER OF COMFORT *Reverend Melvin Brooks*

SELECTION *Choir*

RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SOLO *Anthony Comeaux*
"Precious Lord"

EXPRESSIONS (*Limit Two Minutes, Please*)

SOLO *Norris Little*

THE EULOGY *Pastor O. C. Johnson, Sr.*
Lyons Unity Baptist Church

THE RECESSIONAL *Clergy, Family, and Friends*

THE POSTLUDE

To My Loving Husband Homer . . .

*Genesis 2:24 "...and they shall be one flesh"
It says to me those words are true;
When we met, and I fell in love;
God made choice of me for you.*

*You kept me always at your side
As the Lord had placed me there;
You provided for and protected me,
With love, compassion and tender care.*

*You were a good husband and father too.
You gave us the very best you had;
Our joys were many, and that is why
My heart is burdened and very sad.*

*I will miss you **Homer**, as the days go by,
Even when they turn into years;
But I know our compassionate God,
Will eventually wipe away my tears.*

*And finally, when my time arrives,
To bid this universe adieu;
I hope the angel will carry me home,
To be forever be with God and you.*

With Eternal Love,

Joy



Active Pallbearers

*Ronnie Shortie
Isaiah Williams, Jr.
Mark Carr*

*Joe Dunn
Dwayne Carr
Robert Grimes*

Acknowledgement

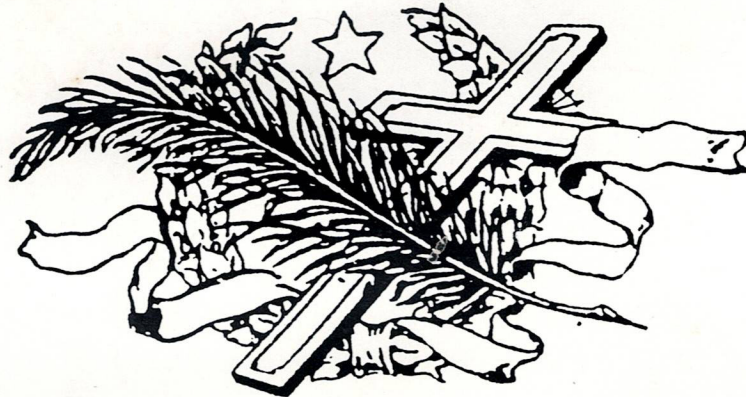
During this trying hour, the truth of friends has been one of the sustaining elements. Your prayers have increased our faith, your words have encouraged our sad hearts, and your presence have given us an arm to lean on. The fragrance of the flowers, the thoughts in every card, and every gesture of love you've expressed has truly added a touch of beauty during our time of bereavement. Always remember that because you've shared, the burden that seemed so heavy, is so much lighter. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless each of you.

~ The Williams Family ~

Final Resting Place

*Brookside Memorial Park Cemetery
13401 Eastex Freeway @ Lauder Road ~ Houston, Texas*

*◆ Immediately Following Interment Dinner Will Be Served ◆
In The Home Of Mrs. Joy Williams At 3229 Bostic*



Final Arrangements Entrusted To The Professionals Of:

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