



Janie Williams Washington

December 27, 1925 - July 8, 2018

Janie Williams Washington departed this earthly life on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at her residence on 26 East Newberry Street, Sumter, South Carolina. She was born on December 27, 1925 in Sumter, South Carolina, the daughter of the late James and Corine Felder Williams.

Janie received her early education at Stone Hill Elementary School, and graduated in 1941 from Lincoln High School in Sumter, SC. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education from South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC in 1946; and her Master's degree from Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

Mrs. Washington began her teaching career at Orangeburg County Training School, Orangeburg, SC and later moved to Sumter County. She taught at Mayesville Institute, Maysville, SC; Ebenezer High School and Hillcrest High School, Dalzell, SC. She served Sumter School District #2 for 40 years.

During her tenure, she was active in the following organizations: Sumter County South Carolina State University Alumni Association, SC Home Economics Association, American Vocational Association, Future Homemakers of America, National and South Carolina Education Association, Sumter County Mental Health, and Classroom Teachers Association of Sumter County. Mrs. Washington was indeed the embodiment of the motto "Lifting as We Climb."

During her early years, Janie accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and became a devoted and lifelong member of Emmanuel United Methodist

Church where she served on the Administrative Board, Council One Ministries, Trustee Board, Finance Committee, Pastor Parish Relations United Methodist Women, and as the Sunday School Teacher for the three and four years old. She was a member of the , Ecumenical Committee, Sumter Unit of Church Women United, Stewardship Committee and advisor to the Soup Kitchen.

As an organizer and 50 plus year member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority, Incorporated, Sumter, SC. Mrs. Washington served as President for 23 years. Her contributions to the sorority are too numerous to list. It can be said that she is TRUE Alpha Pi Chi.

Mrs. Washington was a leader and woman of distinction in her community where she served in various political campaigns. She was affiliated with One More Effort Federated Club, Juliette Federated Club for Girls, and was a supporter and activist for the elderly, homeless, and at-risk children. She was a retired certified poll worker, and life member of the NAACP, Young Women Christian Association (YWCA), treasurer of the Sumter Martin Luther King's Celebration Committee for 15 years. Her distinctions were varied and too numerous to identify them all, but just to name a few: The Golden Rule Award from the White House, President Bill Clinton, during the Clinton's administration; Grand Marshal of the 2012 Festival on the Avenue Parade, Faith and Service Award, Emmanuel United Methodist Church; The Gold Rule Award, JC Penney; Ebenezer Class of 1960 Outstanding Teacher Award; Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award; Textile Award in Consumer Education; and Community Leadership Award from The Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

Janie was preceded in death by her parents, James and Corine Felder Williams; and son, Lundees James Washington.

Mother Washington leaves to cherish precious memories; her loving and devoted daughter in-law, Lynette Dillon Washington and her only grandson, Jason Lundees (Fareeda) Washington all of Columbia, SC; five great-grandchildren, Jayla, Jaquaris, Paris, Sydney, and Khloe, Columbia, SC; and

her loving and devoted adopted daughter, Ethel Grant Jones of Ruston, LA; two loving cousins, Janie Jefferies of Orangeburg, SC and Hoppie Carney of Richmond, VA. She also leaves a loving and devoted caregiver, Marjorie Stevenson of Timmons ville, SC, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Alpha Pi Chi

JUL **13**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

JUL **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
421 South Main Street
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Janie Williams Washington*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Ethel Jones - August 02, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Ethel Jones lit a candle in memory of Janie Williams Washington*



Ethel Jones - August 02, 2018 at 09:27 AM

EJ

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Ethel Jones - August 02, 2018 at 08:32 AM

WJ

“ We have know Mrs. Washington as our Aunt Janie for all of our lives. She has been a constant force in our lives. May angels lead her to paradise! Janie Williams Washington, A Child of God, a follower of the way and an Inheritor of the Kingdom! Thanks be to God for the life and awesome witness of this fine lady who served as an educator and counselor to many for over four decades.
James (Ted) and Walter (Chuck) Wilson

Walter Wilson, Jr. - July 14, 2018 at 08:57 AM

TJ

“ Mrs. Washington was a joy to have as teacher. We gave her the nickname "Toots" and she took it with love. She truly was and inspiration. On behalf of the former Hillcrest High School class of 1977 we extend our condolences to the family.
Sincerely
Terrilyon Cooke James and HHS class of 1977

Terrilyon "Terry" Cooke James - July 13, 2018 at 11:24 PM

DA

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the entire Washington family . Mrs. Washington was a dedicated , hard working member of the South Carolina Federation of Women and Youth Clubs. She was caring and an inspiration to the adults and youth. She will be truly missed.



Doris J. Andrews, Pres. Altruist Federated Club, Columbia, SC

Doris J Andrews - July 12, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ Heaven has picked a jewel. She has taught and touch many lives. Know that she is well loved and will be missed. Find strength knowing that she is resting in the arms of God.
The Brunson, Scott, and Thomas Family

Dot Thomas - July 12, 2018 at 04:34 PM

PM

“ Dear Washington Family,

Mrs. Janie was a sweet lady. She would get you straight and made sure that you stayed that way. Heaven has gained an angel for sure. Rest Mrs. Janie and job well done. She will definitely be missed.

*Love,
Soror Patricia Moyd*

Patricia Moyd - July 12, 2018 at 01:44 PM

CV

The Washington Family..Mrs.J as her students knew her.She was a great teacher that love her students. She will be truly missed.Rest in peace Mrs. Washington. God pick a beautiful rose to place in his garden.

*Love your former student
Cynthia Vaughn*

Cynthia Vaughn - July 12, 2018 at 08:02 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to the family of a wonderful lady, Mrs. Janie Washington. I remember her as a firm, but kind home economic teacher at Ebenezer High School. She was always a delightful lady as I encountered her throughout the years in various places around Sumter. I thank God for sharing her with us for so many years. (Marie Brooks, Sumter, SC)*



Marie Brooks - July 12, 2018 at 08:58 AM