



Mr. Odell Williams

July 13, 1935 - June 20, 2023

Mr. Odell Williams was born July 13, 1935, in Sumter, South Carolina. He was the son of the late French and Ellaree Brogdon Williams. On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at his home in Mayesville, South Carolina, surrounded by family, he quietly and softly accepted the call of God.

Odell was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Congruity High School. He was a soft spoken individual with a humble and caring spirit. He had an amiable personality which enabled him to touch the lives of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was formerly married to the late Annie Mae Butler Williams and to this union six children were born.

On April 5, 2003, Odell was united in Holy matrimony to his loving and caring wife, Nancy Wilson Williams. The two of them were inseparable. It was not uncommon for members of the community to call them “peanut butter and jelly”.

At an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was a life-long member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church where he served in numerous capacities including: Church School Superintendent, Steward Pro Tem, Senior Gospel Choir, Male Chorus and the Gospel Deliverance Choir. Mr. Williams was a part of many houses of Masonry: Past Master of Red Hill Lodge, #144, Companion-David Wells #50 Holy Royal Arch Masons, Grand inspector General of CC Johnson Consistory #136, and Noble- Cairo Temple #125 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Within these organizations, Odell

held numerous and outstanding positions.

Odell was employed and retired from Goodwin Buick, Sumter, South Carolina after 50 plus years of service. He also served faithfully as a member and chaplain of the Black River Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees.

In addition to his parents, French and Ellaree Magnolia Brogdon Williams, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Ben, Jack, and Bernell Williams.

Precious memories will be shared by his devoted wife of twenty years, Nancy Wilson Williams of the home; daughter, Alfreda D. Spann of Sumter, SC; sons, Barry W. (Florine) Williams of Sumter, SC, Tony L. (Sandra) Williams of Sumter, SC, Michael O. (Nancy) Williams of Chapin, SC, Darryl K. (Tanya) Williams of Sumter, SC, French L. (Inga) Williams of Milledgeville, GA; a sister, Genova (Joseph) Isaac of Sumter, SC; sisters-in-law: Elizabeth Grant of Jacksonville, Florida and Barbara Jackson, Sumter, SC; brother-in-law, McKinley L. Wilson Sr. of Sumter, SC; thirty-four grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, nine great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Rev. Fredrick Graves, Officiating and Rev. Alvin Webb, Presiding

Cemetery Details

St. Paul AME Church

835 Plowden Mill Rd
Sumter, SC 29153
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Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Masonic Rites

JUN 27. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
835 Plowden Mill Road
Sumter, SC

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN **28**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Odell Williams*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *May God grant comfort and peace during this difficult time. Keep your memories close and trust God in the hours, days, and months to come. We will continue to you you all in our prayers. In his loving kindness, Tirone and Phaedra Carolina*

Phaedra Carolina - June 29, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *I will never forget how thoughtful and kind you were when Nancy (my daughters godmother) invited the girls to go to Fort Jackson for a picnic. Odell was so gracious and attentive to my daughters. Thank you and Nancy for your caring natures.*

Rev. Sharon Spann Gamble - June 28, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *PRAYING THAT GOD GIVE YOU MRS WILLIAMS AND YOUR FAMILY THE STRENGTH DURING YOUR TIME OF GRIVEMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON FAMILY (STACEY MURRAY)*

STACEY WASHINGTON - June 27, 2023 at 05:59 PM

PF

“ Patricia and Family(Orangeburg) lit a candle in memory of Odell Williams



Patricia Disher and Family(Orangeburg) - June 27, 2023 at 03:30 PM

CW

“ To Mrs. Nancy and the entire Williams Family, Please accept my condolences for the physical loss of your Husband, Father, Grandfather. But rest assured that your sweet memories of him lives on. Hold on to them for comfort in the days to come. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Family

Connie Williams Davis/ Elizabeth William - June 27, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Odell Williams.



June 27, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Odell Williams.

June 27, 2023 at 01:21 PM

EW

“ *Elias Wells lit a candle in memory of Odell Williams*



Elias Wells - June 27, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MW

“ *Mildred Wells lit a candle in memory of Odell Williams*



Mildred C. Wells - June 27, 2023 at 12:10 PM

DR

“ *Sending my love & prayers to my beloved family, Uncle Dell was a mighty soldier in the army of the Lord, a sweet and gentle soul whom will be miss. Take your rest dear Uncle until we meet again. Jeremiah & Debbie Williams-Roberts*



Debbie williams Roberts - June 27, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Freda I'm so very sorry for your family's loss. You are in my prayers. Love Thomasena*

Thomasena Wheeler - June 26, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Nancy Alreda and the Sons. I'm so very sorry for your family's loss. Mr Williams will surely be missed. My sincere condolences to all of you. May you find some comfort in your memories of him.*
Thomasena Chestnut-Wheeler and Family

Thomasena Wheeler - June 26, 2023 at 03:06 PM