

# CELEBRATION OF LOVE FOR

A portrait of Mr. Aiken Williams, an older Black man with a mustache, wearing a white dress shirt, a patterned tie, and a dark vest. He is standing against a blue background with a repeating damask pattern.

*Mr. Aiken Williams*

Saturday, September the 22nd Day of Two Thousand Eighteen  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church  
Trask Pkway | Seabrook, SC

Rev. Susanna C. Johnson, Pastor





*"If tears could build a stairway  
and thoughts a memory lane  
I'd walk right up to heaven  
and bring you home again"*

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**Pastor Susanna Johnson, Presiding**

Musical Prelude

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Song Selection..... Canaan Church Choir

New Testament Reading..... Pastor Susanna Johnson

Old Testament Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Solo..... Robin Wright

Reflection (3 min limit please)

Niece..... Cynthia Williams-Rhodes

First Granddaughter ..... Nekia Williams-Randall

First Grandson ..... Jadon Black

Silent Reading of Obituary

Acknowledgments ..... Young Funeral Home Staff

Solo..... Robin Wright

Eulogy..... Minister Phillip Williams

Final Farwell (Canaan Church Choir) ..... Young Funeral Home Staff

Benediction

Recessional (Canaan Church Choir)



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# MY LIFE'S JOURNEY

**“When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free?”**

Aiken Williams Jr., 86, entered life on February 23, 1932 in Yemassee, South Carolina to the late Aiken Williams Sr. and the late Louise Williams.

On Thursday, September 13, 2018 in the late afternoon God summoned Aiken into eternal slumber at his daughter's residence in Yemassee. His loving family was there with him when he slipped peacefully into eternal rest.

Aiken didn't have a diploma or degree in construction or automotive but he mastered the skills of carpentry and automotive better than most with the aforementioned diplomas or degrees. He was self-taught and had the ability to “catch on” to things with ease.

After leaving Yemassee and traversing the east coast northward in search of employment, Aiken was joined in holy matrimony to Thelma (Mitchell) Williams December 12, 1953. He and his young wife Thelma moved to Savannah, GA where he was employed with Bill Kehoe Tire Company for many years.

In 1968 Aiken and Thelma decided to move their young family to Paige Point, South Carolina in hope of giving their children a more wholesome and better quality of life.

After moving to South Carolina, Aiken found gainful employment with a construction company on Hilton Head Island where he helped build some of the most beautiful residential homes on the island.

In the late 70's or early 80's, Aiken's entrepreneurial ambition could not be halted so he decided to open a business doing the one thing that he loved the most...and that thing was “working on cars.”

Aiken became the auto mechanic of Yemassee and the surrounding area. There was not a car or truck that Aiken could not repair. Aiken was known to give help to anyone in need of car services. There were several occasions where he would tow stranded travelers and their car from Interstate 95 to his place of business to be repaired and then take the travelers home for a good meal and a nights rest. He was truly one of a kind.

Aiken and Thelma's union existed for more than 64 years! This blessed union produced six wonderful children who are left to cherish the memories of their father: Three sons – Aiken (Shirley) Williams III of Stone Mountain, GA, Stanley Williams of Oxford, GA, and Keith (Danette, deceased) of Lilburn, GA. Three daughters- Nadine (Woody) Black of Clarksville, TN, Carol (John) Mixon of Yemassee, SC, Nicole (Darius) Anderson of Greenville, SC (Nicole preceded her father in death) and one very special son, Phillip “Chris” Griffith that was adopted into the family 25 years ago.

Brothers and Sisters: Louise Elliott, Clarence Williams, Peter Williams, Sadie Cochran (preceded Aiken in death), Bertha (Francis deceased) Allen, Isaac (Bobbi) Williams, Luling, TX, and Rebecca (James decease) Dillard.

Nineteen grandchildren: Jadon Black, Atlanta, GA, Nekia (Herman) Williams-Randall, Yonkers, NY, Jessica Williams, Yonkers, NY, Aiken Williams IV, Stone Mountain, GA, Elieza (Daniel) Boaz, Lexington, KY, Kamaria (Mitchell) Boston, Hinesville, GA, Shada Johnson, Conyers, GA, Tracy (Deidra) Milligan, Austi Williams, Stone Mountain, GA, Candice (Vonchea) Priester, Fayetteville, NC, Jahlessa Terry, Sylvania, GA, Starrcree Mixon, Spartanburg, SC, Arrion Williams, Stone Mountain GA, Darrell McCaskill, Richmond, VA, Caleb Anderson, Fountain Inn, SC, Jade Anderson, Fountain Inn, SC., Mario Holland, Lilburn, GA, and Tiesha Kenon, Augusta, GA, Lakisha Greene, Atlanta, GA. and 21 great grandchildren.

# I'VE CHANGED MY ADDRESS

*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.  
I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.  
I am so happy to be here,  
for the Lord Himself I see.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.  
I now live forever with Jesus in  
my new home in the sky.  
I have no burdens or heartaches  
And from tears I am now free.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore.  
For the Lord built a mansion  
And my name is on the door.  
You can find us walking together,  
For where He is, I'll always be.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

**Aiken Williams  
12 Gates to the City Avenue  
New Jerusalem, Heaven 77777**



*Pallbearers*  
Friends & Family

*Flower Attendants*  
Friends & Family

*An Expression of Gratitude*

With gracious hearts the family of the late Mr. Aiken Williams would like to express their sincere gratitude to each of you for your many acts of kindness shown to them during their hour of bereavement. Words can not convey our appreciation.

May God's richest blessings shower upon your life.

*The Committal and Interment*

Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery  
908 Trask Parkway  
Sheldon, SC 29941

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