



Thelma L Williams

December 1, 1937 - March 5, 2022

Thelma Williams was a phenomenal woman, wonderful friend, daughter, sister, devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and beloved Aunt. Thelma Williams transitioned from this life on Saturday, March 5, 2022, having lived an abundant life sharing compassionate care, joy, love, laughter with all whom she knew, and never met a stranger.

Thelma was born December 1, 1937, to Nathaniel Charles and Millicent Charles in St. Vincent, West Indies, and raised in Trinidad and Tobago. The eldest of three children, Thelma decided at an early age that caring for others was her calling and passion. Her early education was in Trinidad. She migrated to England, where she began her nursing studies, attained her nursing degree, started her nursing career, and was voted the best Practical Nurse in the hospital where she worked.

She moved to Toronto, Canada, with her husband, Kendall and daughter, Dianne continuing her studies and nursing career. In 1971 Thelma moved to Atlanta, Ga, where she found a professional home as a nurse in the well-known Dr. Bernard Bridges' office, where she worked for numerous years. She continued her nursing career at the Morehouse Clinic at Morehouse College School of Medicine and retired in 2000. Thelma's medical skills and compassion positively impacted the lives of thousands of people.

Our beloved Thelma loved life and loved making people happy. When not working or raising her daughter Dianne, Thelma was busy cooking and

catering her delicious, unique Caribbean and Southern recipe dishes in Atlanta and beyond. She was a pillar in the Atlanta Caribbean community. She assisted in organizing and participating in numerous Caribbean Carnival parades and celebrations in Atlanta and Miami, even launching her own costume band. In 2005, she was awarded the Community Service Award by the Trinidad & Tobago Association of Georgia, in appreciation for her selfless service and leadership. She hosted innumerable parties where she prepared and shared her unique favorite dishes. You could count on being filled with her joy and love as her infectious laughter always followed “Are you hungry? Come!”

One of her favorite sayings was “always be kind to others, especially those less fortunate.” Her credo was “work hard, play hard” and she was an example of both. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she interacted with as well as those whom her contributions indirectly impacted.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Dianne Williams her grandson Darien Morgan, great-granddaughter Gracie Dakota Morgan, a sister Lynette Williams a niece Karen Williams, and her former husband, Kendall Williams. She is preceded in death by her parents, Millicent Charles, Nathaniel Charles, and a brother, Cuthbert Charles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries Center
100 S. Douglas Road
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Gathering

MAR 19. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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100 S. Douglas Road
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Repast

MAR 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

Williams Residence
11031 SW 25th Street
APT 1101
Miramar, FL 33025

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilcox Family Funeral Home created a Thelma L. Williams Webcasting in memory of Thelma L Williams*



Wilcox Family Funeral Home - March 17, 2022 at 12:29 AM



“ *Thelma L Williams*

January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



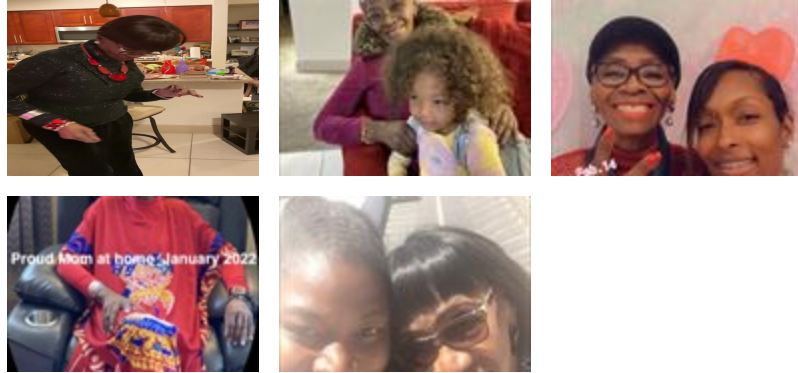
“ *A fond memory that sticks with me, was the expression on mom's face of bewilderment and excitement at the same time, when we said SURPRISE!! at her elegant and glam 80th birthday party in Atlanta, with many of her long time friends there to surprise her. She was like a kid in a candy store, didn't know who to chat with first. She talked about that birthday party every year after as if it had just happened that year. That smile, and sparkle in her eyes were Priceless!*



Dianne Williams - December 13, 2022 at 01:18 AM



“ 23 files added to the album Mom's Heavenly Birthday Tribute December 2022



Dianne Williams - December 08, 2022 at 01:36 AM



Heavenly 85th birthday tribute to my beloved mother in this month of December 2022. Birthday: December 1, 1937. Forever in our ❤️

Dianne Williams - December 12, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ Your family misses you so much. Hope you are having a heavenly birthday month.



DIANNE L WILLIAMS - December 03, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ Love you mom. Celebrating your birthday all month long. Miss you much.



Dianne Williams - December 03, 2022 at 12:02 PM

CA

“ *With deepest Sympathy*



Carolyn Albritton - December 03, 2022 at 11:54 AM

PM

“ *Patt Mullins lit a candle in memory of Thelma L Williams*



Patt Mullins - March 21, 2022 at 06:39 AM

DL

“ *Saddened to hear of the passing of our deadly beloved friend Thelma Williams. Her smiling face and sweet vibrant personality will truly be missed. There is no one like her. She was the pillar of the Atlanta Caribbean community. Thelma believed that all Caribbean people was one family, and so she accepted all. Heaven has gained an angel.*



Charles and Dr. Joan Liverpool, MSM family

Dr. Joan Liverpool - March 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RB

“ I remember Ms. Williams, or Thelma as I usually called her, as the warmest of ladies, always welcoming and an enjoyer of life. From our first meeting I felt a kinship with her that never wavered. And do I have to mention her jerked chicken, greens and rice and peas? Simply the best table around and double the fun. She is sorely missed but highly and often remembered.

– Ralph Barnette

Ralph Barnette - March 19, 2022 at 04:38 PM

DS

“ Diane and family.
Words are never enough when loosing a loved one.
So today we lay our beloved Thelma to rest; she is at peace.
Somewhere she is having fun and encouraging deep laughter,
dancing, singing and cooking something yummy.
She is gone in the physical but her laughter and special memories
remain forever.

Gone but not forgotten,
Donna Smith Morgan



Donna Smith Smith-Morgan - March 19, 2022 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ Knowing *Thelma*, even though for a short period of time, was a joy She would always make you laugh. Her pleasant personality was always a joy to behold. Rest in Eternal Peace *Thelma*.



Marjorie Smith - March 19, 2022 at 02:50 PM

CF

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Cynthia Francis

Cynthia Francis - March 19, 2022 at 01:13 PM



Michelle Swaby-Smith

“ I Love this Woman!! Her Beautiful Spirit...Her Loving Heart.. Her Rebel Nature....Her Beautiful Smile...and ohhhhh her Delicious Cooking.....I Love everything about Her!!! Will miss her dearly. Praying for Peace for *Dianne* and the Family. Big Hugs & Blessings Love *Michelle (Danni & Rodney)*

Michelle Swaby-Smith - March 19, 2022 at 12:43 PM

JU

“ Condolences to *Dianne* and the rest of the family. *Thelma* will be greatly missed.

Julie - March 19, 2022 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ My good friend *Thelma* was such a warm soul...I met her in the Caribbean community in Georgia and it was *Picong* everytime we met. *Thelma* served our community very well. Always supporting any fund raising endeavour that we had and oh, her food! It was heaven on earth...we could always count on a good meal when we had an event, and so we never bothered to cook when we were going to a fete when we know she was catering. Although, I lost contact with when she left Georgia, I would ask about her often and even tried to find out where she was living in Florida. I was not successful however. Today, I bear witness to my good friend and I will always cherish the memories of the good times we had together. Farewell my friend, see you on the other side. Peace and love always. Mr. Abayomi Manrique.

Mr. Abayomi Manrique - March 19, 2022 at 12:13 PM

HA

“ *Thelma* was my neighbor who became one of the family. She was my daughter's godmother. I am a godmother myself but paled in my role compared to *Thelma*. She never missed a birthday or celebration of any kind. She mentored me (first time mother), scolding whenever she found me coddling my baby, "put her down; you will spoil her too much" as she took the baby from my arms. *Thelma* enriched our lives with her kindness, joie de vi-vre. Her personality was like a force of nature. The entire family misses you but you are now at peace with the ones who went ahead. May God rest your beautiful soul in peace. We love you.

Hannah - March 19, 2022 at 10:07 AM

BI

“ *Mrs. Williams had the gift of hospitality. She was a joy to be around and gave much love to all she met. Her presence will be missed. Thank you for the love, Mrs. Williams.*



Barbara Ingram - March 19, 2022 at 08:50 AM

OV

“ The moment I learned of Thelma's passing, the word **CORNERSTONE** came to mind. Thelma was the first Trinbagonian to come to Georgia. I used to tease her that before anyone even knew of GA, she was here!

She was a Dynamo! I can see her now, gap in the teeth, hair and make-up just so, beaming under her sequined spectacles. She was the life of any gathering. Selfless, energetic, untiring, principled, plain-spoken and direct.

A cultural icon, she was a founding member of ACCA, the Caribbean Organization that brought together the first Caribbeans relocating to GA and her work with putting Peach Carnival on the map, is a part of history. She herself was a bandleader and it was because of Thelma that our own band, Cascadoux Productions, was born. What wonderful times we had together!

Thelma had a "sweet han". There was always food in the trunk of her car and could feed the multitude at a moment's notice. One day she said, to no one in particular, never be stingy with food.

A light went out when Thelma relocated to Florida. Oriel and I helped her pack. We adjusted to the dimness but missed her presence. After all, she was a mere phone call away, but now...

It's against your nature but try if you can Thelma and Rest Eternally our dear friend.

We will miss you.

Oriel, Hazel and Fabiane Valentine

Oriel & Hazel Valentine - March 18, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dianne Williams purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thelma L Williams.*



Dianne Williams - March 18, 2022 at 01:05 PM

MM

“ *Auntie Thelma, you were my Play Aunt. I can remember the times when you came to New Orleans, and we would eat your food and then go out and just dance and dance. You were the Boogie Woogie Lady. I could not keep up with you. I know I did not see you all the time, but you were on my mind and heart. Your daughter Dianne really took care of you and we are going to be there for her, but now you are going to a better place. RIP Auntie Thelma. Love Mickey*



Michelle Mickey - March 17, 2022 at 11:39 PM

EG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Earl & Cherry Gopaul - March 17, 2022 at 06:11 PM

EG

“ *Forever in our ♥♥ s*



Earl & Cherry Gopaul - March 17, 2022 at 06:06 PM

EG

“ *Earl & Cherry Gopaul lit a candle in memory of Thelma L Williams*



Earl & Cherry Gopaul - March 17, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gillian Stuhardt - March 15, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma L Williams.*



March 13, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ Gillian Stuhardt purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Thelma L Williams.



Gillian Stuhardt - March 13, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ Gillian Stuhardt lit a candle in memory of Thelma L Williams



Gillian Stuhardt - March 13, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ Cheryl Alabiisama lit a candle in memory of Thelma L Williams



cheryl alabiisama - March 11, 2022 at 05:50 PM

PA

“ *Thelma was such a formidable pillar in the Caribbean Community. The young people have been talking about such fond memories of Aunty Thelma. She will be sorely missed. Such a cook, caregiver and life of the party. Condolences to Dianne, Darren and the entire Family RIP beloved Thelma Patricia Stokes and family*



Patricia - March 11, 2022 at 04:52 PM

LY

“ *RIP Thelma, u were fun,we had good times and I know u loved my curry duck.Even though u moved away u were always in my thoughts love lydia*



Lydia - March 11, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thelma L Williams.*



March 10, 2022 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ *Condolences to the family.
Thelma had a big heart full of love for everyone. She shared her
time talents and resources in service to her community, always at
the ready to volunteer and contribute.
Her caring and kind heartedness radiated wherever she went.
She brought us joy and made us laugh
She kept us fed with dishes we loved.
She was thoughtful and kept us grounded to walk the straight and
narrow.
Thelma was a gift to us all, a blessing indeed.
Her task is complete, she's done quite well.
We'll miss you sister but forget you not.*

Charles Baker - March 10, 2022 at 01:49 PM

SC

“ *This very moment is one that is bittersweet for me. It is bitter
because I have the difficult task of bidding farewell to someone who
has and will forever meant so much to me.
On the other hand it is sweet because we know that the Bible
teaches us to absent from the body is to present with the Lord. I
Indeed I count it a privilege to have been more like a sister to
Thelma than a friend.. We both had careers int the medical
profession. We loved to party and enjoy life to the fullest. Thelma
was my matron of honor when I got married.. My husband became
like a bother to her.
Dr. Shirley and Delmar Carmack*

Shirley Carmack - March 09, 2022 at 06:13 AM

SS

“ To Diane and Darrien and family. This is so hard for me to do as Diane you was my older sister and you dint even know it. Thelma touched my heart and well as so many others but no one knew her like I did. She remembered me as I did her. She was my friend, my Caribbean mentor and much much more. we cooked together together for festivals and or party, wedding from inside of her house in Riverdale, GA . We would be up all night cooking on a four burner stove. You had to love her. That Salmon display no one other than her can do that. Lets not talk about her appearance. That face was beat to the gods each and every time. They would say don't give Thelma a hug at the party cause you sure would be in trouble when you got home. She was breath of fresh air and would tell you a thing or two. She didn't mind telling you how she felt.

My dear friend you will greatly missed but will live on forever in my heart

Love Always

Shokoni

Shokoni Simmons - March 08, 2022 at 12:15 PM

AC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of our dear friend Thelma Williams who was such a kind and gentle person. we love her but God love her and best, I can see her now cooking and marching in the parade.

Mr. & Mrs. Clemson Cole

Audrey Cole - March 08, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LY

“ *Lystra sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma L Williams*



Lystra - March 08, 2022 at 03:44 AM

LY

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss.
Thelma was an icon, a cultural ambassador, a caregiver, and a lady as graceful as can be.
There are so many fond memories that will linger in my heart forever. May angels guide her safely home.
R.I.P Thelma!*



Lystra - March 08, 2022 at 03:41 AM