

~A CELEBRATION OF LIFE~
FOR



*Helen
McMullen Williams*

Sunrise
October 1, 1926

Sunset
September 11, 2008

Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 11:00am
Spirit Word Fellowship M.B. Church
Jackson, Mississippi
Reverend Gerald Newell, Officiating

"People living deeply in faith have no fear of death."

Obituary

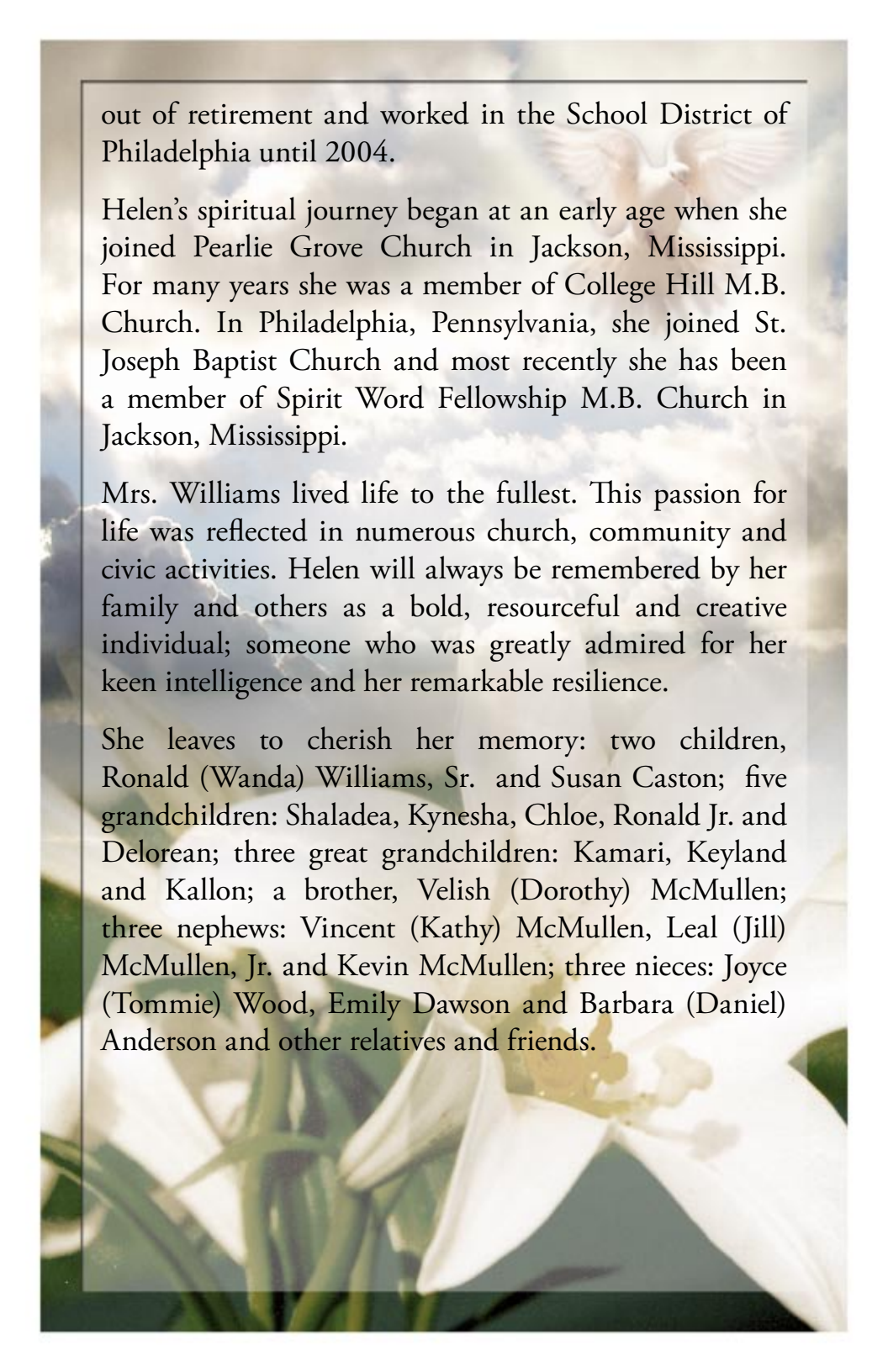
Helen McMullen Williams was born in Jackson, Mississippi on October 1, 1926 to the late James McMullen and the late Lida Belle Hurd McMullen. She was the third child of five children. Three preceded her in death, Willie Mae, Clyde and Leal.

Helen was educated in the Jackson Public School System and graduated from Lanier High School. She went on to receive her B. S. Degree in Elementary Education at Jackson State College (University) in 1948.

On December 19, 1947, Helen married Reuben Williams and to that union two children were born, Ronald and Susan.

Helen was a perpetual learner. Additional achievements in education included: obtaining a certificate in Speech Communication at the State University of Iowa and earning a Masters' Degree in Elementary Education at Jackson State University. She also pursued a Doctorate Degree in Early Childhood Education at Jackson State University and earned a substantial number of hours toward fulfillment of that degree.

From 1951 to 1969, Helen was employed by the Jackson Public School System. After retiring, she embarked on a career in real estate management and investing. For many years she stayed active in politics. In 1998 while living in Pennsylvania with her daughter, she opted



out of retirement and worked in the School District of Philadelphia until 2004.

Helen's spiritual journey began at an early age when she joined Pearlie Grove Church in Jackson, Mississippi. For many years she was a member of College Hill M.B. Church. In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she joined St. Joseph Baptist Church and most recently she has been a member of Spirit Word Fellowship M.B. Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Williams lived life to the fullest. This passion for life was reflected in numerous church, community and civic activities. Helen will always be remembered by her family and others as a bold, resourceful and creative individual; someone who was greatly admired for her keen intelligence and her remarkable resilience.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Ronald (Wanda) Williams, Sr. and Susan Caston; five grandchildren: Shaladea, Kynessa, Chloe, Ronald Jr. and Delorean; three great grandchildren: Kamari, Keyland and Kallon; a brother, Velish (Dorothy) McMullen; three nephews: Vincent (Kathy) McMullen, Leal (Jill) McMullen, Jr. and Kevin McMullen; three nieces: Joyce (Tommie) Wood, Emily Dawson and Barbara (Daniel) Anderson and other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony ~ Charlotte Cannon

Processional..... Clergy

Opening Hymn..... Spirit Word Choir

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament..... Deacon Greg Terry

New Testament..... Deacon Fred Moore

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Adam Sanders

Hymn Spirit Word Choir

Acknowledgements..... Charlotte Cannon

Obituary Read Silently

Remarks *Three minutes please*..... Anyone

Hymn Spirit Word Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Gerald Newell

Final Viewing..... Westhaven Funeral Staff

Benediction and Recessional..... Rev. Gerald Newell

Momma

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

Love,
Ronald and Susan

My Sister

I never knew how much I loved you until this day, playing in the streets and doing it your way. All you wanted to do was to teach those kids, go to college, get married and have your own kids. You once told me that the windy city was not for me, so you came back home, so let it be. I remember all those sweet mellow tones, I even remember that play when you played in "Carmen Jones." You were always active in what you did, your politics, civil rights programs were also big. So if I could close my eyes and bring you back, I would say, "Sis" I love you always, your Big Brother "Mac."

Velish McMullen

Grandma,

We had a vibrant, feisty, passionate and intelligent grandma. One who took no mess. Grandma aged gracefully, her smile and heart solid gold. Each night we shed a silent tear as we speak to you in prayer, to let you know we love you and just how much we care. Take our billion teardrops, wrap them up in love, then ask the wind to carry them to you in heaven above.

Kynessa, Shaladea, Chloe, Ronald, Jr. and Delorean





Acknowledgements

As we gather to celebrate the life of our loved one, we want to pause and thank each of you for your many acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. May God bless you.

The Family of Helen Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

*Velish McMullen
Ronald Williams, Sr.*

*Vincent McMullen
Leal McMullen, Jr.
Kevin McMullen*

Active Pallbearers

*Ronald Williams, Jr.
Terrance Walker*

*Johnnie Griffin
Morrell Berry
Christopher Gates*

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Interment

*Garden Memorial Park
Jackson, Mississippi*

Repast

*Spirit Word Fellowship
M.B. Church*

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