



Winnifred "Winni" Wilson

May 1, 1937 - November 9, 2018

Winnifred "Winni" Wilson, the youngest of five children was born to the late Moses Williams and Laura Webster. She entered eternal rest at Mandrin Hospice Care on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the age of 81.

Primarily, born, raised, and educated in Alexandria, Virginia; Winni comes from one of the oldest African American families in historic Alexandria.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by three siblings; Harold "Sonny Boy" Williams, Clarice "Mickey" Rice, and Sarah "Kitty" Talbert.

Winni's education began at Parker Gray elementary school, and she continued in Alexandria schools until her parents moved to Washington, DC where she attended and graduated from Spingarn High School.

After graduation, Winni went on to become a beautician and within a few years had her daughter, Laurie, who she named after her beloved mother Laura. Shortly after, Winni obtained a job with the U.S. Postal Service where she retired after more than 30 years of service.

A devoted Catholic, Winni remained a member of St. Joseph's Church, was an active participant and proud member of the "pew choir" until her illness and death. In 2015, she was honored as a "living legend" by the church for her lifetime membership of 75 years; an achievement she felt honored and very proud to claim.

Winni was very special and the epitome of someone who "never met a stranger". When needed, she could be depended on to dispense good advice, offer words of wisdom and, on occasion, could dispense tough love" when necessary. Although outspoken, one could be assured that she would give it to you "straight no chaser" with the sternness due, albeit dripping with love.

Winni loved to dance. Once the music started one would have a very difficult time getting her off the dance floor. At 80 years of age, she was still able to dance with her daughter at her 61st birthday celebration.

Although her love for dance was great, her love for family was far greater. Dependable, reliable, resilient, tough as nails, etc. are some of the various terms of endearment used to describe Winni. Filled with love, one could always be assured of receiving a hot meal along with lively, heartfelt conversation. She was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. Her willingness to give, her loving touch and kindred spirit was an instrument that changed the lives of everyone she met.

Winni has left her mark and legacy, a "job well done". This world will truly miss her, but her family will miss her more. Many in Alexandria will remember her and all others who met her once will never forget her.

No matter where you were in life, up or down, Winni was there. The world has lost one of its true angels. She gave love to all, just as they were her own family members.

Winnifred is survived by her devoted daughter, Laurie "Fluffy" Williams, her granddaughter Winnifred "Brooke" Johnson, her great-grandsons Aaron and Anthony Johnson and her great-granddaughter Andreia Johnson, her surviving sister, Doris "Dottie" Hughes and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends

Cemetery

Events

Private

NOV **viewing** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

711 N. Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA, US, 22314

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NOV **Mass** 11:00AM

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