



Rev Wilma M Williams

September 29, 1919 - June 4, 2017

Rev. Wilma M. Hodges-Williams, 97, of Cairo, slipped the surly bonds of Earth to touch the face of God on Sunday, June 4, 2017, at her home.

Rev. Williams was born on September 29, 1919 in Holcomb, Missouri to Liston Hodges and Jennie Crippen Hodges. Rev. Williams pastored Assembly of God Church for over sixty years, and was the oldest living female clergy in Assembly of God. She frequently played the organ and sang as an evangelist all over the world. Rev. Williams has taken her final flight – destination Heaven. Her hobbies were anything that involved church functions.

Rev. Williams is survived by her brother, Robert S. Hodges, niece, Wilma Kathleen Hodges Hood, nephews, David L. Hodges and Robert G. Hodges, her sister-in-law, Opal E. Hodges, numerous other nieces, nephews, friends, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Nellie Frey, Rossie Bingaman, and Margaret Tibbs, two brothers, Herbert Hodges and Arthur Hodges, two great nephews, Danny Lee Hood, Jr. and Clinton Matthew Hood, and one nephew, Gene Arthur Hodges.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2017 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church formerly Assembly of God Church at 37th and Elm St. in Cairo.

Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Larry L. Potts and Rev. Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the family or Mighty Rivers Youth Group and will be accepted at the funeral home and at the church.

Previous Events

Service -Mt. Zion Baptist Church formerly Assembly of God Church

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev Wilma M Williams*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *my prayers are with all of you. My mom Elda, always talked about everyone in Cairo, I remember visiting Uncle Olin and Aunt Jane when I was a young girl. Sorry I was unable to get down for the funeral. Love and prayers to all, Your cousin, Joyce Sewell Kocot*

joyce kocot - June 12, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ *Cousin Wilma touched everyone who knew her. I was only a young girl when I saw her last, but she will live on in my heart forever. I can still hear her beautiful voice singing my favorite hymns. RIP*

Sending prayers and peace to all the Crippens and Hodges from Aunt Eldie's family.

Robin Joergensen - June 08, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Wilma M Williams.*

June 07, 2017 at 05:04 PM



WF

“ With deepest sympathy from Linda Hodges and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev Wilma M Williams.



With deepest sympathy from Linda Hodges and family - June 07, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ . purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Rev Wilma M Williams.



. - June 07, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev Wilma M Williams.



June 07, 2017 at 04:25 AM

WC

“ Sis. Wilma Williams was our pastor when we lived in Cairo. She bought an organ for the church for me to play. When she would get ready to preach, she would have me play some "talking music" for her. The first wedding I ever played for was on that organ at the Assembly of God church for her nephew. When I was sick in the middle of the night she came to our home. A song I always loved to hear her do was "I Don't Regret a Mile." I couldn't remember the name of the song but knew I had the sheet music. I just got it out - it has a long recitation but here is the chorus: "I don't regret a mile I travel for the Lord; I don't regret the times I trusted in His word. I've seen the years go by, many days without a song. I don't regret a mile I travel for the Lord."

Wendy Coleson - June 06, 2017 at 08:03 PM

TC

“ Sister Wilma- gave me my first bible (1981) that I still cherish the sweet words she penned in the front cover. i haven't seen many of the (Hodges's) family since but have wonderful memories that I will always cherish. God Bless

Tammy Munsell Camp - June 06, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ Aunt Wilma was the matriarch of our family. When my mother passed away and left four little children it was she and her parents who took us in and reared us as their own. There is not enough space or time to tell you of what she has meant to me. She gave more love to me that can never be measured. Our lives was enriched greatly by her love. God speed sister.

Kathy Hood - June 06, 2017 at 11:03 AM

PC

I was privileged and honored to know Our Dear Sister Wilma. She was a Beautiful Woman of God who had a Wonderful Ministry. I will never forget her little white handkerchief she always had on her hand, her warmth and lovely spirit. Heaven is Brighter now, because another shining star has come home. She's with my mother, Ma Keppner, and all those beautiful saints who went before her. I know her greatest sight to behold was her Savior, Jesus Christ. See you in a little while.

Patricia (Patty Childers) Cromwell - June 06, 2017 at 01:06 PM

SH

I'm with out words but my heart is full because of sister Wilma Hodge she helped give me Spirit and life I just want to say I'm so happy for you sister Wilma

Shirley harrell - June 06, 2017 at 02:59 PM

SG

“ *I have so many memories of aunt Wilma. As a child I quickly learned she was not only beautiful but also very caring. She dedicated her life to her family and to our lord and savior Jesus Christ. She was quite a preacher and as a kid I often thought she knew my every thought and reported it to Jesus after after I went home from my weekly visit. As the years passed I came to count on her prayers and her love for all of us. I know she spent a lot of time talking to the lord for not only me but all her bothers, sisters and nieces and nephews. Her mission to help others and to share her faith was always inspiring. When I last saw her we talked about her life, she told my sister and me that she hoped she had done enough to live with Jesus. With a smile and chuckle we told her that if she did not we were afraid of how short we might fall. Today I know she heard her savior call her home.*

Sonja Gambill

Sonja Gambill - June 04, 2017 at 07:11 PM

MY

Sister Wilma was a good woman she loved the Lord and her family. she helped everyone I don't think I ever saw a pastor so full of the holy spirit I wish I'd knew here when she was younger but I am thankfully I knew her for over 35 years .She will be missed and my chest feels so heavey that she has left us here but only pray she is with her Lord who me she gave so many years or services. rest in peace sister Wilma

Michael bus y - June 06, 2017 at 08:22 AM

JF

Since I was a child Sister Wilma was my Pastor and everything else. I am grateful for the many prayers she has bestowed upon me. I thank her for telling me a few weeks ago she would see me in heaven. I have so many wonderful memories of her that will never be forgotten. I thanjk her for all the prayers qand teaching she has taught me. My goal in life is to be a Little Wilma spiritually speaking

Jessica Frey - June 06, 2017 at 06:44 PM