

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Sandra Anne Dale Williams

March 11, 1951 - April 12, 2024

Rev. Stephen E. Richardson, Senior Pastor

Jordan Temple
4421 Roosevelt Rd.
Hillside, IL 60162

Saturday, April 27, 2024
Wake | 10:00 a.m.
Service | 10:30 a.m.

WHEN TOMORROW
STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
Are filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you And each time you think of me I
know you'll miss me too
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name And took me
by the hand And said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's gate I felt so
much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne
He said this is eternity And all I promised you
Today your life on earth is past
But here it starts anew
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past So when tomorrow
starts without me
Don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me
I'm right here in your heart

BY DAVID M. ROMANO



I never left you
I watch you every day I am always
very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here
I watch you while you sleep
In your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you are on your own
You cannot understand
the reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you I am there
to keep you strong
Talk to me I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be
Death won't keep us apart
For our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart And
one day we will be together
Live your life and live it full Don't
waste a single day
Remember I am always with you
Every step of the way

My Mother, My Friend
by J. Allen Shaw

Mom, I wasn't prepared for you to pass
so soon,
There was so much more I had hoped
we'd do.

I wanted to thank you for loving me
again and again,
From the day I was born, I always knew
my best friend.

No matter how many times I said, "You
don't know what it's like."
You knew what I needed to hear and
would always be right.

Now you're gone, I wish I had listened
more and talked less,
I would have handled things better,
with much less stress.



In Remembrance
by Christine Currah

You gave me life
To live as I please,
You gave me love and
Support to follow my dreams.

Your beauty lives
Forever deep in my soul,
The memory of your love
Fills my heart
And I am never alone.



Niece

Of all the many blessings However great or small
To have had you for a niece Was the greatest one of all.
The family chain is broken now And nothing seems the same
But as God takes us one by one
The chain will link again.

Order of Service



Scripture.....Evangelist Yolanda Thomas

Opening Prayer.....Helen Jackson

Musical Selection.....Terence D. Swims

Resolutions.....Goodman Theatre Writing Group
John Marshall Metropolitan High School Alumni
Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World

Family Reflections

Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection.....Catrice Booker

Reflections.....Rev. Rodney Griffin III
Senior Pastor
Greater Grace Church

Musical Selection.....Malcolm Williams

Eulogy.....Rev. Stephen E. Richardson

Final Viewing

Benediction.....Rev. Stephen E. Richardson

Recessional

Interment.....Oakridge Cemetery



Obituary



Sandra Anne Dale Williams epitomized extraordinary creativity, boundless love, kindness, and was undoubtedly a divine blessing to all living beings fortunate enough to experience her presence with awe-inspiring brilliance and grace.

Sandra was born on March 11, 1951 to Mary Lee Dale and James Spruill in Chicago, Illinois. She was the only child born to their union. From the moment Sandra entered this world, she knew and accepted her Lord and savior Jesus Christ through her large, loving and close knit family.

Sandra often bonded with her grandmothers Elizabeth Dale and Katherine Spruill over attending church services. Elizabeth cultivated Sandra's love of church and the old Baptist Hymns that inspired Sandra's love of performing. Sandra's creativity in musical expression blossomed at a very early age. She was a gifted musician, dancer, poet and playwright who maintained her creative spark throughout her life.

During her childhood, Sandra divided her time between her mother's residence in Chicago and her family's home in Macon, Mississippi, where she spent those cherished moments with her grandmothers and cousins Annie Katherine and Judy. She received her education at both Macon Colored School in Mississippi and Jacob Beidler Elementary School in Chicago where she met friend Yvonne Harris Gay. Sandra was also a very proud of alumna of John Marshall Metropolitan High School, in Chicago, where she met lifelong friends Janice Jackson and Claudette Ogletree who would become like sisters to her.

At Marshall High School, Sandra was part of the Drama Club, the Marshall Chorus and outside of school did showcases with acts as famous as The Jackson 5. After graduating from Marshall in 1968, she attended Malcolm X College in Chicago where she was very involved. She later received her bachelor's degree in behavioral science from George Williams College.



Sandra's passion extended beyond music; she also harbored a deep affection for children. After receiving her degree she worked with the Department of Children and Family Services in Chicago and was a Directress for one of the Chicago Boys Club facilities in Chicago. She imparted her passion for the arts and her community to the children, instructing them in singing, dancing, theatrical performances, and poetry writing.

In true Sandra fashion, she wholeheartedly devoted herself to her craft and to the betterment of her community. Sandra showcased her vocal abilities both locally and nationally, garnering acclaim and nominations for her exceptional talent. In the early 1980s she was nominated for a Chicago Music Award and was the lead singer on the Budweiser Jazzmobile.

On February 14, 1988, Sandra received the most precious gift imaginable: her beloved daughter, Marilee Pheniece Dale Williams, her cherished treasure, her everything. The bond between Sandra and Marilee was exceptionally strong. It mirrored not only in their physical resemblance but also the deep affection they shared, reminiscent of the close connection and resemblance Sandra had with her own mother and Marilee's namesake, Mary Lee. Sandra ensured her love of the arts was imparted on to Marilee, and was the president, founder and number one supporter of the Marilee Fan Club also known as the Lee Hive.

Sandra continued to showcase her love for children through teaching for 20+ years at H. McNelty School and 5+ years at Districts 88 and 89 in Melrose Park.

Sandra never stopped creating. Before her sunset, Sandra was Area Director for Toastmasters Broadview Area 84; writer for the Goodman Theatre's GeNarrations Writing Group. She was a member of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World where she was formerly National Songbird. She also received the highest honor of Past Grand Daughter Ruler. Sandra was also formerly Worthy Matron of Princess Syene 114, O.E.S., P.H.A.

Sandra is survived by her daughter Marilee; aunt Irene; godbrother Mario; godchildren Angela, Chelsea, Miracle, Shyree, Yvette, Anthony, and many more; god grandchild Brielle; special nephew Kendale; many nieces, nephews, cousins, lifelong sister-friends, god-gifted siblings (The Hill Family), friends and former students.

Sandra is preceded in death by her mother Mary Lee; father James; cousin Annie; best friend Vera; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members and friends she loved dearly.







Pallbearers

Samuel Rilan Betts
Davahntell Hill
Shantell Hill
Martin Hunter

Melvin Leftridge
Omar Ocampo
Evan Salone
Jarod Washington

Honorary Pallbearers

Mario Connie
Chris Dixon, Jr.
Kyle Dixon
Kendale Hill

Darryl Minnifield
Louis Price
Esper Rush
Johnny H. Washington II

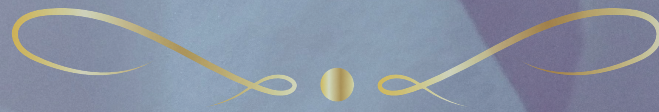


29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:29-31



The Dale-Williams family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, support and kindness.
We love and appreciate you all.

We also extend our thanks to the caring and trusting staff at Loyola University Medial Center of Maywood.



Services Entrusted To:
Nabors Funeral Home
470 W. 72nd St.
Thornton, IL 60476

Interment:
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