



## Willie Jasper Williams

July 22, 1936 - January 26, 2015

Willie Jasper Williams went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 26, 2015, in Meriden, Connecticut. He died peacefully in his sleep after battling congenital heart failure for many years. Willie, also called 'Uncle Pete', was born in Snow Hill, North Carolina on July 22, 1936, the oldest of six children born to Jasper and Margie (née Monk) Williams. He attended Greene County Training School, a rural "colored" school established in 1925. While at the school he played football and enjoyed many other activities.

Willie was a member of Little Rock Church of Christ (Rock Tabernacle) in New Haven, Connecticut, for more than 30 years. Willie left this earth as a faithful Christian who enjoyed praising the Lord through song. He was a member of Rock Tabernacle's men's choir and many others until illness prevented him from performing. Though he no longer performed for many, he continued to praise God and to share the "Good News."

In 1978 Willie met Queen Esther Brantle of New Haven, CT, at a local bowling league event. After persistent overtures towards the former Mrs. Brantle, Queen eventually relented and began to date Willie. Together they enjoyed bowling, singing and traveling the country in his big rig during his career as a long-haul truck driver. Willie soon joined the Brantle family and was a father figure and friend to her six children and eight grandchildren. With the Brantle children and many others, Willie was an amazing example of Christian faith, encouraging all to read the bible and attend services. The staff of the Meridian Center, where 'Uncle Pete' spent the last year of his life, noted that he

provided spiritual guidance and prayer to residents and staff alike.

Uncle Pete was predeceased by his brother Johnnie Earl Williams and sister Lois Edge. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 15 years and companion of 35+ years Queen Esther Williams, step-children Michele Rogat, Leandrea Brantle, Alice Brantle, Spencer Brantle, Vincent Brantle and Cheryl Brantle; grandchildren William Hines, Marcus Brantle, Vincenza Brantle, Brandon Brantle, Venecia Brantle, Naomi Rogat, Alexander Rogat and Preston Brantle; as well as a host of nephews and nieces. He is survived by his brother Donnie Ray Williams, sister Margie Foreman, sister Bernestine Williams and sister-in-law Celestine Williams.

The Brantle and Williams's families ask that flowers or donations be directed to the McClam Funeral Home, 95 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home  
95 Dixwell Ave  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Jasper Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Deacon & Mrs. Phillip Bryant send their prayers and condolences to the Williams Family also from Deacon James ( June) Dolberry from North Carolina*

**Dea. Phillip Bryant, Dea. James Dolberry** - February 02, 2015 at 08:59 PM



“ *We send our condolence to the family of Brother Williams. I loved to hear him sing at the church and also the big six shows. I will miss him at church and thank God for knowing him.*

**Jerry Green** - February 01, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the family of Brother Williams, he was such a beautiful person and an amazing singer. My you find strength in the lord.*

*Regina, Kenny and Jessica Mullings*

**Regina Mullings** - January 30, 2015 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Lester and I would like to extend our deepest condolences and prayers to your family. We have known Pete for almost 40 years and we would often say that we were family because we carried the same last name. He will always be in our hearts. Rest in Heaven family. You are now a member of the Heavenly Choir, let them hear you!*

*Lester and Criss Williams*

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**criss Williams** - January 29, 2015 at 12:08 PM