



Footprints

One night I dreamed I was walking
 Along the beach with the Lord,
 Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
 In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
 Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.
 Other times there was only one.
 This bothered me because I noticed
 During the low periods of my life when I was
 Suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
 I could see only one set of footprints.
 So I said to the Lord, "You promised me,
 Lord, that if I followed you,
 You would walk with me always.
 But I noticed during the most trying periods
 Of my life there has only been
 One set of prints in the sand.
 Why, when I needed you most,
 Have you not been there for me?
 The Lord replied,
 "The times when you have seen
 only one set of footprints
 It was then that I carried you."



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A Celebration of Life

Patricia Raymond
 Williams



Saturday, June 7, 2025
 2:00 pm

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
 Gastonia, North Carolina

Dr. Kimberly D. Moore, Senior Pastor

Celebration of Life

Patricia Raymond Williams, daughter of the late Jasper Raymond, Sr. and Florrie Newton Raymond, was born on September 15, 1951 in Hampton County, South Carolina and departed this life Friday, May 30, 2025, from labor to reward, at CaroMont Regional Medical Hospital in Gastonia, North Carolina.

She was a member of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board, Golden Age Circle and as a Deaconess. She loved Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Pat graduated from C.C. Byrd High School in Fairfax, South Carolina, Voorhees Technical College in Denmark, South Carolina and Gaston College in Dallas, North Carolina. Pat retired from the Gaston County Health Department after twenty-two years. Pat will be remembered for the love of her family and friends. Her laughter, cooking, planting flowers and traveling will be missed.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Clyde Raymond and Joe Lewis Raymond; and her niece, Annie Raymond.

She leaves to cherish precious memories to her husband of 55 years, Bernard Williams of the home; five children, Kelvin Smart (Sheila) of Dallas, NC, Vanessa Williams of King Mountain, NC, Tonya Bryant of Walterboro, SC, Garland Williams (Ann) of Gastonia, NC and Crystal Williams of Kings Mountain, NC; siblings, Clara Jimson (Samuel) of Rock Hill, SC, Jasper Raymond (Betty) of Charlotte, NC, Jerome Raymond (Regina) of Tampa, FL, Michael Raymond (Janie) of Greenville, SC, Rev. Alvin Raymond (Bennie), Evangelist Jacquely Raymond and Rev. Steve Raymond both of Dallas, NC, David Raymond of Gastonia, NC; step-siblings, Bridgett and Tosha Ginn of Columbia, SC and Yvonne Raymond of Clover, SC; cousin, Carolyn Lawton of Columbia, SC; special friend, Sylvia Williams of Shelby, NC; a host of grands and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Prelude

Opening Hymn "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Invocation Rev. Iris Hopper

Old Testament Rev. Chad Watkins

New Testament Minister Dana Smith

Selection "Good-Bye" - Rev. Alvin Raymond

Remarks (2 minutes)
Deacon Anthony Mosely (Church)
Bro. Solomon Gordan (Family)
Rev. Steve and Evangelist Michelle Raymond (Family)

Church Resolution Church Clerk

Acknowledgements

Selection Sis. Tommeka Merritt

Eulogy Dr. Kimberly D. Moore, Senior Pastor

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Interment
Rose Hill Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Flower Bearers
Golden Circle Ministry

Pall Bearers
Grandsons