

Order of Service

Rev. H. Jamaal Edwards, Officiating Pastor

- Prelude
- Processional
- Selection.....Williamson Family Choir
- Scripture Reading
- Old Testament.....Rev. Larry Dixon
- New Testament.....Rev. Jeremy Mitchell
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Steve Williamson
- Selection.....Worship Center Choir, Gastonia, NC
- Remarks (Two Minutes Please).....Rev. Tony Williamson
- Pastor Charlie Young
- Co-Pastor Solomon Ben-Yahudah
- Poem.....Mr. Ed Williamson
- "He's My Father"
- Selection.....Mr. Carlos Merritt
- Eulogy.....Rev. Charles Webbers
- Selection.....Williamson Family Choir
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional Selection..... "I'm Free"

Interment

Cleveland Memorial Park
Boiling Springs, North Carolina
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM

- Flower Bearers
- Granddaughters and Nieces
- Pall Bearers
- Grandsons and Nephews
- Honorary Pall Bearers
- Wondering Souls

"Thoughts from Harold"

I made up my mind in 1977 in a store front church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, that if I was going to sing about Jesus, I was going to give my life to Him. He save me from my sins and started me living right. Now, I can sing right.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33) "I do believe that!"

I thank God for all the good things he has done for me.

You can't sing your way to heaven. Singing is alright, but you have to live what you sing about.

Don't let anybody be nice to you than you can be to them.

I thank God for my parents, Fred and Esther Williamson.
My father taught me, if you work, you'll never go hungry.

My mother always told me to trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will direct your path.

My mother has always supported me in my gospel singing ministry.
I am blessed to have a praying mother who believes in God.

I thank God for my wife Elaine. A sweet lady; who has been with me all the way.

A special thanks to Lois Howell, Linda Byrd, and Elaine, for all the hard work putting my Souvenir book together.

I love all of you,
Harold
(2004)

Acknowledgements

The family of Harold L. Williams wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness shown during this difficult time.

A special acknowledgment to his **Gospel Music** friends: Mr. Jay Caldwell, Mr. Clarence Conners, Mr. Bill Allen, Mr. Ernest Collins, and all past and present members of The Wondering Souls.

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Obituary For Harold L. Williamson

Harold L. Williamson, 91, of 1301 Combs Street, Shelby, NC began his eternal life on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Wendover Hospice House, in Shelby, North Carolina. He began his life's journey here with his birth on October 27, 1934, in Cleveland County, NC. His birth was a blessing to his parents, the late Fred Williamson and Esther Surratt Williamson.

Harold graduated from Cleveland High School, Shelby North Carolina. He learned stucco and plastering skills from his Uncle Talmadge Williams and later became a self-employed general contractor, along with his brother Gene. They provided contractor services throughout North Carolina and New York.

Harold was a Deacon and devoted member of Mount Calvary Fellowship Church and Worship Center, in Gastonia, NC.

Harold was known as "the man of many voices," because he began singing at an early age. In 1954 he was well on his way to success; giving birth to the name "*The Wondering Souls*," defined as a Christian Gospel Quartet. In 1960, Harold moved to New York where he continued to sing the songs of Zion and delivered the message of hope.

The Wondering Souls sang their way to stardom. In 1985, they were the selected Gospel Group of the Year by the United Gospel Association with the NY State Music Association for the song "The Ground is Level at the Foot of the Cross".

The Wondering Souls have traveled across the county appearing and performing at the Apollo Theater in NY City, the Symphony Hall in New Jersey, and numerous churches and synagogues throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Fred Williamson and Esther Surratt Williamson; brothers James Wesley Williamson and Clarence Eugene Williamson; and grandson, Edwin Lamar Williamson.

Harold leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 34 years, Ada Elaine Williamson; sons, Harold (Edwin) Williamson of Shelby, NC and Darren McKissick of San Diego, CA; daughters Anita Artis of Shelby, NC, Linda Kay Greene (Willie Green) of Queens NY, Lubna Muhammad of Pennsauke NJ, Diana Williamson, of Grover, NC, and Adrien Gray-Ruiz (Julio) of Gaffney SC; a brother, Rayford Williamson of Burnsville, NC; a sister, Patricia Williamson Flack of Shelby, NC; eleven grandchildren, Leonard Artis, LaToya Williamson, Ciara Williamson, Idris Muhammad, Nawwal Muhammad, Cole Wakefield, Fredrick Smith, Yasmine Smith, Travis Jeffries, Tia Williamson, and Andre Scurry; and a host of great and great-greatgrandchildren; sisters-in-law Golden Williamson and Lucretia Bell; brothers in-law, Jerry (Jean) Mitchell, William (Gloria) Mitchell, and Fred Mitchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23

