

*- The Obituary -*

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS:  
Pastor Bernard Anderson  
Mount Moriah Baptist Church  
Auburn, Alabama

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Pastor Mark X. Lee  
Bell Missionary Baptist Church  
Auburn, Alabama

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE  
Two Minutes Each Please

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Robert Tyson

EULOGY  
Reverend Anthony Shealey

RECESSIONAL

*- Pallbearers -*  
Family and Friends

*- Floral Attendants -*  
Family and Friends

*- Interment -*  
Westview Cemetery  
700 Westview Drive  
Auburn, Alabama 36832

*- Acknowledgment -*

The family of the late Mrs. Mary Williams Ellis acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

*- Repast -*

Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church  
2255 Wrights Mill Road  
Auburn, Alabama

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Mary* WILLIAMS  
ELLIS

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025 • 12:00 NOON

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
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REVEREND ANTHONY SHEALEY, OFFICIATING  
MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
LOACHAPOKA, ALABAMA

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Mrs. Mary Williams Ellis, daughter of the late Mr. Lindsey Dowdell and Ms. Cathyrne Williams, was born August 14, 1948 in Lee County, Alabama.

From an early age, Mary displayed a gracious spirit and a commitment to her faith. She dedicated her life to Christ and found a spiritual home at Bell Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama. Her faith journey continued at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church upon her relocation to Birmingham, Alabama, where she became a beloved member of the community.

Mary Williams Ellis was a woman of intelligence and ambition. Her academic journey commenced at J. F. Drake High School in Auburn, Alabama, where she graduated with the Class of 1966. Eager to further her education, Mary pursued higher learning at the esteemed Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mrs. Ellis was known for her diligent work ethic and amiable nature. She made a lasting impact as a manager at Jr. Food Store in Auburn and later shared her talents as a sales representative at Parkway Dodge in Birmingham. Mary's professionalism and kind demeanor were appreciated by her colleagues and customers alike.

Mary had many passions, but her greatest joy was in games that brought laughter and camaraderie. Mary's love for dominoes, spades, and bingo was surpassed only by the pleasure she found in the dramatic twists of her favorite soap operas. These activities were mere backdrops however, to the true delight of her life, her family. Mary Williams Ellis will be forever remembered as a devoted mother, a dear friend, a helpful colleague, and a faithful servant of her church. Her legacy of love, kindness, and faithfulness will remain a guiding light to all who had the blessing of knowing her.

On Monday, June 30, 2025, she departed this life at the Easehouse Senior Apartments in Auburn, Alabama. She was preceded in death by: son, Christopher Williams; grandson, LaDarren Oliver, Sr., two sisters, Janice K. Dailey and Tabitha Williams; two brothers, Willie Williams and Andre Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Johnny Ellis of Birmingham, AL; five children, Pamela (James) Oliver of Loachapoka, AL, Scottie (Linda) Williams, Brandon Williams both of Auburn, AL, Aneisha (Carlos) Baker of Montevallo, AL and Johnny (Rosa) Williams of Thomasville, GA; a bonus daughter, Phobee (Robert) Lynch of Loachapoka, AL; fifteen grandchildren, Scottie Williams, Jr, Christina Williams, Livia Williams, William Smith, Sr., Rodrerita (Corey) Barren, Shiloh Williams, Antonio Baker, Maya Baker, Sean Baker all of Birmingham, AL, Braylon Williams of Montevallo, AL, Naomi Williams, Ah'King Williams both of Auburn, AL, Jada Williams, Journee Williams both of Thomasville, GA, and DeShonda Moore Oliver of Tuscaloosa, AL; six great grands; LaDarren "DJ" Oliver, Jr. of Opelika, AL, Da'Ryeja Moore of Tuscaloosa, AL, William 'Quez' Smith, Jr. of Auburn, AL, Kayden Jordan, Camora Barren and Chloe Barren all of Birmingham, AL; three sisters, Marsha (Michael) Yancey, Karen L. Williams both of Auburn, AL and Carmen (Kent) Crenshaw of Montgomery, AL; a special niece, Marquetia Williams of Auburn, AL; one brother-in-law, Leroy Dailey of Boston, MA; her Easehouse friends, Rhonda Green (Her BFF), Mary Albert, Marie Sims, James Avery, Peggy Grimes and Meredith Oliver; host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

