



## Emma Viola Williams Davis

July 16, 1932 - November 9, 2019

### Obituary

Emma Viola, the 2nd child of George and Sophie Williams, was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1932. However, at a very young age the family relocated to the Washington, D.C. area with her two sisters and brother. When she was five years old she entered Kindergarten in the D.C. Public School System where she really liked interacting with other children. Therefore, she eagerly looked forward to going to school each day.

She was introduced to the Christian faith at an early age and faithfully attended Sunday School and Jr. Church at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. In the summer she also enjoyed being involved in numerous activities in Vacation Bible School. Also being introduced to scripture in public school as well as Sunday School enabled her to develop a fairly knowledgeable understanding of some scripture. At the age of 9 she was baptized at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church by the late Rev. Dr. C.T. Murray. Thereafter, she became a member of the Jr. Church Choir since she loved singing hymns.

Membership at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church involved several ministries including the Adult Missionaries where she worked diligently in the Pricilla Circle. In 1999, she was asked to be the delegate for the Missionary Society in Raleigh, N.C. She also served with the Church Nurses for three years. Moreover, she was a long-time devoted member of the July Fellowship. Last, but not least, was her membership in the Agape Sunday School Class which increased her biblical knowledge and understanding tremendously.

After graduation from Cardozo Sr. High School, Washington, D.C. in 1951, and some coursework at Howard University in Washington D.C., Emma immediately entered the U.S. Federal Government workforce with the U.S. Marine Corps, Arlington Annex, Arlington, Virginia. Subsequently, she met and married Vance Davis and two sons were born from this union: Eriq Stanley (Deceased) and Darryl George (Gail). Her U.S. Government Service continued until retirement in 1988 with 35 and a half years of service from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of General Counsel as Secretary for Deputy General Counsel.

After retirement she became a tutor of reading in Adult Education at Largo Sr. High School, Prince Georges County, Maryland, for two years. This was a very rewarding experience in knowing that she was actually helping adults who had never learned to read. During this same period she worked part-time weekends at the old Columbia Hospital, Washington,

D.C. (now defunct) in the Pathology Department. Later, most of her time was spent helping her mother, Deaconess Sophie Williams, with the care of her grandmother, Deaconess Emma Andrews who was like a second mother in the family.

Her favorite pastime was traveling as much as possible, because she loved exploring other cultures. Her most memorable trip was to Paris and Normandy, France. She was able to visit many sites which she had become aware of in French Class. Also, her visits to the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu and Maui were very exciting. Travel also included several Canadian Provinces and almost all of the United States as well as several Caribbean Islands. However, in later years, her interest waned because of all the insecurity in traveling.

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted son, Darryl G. Davis (Gail); brother George Williams; two brothers-in-law, Alvin Stevenson and Raymond Mayo; nieces Kim Mathis and Monica Shelton (Jeffery); sister-in-law Ethel Williams; nephew LaVon Ellis (Carol); grand nephews Raymond Shelton, Jeffery Shelton, and grand niece Tanisha H. Williams (Reggie); great grand nephew Aahmad Branden and great grand niece Alivia Williams; numerous cousins, extended family members, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Rd  
Landover, MD 20785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vermont Avenue Baptist Church  
1630 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20009

## Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Viola Williams Davis*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - November 16, 2019 at 05:50 AM



“ *May the family of Emma be comforted by faith that the Lord has brought that special person you have lost to a beautiful place. Emma was a wonderful co-worker. When I was first employed with HEW, Emma trained me and she was the best. She had a lot of patience and she had a great impact on me. Not only did she teach me how to be a secretary, she also taught me about how to deal with the other co-workers. Emma was my mentor. I am praying for the family.*

*Pat Reeves  
A friend and former co-worker*

Patricia Reeves - November 15, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - November 14, 2019 at 11:50 AM