



Linda Clark Williams

February 26, 1948 - January 27, 2022

Linda Clark Lyons Williams was born on February 26, 1948 to Joseph Bailey Lyons, Sr. and Sam Ella Turner Lyons in Lexington, KY. Early on, she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and joined the St. Paul AME Church in Lexington. As a little girl, she showed signs of her life's calling when she began to assist one of her favorite teachers, while she was a student at Constitution Elementary School. Though she was the youngest of four children, she embraced the unofficial role of being a big sister to numerous younger girls in her Aspendale/East End neighborhood.

Linda graduated from the old Dunbar High School in 1966, and went on to attend Kentucky State University, where she graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

Shortly thereafter, she married Leon Williams, to whom she would be married for fifty-one years at the time of her homegoing. At the time of their union, Linda also embarked upon her career of equipping and teaching children, when she began teaching at the Montessori School of Kentucky. She later became the school's director and subsequently owned a daycare center for a number of years.

In 1978, she began her career with Fayette County Public Schools, where she started as a Title I Reading Tutor at Russell Elementary. She later earned her

elementary teacher certification at the University of Kentucky and taught the remainder of her career at Southern Elementary, retiring in 2010. While teaching at Southern, she also earned a Master of Arts degree in Education from Georgetown College.

Linda's commitment to pouring into young people was always an extension of her commitment to serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In 1981, she joined Zion Hill Baptist Church in Midway, KY. There, she began using her giftedness in education as a children's Sunday School Teacher, and she later served as the Sunday School Director. Linda served in a number of other capacities at Zion Hill, as well.

She later supported her husband, Leon, as he assisted in ministry at Morning Star Baptist Church in Lexington. In 2012, she and Leon, joined the Shiloh Baptist Church, also in Lexington. At Shiloh, Linda once again demonstrated her love for teaching young people, serving as a pre-school Sunday School teacher, Pre-BMW Academy teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher and as a Co-Director of Vacation Bible School.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph B. Lyons, Sr. and Sam Ella Turner Lyons, and her brother Joseph B. Lyons, Jr. She is survived by her husband Rev. Leon Williams, son Rev. Leon Clark Williams, daughter in-law Jennifer Hamilton Williams, granddaughter Lela Camille Williams, sister Marjorie Johnson, brother Donald W. Lyons, Sr. (Myra) and a number of loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

Linda's homegoing service will be on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1PM at Main Street Baptist Church in Lexington, following visitation from 11AM to 1PM. Those wishing to honor Linda's memory are encouraged to make a contribution to Shiloh Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

833 W. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Previous Events

Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church
582 W Main St
Lexington, KY 40508
(859) 252-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Clark Williams*

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