



Lula Bertha Williams

January 23, 1937 - February 19, 2026

A woman of wisdom and strength, Lula Bertha Williams, was born in Winona, Mississippi on January 23, 1937 to the late Naggie and James Applewhite, Sr. She was affectionately known as “Squirrel” and “Bert”. Lula accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age and joined Winona Baptist Church. She attended Vaiden Negro High School. Here, she played basketball as a guard.

On September 15, 1952, Lula married Richard Williams, Jr. In 1956, she followed her heart and dreams to relocate to Chicago, IL. Within 10 years of this union, 5 children were born. She later had another beautiful child. She later joined Cathedral Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral of the late Rev. Otis Anderson, Jr. She had excellent work ethics. She worked at Midway Cleaners as a laundry attendant. Also, she displayed her knack for cleanliness and orderliness as a housekeeper for many years. In her spare time, she enjoyed baking homemade cakes and other desserts that were made from secret family recipes. She was known in the neighborhood for blessing others with her pastries. Everyone loved to come to her home to eat. She always believed in breaking bread with family and friends. Lula had a heart of gold. She always welcomed her home to those that were in need. She never turned a soul away. As a quiet woman filled with grace and dignity, she dropped many pearls and jewels of wisdom. Lula received her wings on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Lula leaves her legacy with: six children- Diane Williams, Phyllis Williams (preceded her in death), Donny Williams (Kandiste), Linda Murph (Allan), Ricky Williams (Tracie), and LaTonya Dandridge (Julian Stillwell), all of Chicago, IL; 18 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; one goddaughter, Shirley Williams; one fur grandbaby, Precious; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homewood Memorial Gardens

600 Ridge Rd
Homewood, IL 60430

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center
7046 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial/Interment

MAR 7. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lula Bertha Williams.*



March 05 at 09:37 PM



“ *Darryl Excell Williams (Wick) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lula Bertha Williams.*



Darryl Excell Williams (Wick) - March 03 at 04:28 PM



“ *Darryl Excell Williams (Wick) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lula Bertha Williams.*

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