



Deacon Israel Williams

June 16, 1928 - July 7, 2024

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Given from God: June 16, 1928 Returned to God: July 7, 2024

“A Life well lived leaves behind a beautiful bouquet of memories.”

God chose an angel in the form of a baby boy, born in Aikens, South Carolina to the late parents Arthur and Lucretia Williams and given the name “Israel”. He was one of three brothers: Luke Arthur (deceased) and Andrew (Andy). He made a peaceful transition to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Riddle Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

Deacon Williams was raised in Media, Pennsylvania received his formal education in Media, and graduated at the age of sixteen (16) from Media High School. Since he was not old enough to go into the military, he attended Lincoln University for two (2) years before joining the Army, from which he was honorably discharged in 1951.

Izzy joined Temple Baptist Church in 1979 and later became ordained as a Deacon in 1991.

“Israel”, a man who touched many lives, was affectionately known throughout the community as “Izzy” and became a man of strong religious belief and a

positive “Servant Leader”.

Izzy” was the father of five children; 3 sons, Reginald, Michael, and Steven, and two daughters; Delores and Deborah. He was inducted into the Media Area Sports Hall of Fame on November 2, 2011. This was the first time three members from the same family were inducted at the same time. His church family, Temple Baptist, showed up big time to help him celebrate.

After thirty-one (31) years of service to the Postal Service, Izzy retired. He then became employed as a bus aide for the Chester-Upland School District for 13 years. After retiring from the school district, he became a missionary worker. He then became an outstanding member of the Deacons Association of Chester & Vicinity; later teaching Bible Study and Sunday School for 21 years. Before his passing he still participated in both, Bible Study and Sunday School.

Izzy was predeceased by a son, Reginald Williams. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann Williams; daughters: Delores Williams-Pettyjohn, Suwanee, GA, Deborah Covington, Colonial Beach, VA; sons: Michael Pratt (Lavenia) Chester, PA, Steven Pratt (Chante) Elkton, MD; brother, Andy Williams, Hampton, VA; god daughter, Erica Finley; sister-in-law, Liz McDowney, Colonial Beach, VA; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Lovingly submitted,

The Family

Cemetery Details

Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Temple Baptist Church
736 W. 7th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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