



Pecolia Williams

January 10, 1925 - March 22, 2021

Pecolia Williams was born in Jenkinsville, South Carolina on January 10, 1925 to John and Ella Hughey. They relocated to Morristown, New Jersey when she was a small child. Pecolia was the eldest of three children. She had a sister, Alberta and a brother, John Jr. Pecolia accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. She loved music and learned to play piano and organ. She sang in the choir at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Morristown, New Jersey and also sang in the acapella choir at Morristown High School and graduated in 1943.

After high school, Pecolia completed a course at the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark, New Jersey to be a mechanic. She worked as a mechanic at the Newark Airport and in factories. During this time, Pecolia also sang with a gospel group, The Watkins and Bell Singers.

In 1949, Pecolia relocated to Detroit to find a better job. There she met Elias Cottrell Williams, Jr., a World War II veteran who had recently returned from the war. They married on January 1, 1950 and lived in Detroit until they relocated to Rose Township in 1952 to raise their children in the country. Her husband passed away in 1974 and Pecolia continued to live there until she passed away.

Pecolia was a wonderful mother. She took her children to church every Sunday. She was an active member of Rose Chapel Baptist Church in Rose Center until its closing and then joined First Baptist Church of Holly where she was an active member for more than 40 years. Pecolia spent her life singing God's praises and helping others. She helped the sick and shut-in, raised

foster children, sang at weddings and funerals and participated in numerous charitable projects. Pecolia freely shared her faith through music, humor and grace. Everyone in the community knew her.

Pecolia leaves behind her daughter, Debra Gail Williams and her son Elias Cottrell Williams III, her daughter-in law Lorraine, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her cousin and best friend Amy Anderson of Morristown, New Jersey and her special friend Leo Hubbard. They all loved her dearly and they will cherish her memory forever. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Holly.

Cemetery Details

Beebe Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Holly
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 29, 2021 at 04:06 PM

CF

Beautiful Tribute of our wonderful sweet friend who loved Jesus first and foremost. Such a precious Mom to her kids, so loving to all her family and friends. We were so blessed to enjoy her for many years. She had the most beautiful voice, a God given talent that she willingly shared and blessed all who knew her. The love of Jesus radiated from her and we loved her smile. We love you Pecolia and Heaven just got happier and you joined the Heavenly Choir right away is what we believe. Gail and Cott and your family thank you for your wonderful friendship and you took such awesome care of your loving Mom and Grandma. We are praying for you. We love you. You have made our lives richer, Carl and Peg Feiler and Family

Carl and Peg Feiler and Family - March 30, 2021 at 12:33 AM

DO

Beautiful.

Donna - March 30, 2021 at 08:58 AM

KW

Such a beautiful soul, we could all be a little more like her. Mom loved you dearly and you brought her great joy, as you did for everyone. Rest in peace, Heaven is even better now with it's newest angel. Ken Van Wagoner, son to Barbra Van Wagoner (Irwin)

ken van wagoner - March 31, 2021 at 03:21 PM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss Gail and Cottrell, I have many precious memories of your Mother with her great sense of humor, beautiful voice, and her loving welcome to the new neighbors that she wel over with open arms of love. Truly a great woman of God. I loved her dearly I also love her children who She raised to be wonderful children of God. I pray that we keep in touch. 248 662 8850.



Beverly Byrd - July 07, 2021 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ Frank and I asked Pecolia if she would sing a song at our wedding, She said she would be happy to and she did. We got married in the First Baptist Church in Holly back in 1992. We would see each other often in years later and she asked if we were still married. I laughingly said yes. You helped seal the deal. Ha ha .We both loved Pecolia, Frank and Shirley Sargent

Shirley Sargent - April 01, 2021 at 02:40 PM

TR

“ Pecolia was one of my favorite people at First Baptist church of Holly when I was growing up. Loved hearing her sing too. I'm sure she's singing with the angels now.

Trac Estes Rosol - March 30, 2021 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ Pecolia was a good Friend to my Mother in Law Genevieve Parker she was an amazing woman and Friend to all I meant her out at their home when I got Married to my Husband and she never forget me any time I saw her around town she made the point to speak to me that was very special I will remind her always as a wonderful Lady Dick and Julie Parker

Julie A Parker - March 30, 2021 at 01:01 PM

SR

“ I had so much admiration for that beautiful woman. She was the sole hero to me when she stood up for me in a situation where I was being bullied in my church. She will always be cherished by me. Sincerely Sharron Reid

Sharron Reid - March 30, 2021 at 12:38 PM

PL

“ My mother, Virginia Long, told me that she wanted Pecolia to sing at her funeral, which she did. She picked the song: Face to Face, and Pecolia did a beautiful job on it. But Mom was adamant about wanting Pecolia for her soloist. I'll never forget her. Pam Liscom

Pam Liscom - March 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pecolia Williams.



March 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences for your loss and prayers for the entire family. Ray and Lori McConnell.

Ray and Lori McConnell - March 29, 2021 at 07:05 PM

TS

“ She was like a second mother to us. Her smile and laughter would put anyone at ease. We ache in her passing, however we find comfort in knowing she is in a better place.
We will uplift the family in our prayers. Tom & Judi Smith

Tom & Judi Smith - March 29, 2021 at 06:36 PM

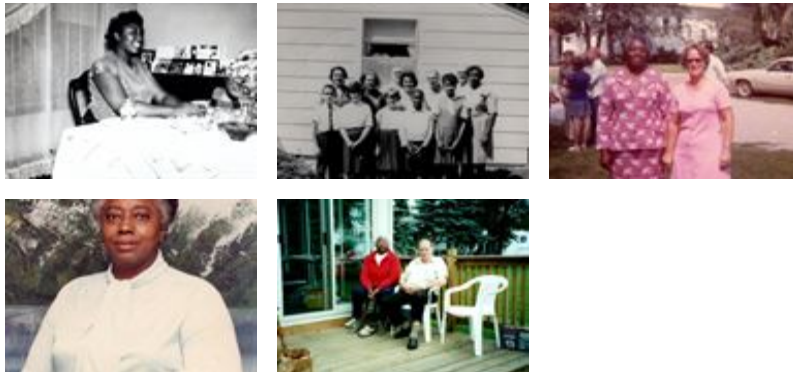
TC

“ When I was a little girl going to church, I used to get SOOOO excited when she was singing!! WHAT A VOICE!! Thank you for sharing your beautiful voice with us. RIH. ~Terina (Snyder) Carte

Terina Carte - March 29, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 29, 2021 at 03:59 PM

HF

“ *Pecolia was a very special person. I loved our chats when she volunteered at Holly El . She had such a beautiful voice ! My deepest sympathy to her family!*

Hannelore Felch - March 29, 2021 at 02:56 PM

PC

“ *Percy And Denise Cash lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Percy and Denise Cash - March 28, 2021 at 10:09 PM

EN

“ *Eva Newman lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Eva Newman - March 28, 2021 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ *I met Pecolia around 2021! She was a special lady. Sang at our wedding. We use to chat on the phone many evenings! She was a blessing to my life and my husband's! She will be missed! Now she is Home with the Lord!*

Claudia Merrill - March 28, 2021 at 01:48 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Merrill lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Claudia Merrill - March 28, 2021 at 12:40 PM

EN

“ *Thinking of your family and sincere condolences.*

Eva Newman - March 27, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pecolia Williams.*



March 27, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KR

“ *I got to know Pecolia through the Hollyhock Seniors. What a joy she was! We had a lot of laughs together and solved a lot of the worlds problems while driving her to and from the senior center. Thank you Pecolia for the memories.*

Kathy Rhoades - March 26, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pecolia Williams.*



March 26, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Heavens choir just added a beautiful angel. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Debbie (Richards) Diehl - March 25, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Cliff purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Pecolia Williams.*



Cliff - March 25, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Pecolia was a first class act she would come over and sing to my aunt ester lake that was 20 years ago Jeffrey Knaack lake*

jeffrey knaack - March 25, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KC

“ *What a beautiful soul and so loved by all our family. Our hearts and our prayers go out to you all. Love from the farm. The Clarks*

Kathy Clark - March 25, 2021 at 01:07 AM

KC

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kathy Clark - March 25, 2021 at 01:05 AM

KM

“ *She was my Sunday School teacher at the Rose Township Hall. She taught My sisters and I the joy of song. I think of her often when I catch myself singing around the house and picture her singing and smiling at us.*



Kathryn McKenney - March 24, 2021 at 09:45 PM

WR

“ *Sorry for your loss Cot and family. She was such a great lady.*



willie russell - March 24, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Pecolia Williams.*



March 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Lisa Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Lisa Cunningham - March 24, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Victoria Akins lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams*



Victoria Akins - March 24, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *I have a very fond memory of speaking with Mrs. Williams last year around this time. My condolences goes out to the Williams family. You're in my thoughts and prayers and may the Lord comfort you all during this time.*

Marilyn

Marilyn Edwards - March 24, 2021 at 09:03 AM

DJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Denise Jensen - March 24, 2021 at 08:37 AM

SE

“ *Cottrell and Gail, I am so sorry to hear this news. But I know the Holly Baptists in Heaven are welcoming their Sister home with hugs, tears and songs of joy. Peace.*

Sherlynn Everly - March 24, 2021 at 08:16 AM

JK

“ *My fondest memories of Pecolia are of hearing her sing! Her Love of the Lord was always present when she sang! Her helping manner and her willingness to help no matter if it was at church, or vacation bible school. Heaven is filled with a beautiful lady, and her voice.*



Jinx Kincaid - March 24, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *What JOY this dear soul brought to so many of us. Her love of Jesus inspired so many!!!*



Judith Prose - March 23, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SG

“ Sue Gill lit a candle in memory of Pecolia Williams



Sue Gill - March 23, 2021 at 08:46 PM

RB

“ Sincere sympathy to the family and virtual hugs across the miles. We loved the gift of song whenever we had the opportunity to hear Ms. Williams sing praises to God. He has certainly picked a beautiful flower to come home to Him. Rest in peace beautiful lady and thank you for the joy that was your talent and tribute. We will pray for Cotrell and Gail as they learn to travel on without the Matron of their family.



Ron and Shirley Brendel

Ron and Shirley Brendel - March 23, 2021 at 04:01 PM

KP

“ Our hearts are with the family. Boy could she sing! We all sat back and just listened when she sang especially Amazing Grace. What a wonder lady.

Kim And John Phillips

kimberly phillips - March 23, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ My memories of Mrs. Williams are centered around her at Rose Chapel Baptist Church when it met in the township offices; her beautiful voice singing in the choir, and her effervescent laughter. She was one beautiful lady inside and out. My prayers are with Gail and Cotrell now as they navigate through this difficult time.



Jinx Kincaid - March 23, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ I haven't seen Pecolia for a few years, but I think of her often. I remember her singing and her encouraging words. She often was an encouragement to me, she was a good friend and I look forward to seeing her again, singing in heaven.
Sue Hyde

Sue Saunders Hyde - March 23, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ You were always a dear friend, so kind and loved to have a good laugh! I'll always remember her taking me to her house to watch the sand hill cranes pecking at her big window, then she finally said "Maybe I should quit feeding them" ! Fly high Pecolia.



judy blakemore - March 23, 2021 at 12:35 PM