

The Family Tribute

Henry Odell Williams, Sr., 75, of Statesville, NC passed away on May 17, 2021 at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville, NC. He was born in Rowan County on June 3, 1945 and was the son of the late Lawrence O'Neal Williams and Ada Pruitt Williams.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Samuel Williams and one sister, Bettye Williams McClelland. Odell was a member of Erwin Temple CME Church in Woodleaf, NC. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by KOSA (Hoechst Celanese). He enjoyed over forty wonderful years of marriage to Vivian Brawley Williams, who survives.

Left to cherish the memory of his life are his wife, Vivian of the home; three daughters, Jackie Roberson of Chicago, IL, Dr. Yolanda (Robert) Holt of Raleigh, and Kym (Tony) Johnson of Charlotte; six sons, Henry Odell Williams, II of Woodleaf, NC, Tony Williams, JD

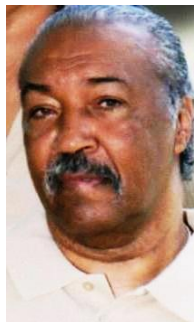
Williams, and Kelly (Joell'e) Brawley, all of Statesville, Cameron (Marquita) Williams of Mooresville, and Ret. Col. Tim (Kelli) Williams of Vienna, Virginia; three brothers, Eugene (Margaret) Williams of Augusta, GA, Carl (Frances) Williams of Winston-Salem, Harold (Patricia) Williams of Woodleaf, NC; one sister, Carolyn Downing of Laurel, MD, along with twenty grandchildren, Christopher Holt, Jason Holt, Colby Johnson, Dillon Williams, SydneyAnne Williams, Preston Garner,

Stephen Williams, Henry Odell Williams, III, Alexis Williams, Kali Williams, David Williams, Destiny Brawley, Dezzmon Brawley, Jaylen Robinson, Justice Robinson, Hakeem Edgerton, Amiyah Williams, Cameron Williams, Jabari Williams, and Jerrick Gillespie; seven great grandchildren, Carsen Johnson, Cress Johnson, Noah Holmes, Nasaire Turner, Ashlyn Gardner, Cameron Gaither, and Mason Robinson, and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Odell grew up in Rowan County NC and was a 1963 graduate of RA Clement High School in Cleveland, NC. His love for music was nurtured while he sang with the school chorus. His hobbies included watching drag races at his favorite strip Z-Max motor speedway, bowling, landscaping, and cultivating the yard, refurbishing classic cars, and entering classic car shows. He was a frequent winner of numerous trophies for his flawless classic car collectibles.

Although Odell had many interests and wonderful friends his greatest joy was his family. He spent most of his time loving, supporting and uplifting his wife, children, grandchildren great grandchildren and all of his family and friends. Always friendly and outgoing, Odell never met a stranger. He volunteered at Davis Hospital for many years. He was a member of the RA Clement Alumni Association and the Brotherhood Car Club.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So, He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, as you slowly slipped away
And though we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating; your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.*



A Service Remembering the Life of *Mr. Henry Odell Williams, Sr.*

Saturday, May 22, 2021
Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church
Statesville, North Carolina
Rev. Dr. J. C. White, Pastor, Officiating
Rev. Ervin Hannah, Eulogist

The Visitation

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Processional Music by True Vine Worship Center Praise Team
The Visitation

The Order of Service

12:30 p.m.

The Invocation Reverend Dr. JC White
The Scripture Meditation..... Reverend Reginald M. Keitt
Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7
New Testament: Philippians 2:1-2
The Prayer of Comfort Reverend Reginald M. Keitt
The Solo Evangelist Tina Imes Peacock
The Silent Reading of the Obituary (*Soft Music*)
The Remarks (*Limit one minutes please*)

- Brandon Gregory
- The Brotherhood Car Club
- RA Clement Alumni Association
- Representative from the Family

The Acknowledgments
The Commemorative PresentationFuneral Director
The Selection True Vine Worship Center Praise Team
The EulogyReverend Ervin Hannah
The Recessional

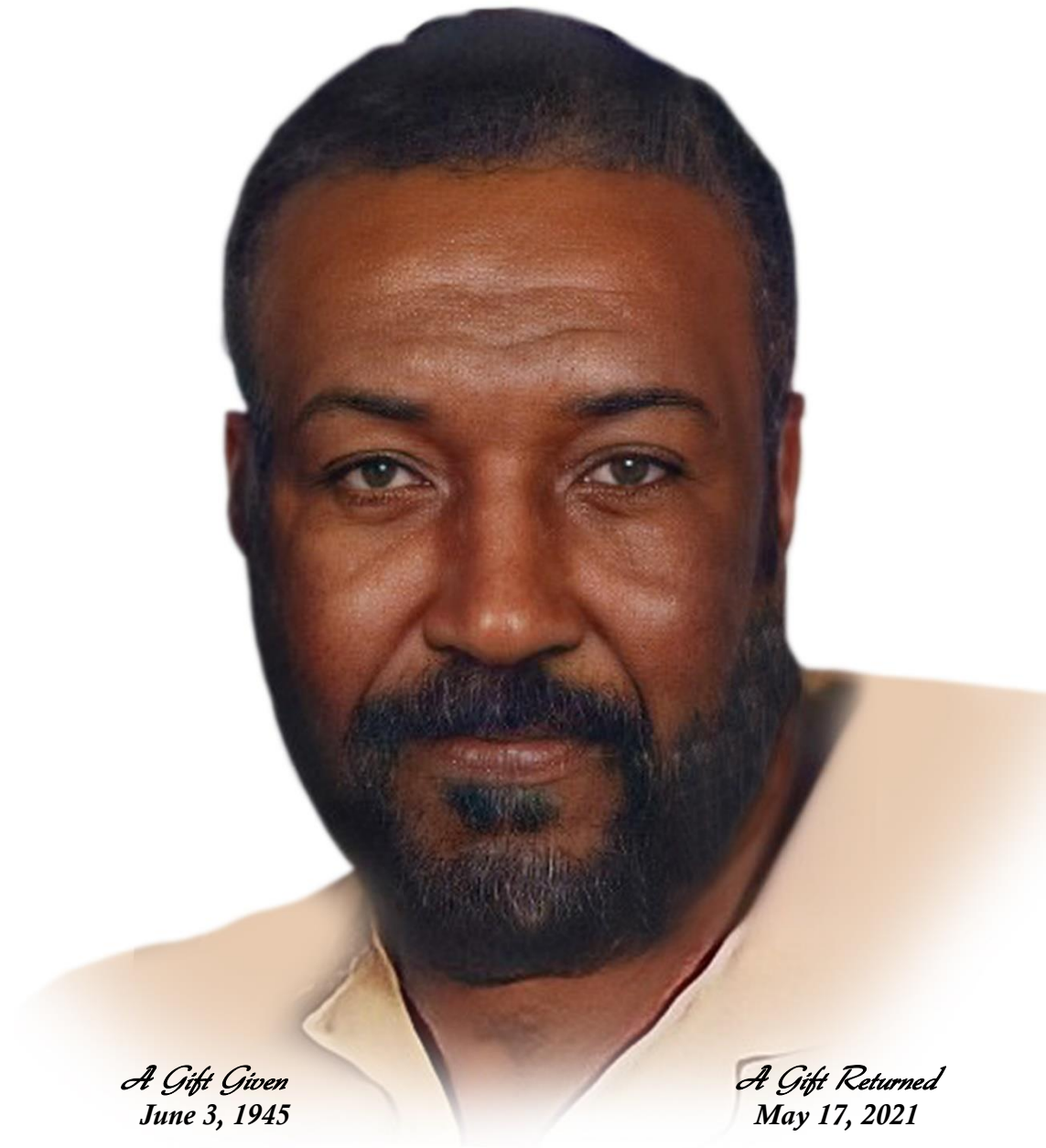
In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections, and fasten your seatbelts for safety.

At The Iredell Memorial Park

The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Ritual of Consignment
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure



A collage of 12 photographs showing various family groups. The photos include: a group of seven people indoors; a man and woman outdoors; a man and woman in a room; a man and woman in a room; a group of five people outdoors; a group of seven people outdoors; a group of five people outdoors; a group of five people outdoors; a group of five people outdoors; a group of five people outdoors; and a group of ten people outdoors in front of a white van. The text "FAMILY where life begins and never ends" is overlaid on the collage.



Flower Bearers

**Dinner will be served at the
American Legion Post 217 Wallace Springs Road**

With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Odell" and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

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Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
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 Visit Odell's Online Tribute
 at www.rutledgeandbigham.com

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June 3, 1945

A Gift Returned
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