

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of John N. Williams would like to express our gratitude for the expressions of love and sympathy at the transition of our loved one. Special thank you to Pastor Howard and Lady Floria Washington, Second Baptist Church and the Second Baptist Church family, Dr. John and Lady LaDonna Little, Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church and the Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church family. Pastor Tracy Pryor, Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church and the Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church family. We also appreciate the love and support from family and friends.

We the family of John encourage you to contact Suicide Prevention at 614 221-5445 if you or a loved one needs help with depression or thoughts of suicide. Please know you are not alone.

We the family love and appreciate each of you and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

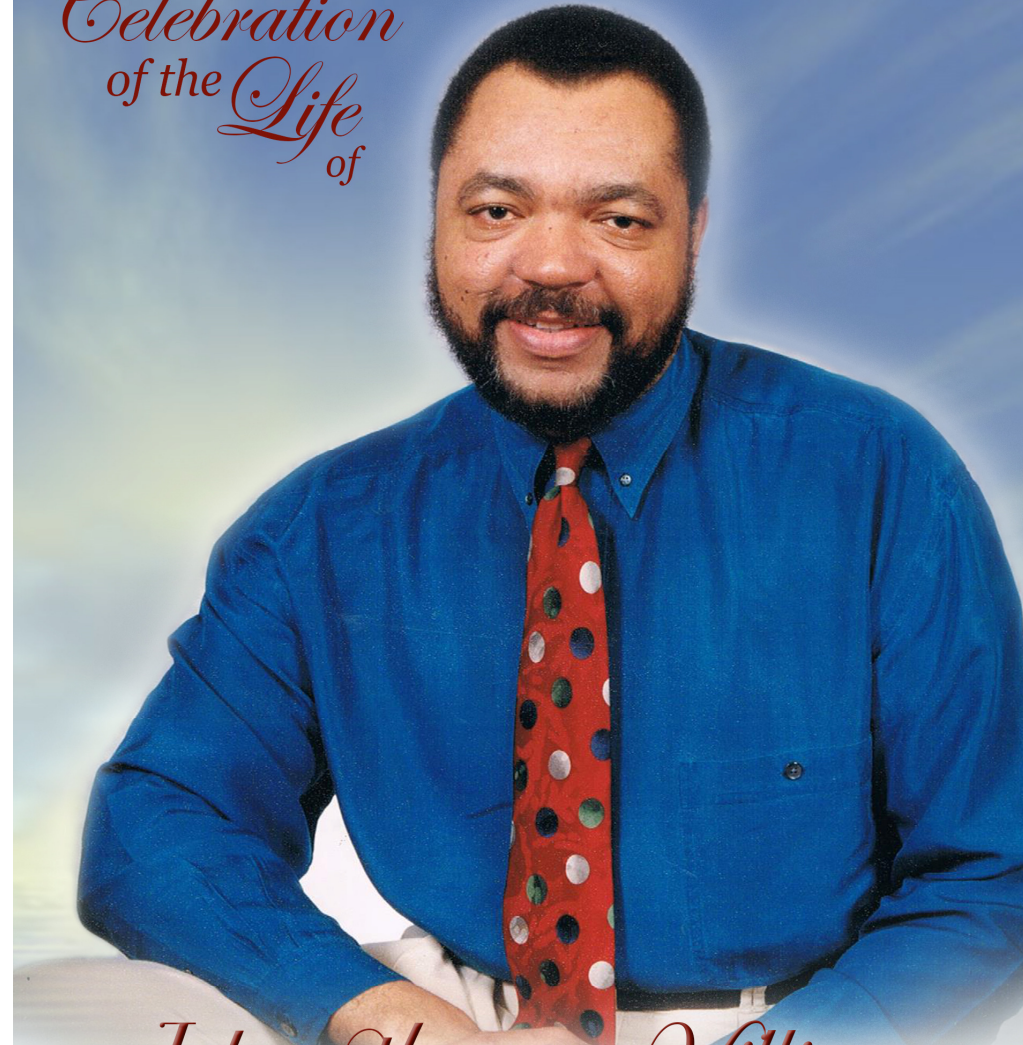
### **The Broken Chain**

We little knew that morning  
That God would call your name  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same  
  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
You did not go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home  
  
You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
And although we cannot see you  
You're always by our side  
  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again

To offer condolences to The Williams Family,  
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## *Celebration of the Life of*



*John Norman Williams*

JUNE 6, 1949 ~ JULY 2, 2021

~Service~

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

2:00 PM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

**Chapel of Peace East**

5456 E. Livingston Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

# The Obituary

**John N. Williams**, 72 years old died after a distinguished career first as a public school educator, and most recently an ordained lay-Minister in the Moravian Church of North America.

**John** was born at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; the first born of John B. and Geraldine Williams. John was educated in the Columbus City Schools system graduating June 6, 1967 with a diploma in college prep from Linden-McKinley High School. He and his fellow graduates celebrated their senior year as Class AA State basketball champions for 1966-1967. John chronicled the successful march to the title as sports editor for the high school newspaper, "The Panther's Roar", writing and editing the news accounts for that historic campaign.

**John** then served his country for four years as an active member of the United States Air Force from 1969-1973 in Aerospace Control & Warning Operations, being honorably discharged as Sgt. In August 20, 1973. While in the military, John married Patricia A. Miller in October 1970. They were blessed with the birth of their only child, a daughter named Chantele Nichole on February 7, 1973.

**Following** discharged from the Air Force, John obtained his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in American history/political science from The Ohio State University in Autumn Quarter 1984.

**John** then worked for the Amer iFlora 1992 Horticulture Exposition from 1989 to May 1992 as Liaison in Public Relations. He found himself immersed in public education after working for several years as a substitute teacher while looking for a new career path. He was employed for three and a half years as an evening high school social studies teacher at the North Adult Education Center. After that program disbanded in the spring of 2004; John sought and obtained a position as social studies for FCI Academy, he served for four years. John served as department chairperson in addition to his teaching duties; and was awarded the honor of educator of the year for two consecutive academic years 2007 and 2008. He was inducted in the national society of "Who's Who in America's Teachers" for the 11th Edition year 2007. John retired from FCI Academy following the school year 2008-2009.

**John** found a new religious re-birth when he attended services at the Church of the Redeemer Moravia Church in Dublin, Ohio July 2009. John first gave a public sermon in July 2014. It sparked a "bug" in John that eventually led to his entrance into the Crossroads Lay Ministry program and ordination in the spring of 2020.

**John** Norman Williams was preceded in death by his parents John B. and Geraldine Williams. He is survived by his daughter Chantele, grandchildren Mataya, Alexis and Cameron Stokes. His siblings, Ronald Williams, Cheryl (Dale) Patterson, Carla (Jonathon) Bailey Sr. and Carolyn (Stephen) Francis Sr. Several Nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, professional and personal friends and acquaintances.

# Order of Service

A Service of Memory For  
John Norman Williams

ORGAN PRELUDE .....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
SCRIPTURE READING  
    Old Testament .....Psalm 23  
MUSICAL SELECTION ..... "When You Cry" By The Winans  
PRAYER OF COMFORT .....  
READING OF OBITUARY ..... Silently  
MUSICAL SELECTION..... "I Need You" By Smokie Norful  
MILITARY HONORS..... U.S. AIR FORCE

## The Eulogy

REV. DR. CHARLENE E. WATKINS  
Retired Pastor, Second Community Church  
Presently serving  
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church  
Minister of Christian Education

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Dr. Charlene E. Watkins  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family & Friends  
MUSICAL SELECTION..... "Thank You For It All" By Marvin Sapp

***I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
though he were dead yet shall he live.***

***And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.***

*John 11:25-26*