



Pastor Diana Williams-Connors

January 18, 1948 - February 12, 2024

Diana Ora Connors was born to Bishop Henry Sylvester Connors and Lizzie Ann (Jones) Connors on January 18, 1948. She accepted Christ early in life. At the tender age of nine, Diana traveled with her father gracing congregations with her beautiful voice and became known as Bishop Connors' little songstress.

Diana was educated in the Alton Public School System graduating from Bennett High School, Buffalo, New York. In 1965 she married Saint Samuel (Chuck) Williams and moved to Buffalo, New York. Chuck and Diana were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Aleta Rochelle Williams.

Diana was a boisterous woman of God who used her gifts and talents to share God's word with everyone she encountered. While living in Buffalo, New York, she was an active member at Holy Presence COGIC serving under the leadership of Willie Woods.

Diana lived her life as a dedicated leader for Christ. In 1990 she became the Pastor of Alton Community Church of God, the first lady to be recognized and ordained in the Alton Community. She pastored Alton Community Church of God for over 32 years receiving many accolades within the Alton community for her ministry and service. Diana served on appointments as general secretary and ambassador for women's leadership to the 19th International United Fellowship International Ministry. In addition to serving in ministry,

Diana was a servant leader in the community. Her community service extended to her serving on the board of the Alton Housing Authority.

Diana began her professional career in Buffalo with Blue Cross Blue Shield later transferring to the St. Louis Office where she retired after 35 years of exemplary performance and dedicated service. During her 35-year career with Blue Cross Blue Shield she developed relationships that blessed her with some of her closest friends.

Diana was first and foremost a servant for Christ, but she was also a kind, gentle, resilient strength. These characteristics were consistent and were demonstrated true to her character, in commendable fashion up until her last moments. She took her last earthly breath at 3:58 AM on Monday, February 12th, 2024.

Diana loved and cherished her long list of beloved family and friends. Until we meet again, she is survived by her daughter, Aleta Rochelle Johnson (Lenier) and granddaughter, Alexandria Elise Johnson, her beloved brothers Henry Connors and Tyrone Connors, nephews Ethan and Jayden Williams also known as the other grandchildren and Shawn Connors, her beautiful nieces Carmen Childs (Eric), Latoya Gomer, Melissa Pitts (Kenny), Jamesia Harris, Ashley Connors and a host of cousins, great nieces, great nephews and loving friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bishop Henry Sylvester Connors, Lizzie Ann (Jones) Connors, brothers, James Connors, Delbert Connors, and Randale "Randy" Connors.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Monroe Memorial Church
1901 Belle Street
Alton, IL 62002

Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I lived in Mexico, if Pastor Connors saw me outside, she’d stop and chat for a bit. She was a wise woman. Strong. Compassionate with a great sense of humor. She’d always tell me to watch my weight. “Naw we ain’t having none of that.” She will be missed. Leah B

Leah Becoat - February 19, 2024 at 11:04 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Pastor Diane making me a Deacon in the church while I was still trying to figure out what being filled with Holy Spirit meant. She was gracious in working with us in expounding the scriptures. Once filled, I understood clearly what she meant that one must preach with the anointing, because it’s the anointing that breaks the yoke. RIP servant of the Most High God!

Anthony Hickman - February 19, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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“ Childhood memories of Diana lingers on in our heart forever. As we were best friends sharing seat as we all piled in her parent's station wagon going to church Her welcoming smile and friendly demeanor has capture many throughout the years.
Rip Diana
My deepest sympathy to the family
Evangelist Lorena Burnett

Lorena Burnett - February 19, 2024 at 10:52 AM

ME

“ Diana have provided memories throughout our lifetime to last forever. From Central Elementary,.AHS Church and community. RIP friend
Minister Joyce Elliott

Minister Joyce Elliott - February 18, 2024 at 09:51 PM

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Lubertha Boyd - February 18, 2024 at 04:08 PM

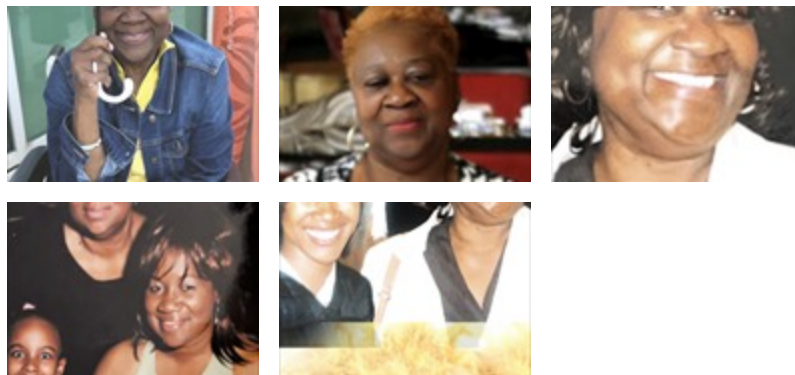
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“ To the family, she will always be in my heart. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Lubertha Boyd - February 18, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ 15 files added to the album Memories Album



Cathy M Williams & Sons FH - February 17, 2024 at 07:35 PM

JH

“ *Sending my condolences to the family and friends .She was my pastor in my younger years She was a great woman very kind and sweet loving, person. you will be truly missed now it's time to rest no pain and no worries... my deepest sympathy, Johndale Hardy*

Johndale Hardy - February 16, 2024 at 11:20 AM