



Florence B. Williams

January 3, 1944 - June 8, 2025

Florence Earline Brownlee Williams, daughter of the late Hubert C. Brownlee and Minnie Brownlee Jenkins was born in Orangeburg, SC on January 3, 1944. While her father was stationed throughout the United States and western hemisphere, serving in the US Navy, she lived as far north as New York City and as far south as Trinidad. After her father's passing, the family returned to Orangeburg where she completed her early education at Christ the King School and Wilkinson High School. Upon graduation, she traveled to Raleigh, NC to attend Saint Augustine's College (now University) where she would meet and marry her husband Robert E. Williams, Jr. and complete her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. They settled in Raleigh, starting a family, first with a son, Ryan and years later, with a daughter, Leslie.

Florence proudly taught Reading / English / Adult Basic Education for the North Carolina Correctional System for over 28 years. She taught juvenile offenders, both male and female, in facilities in Rocky Mount, Morganton, and Raleigh, NC. Florence continued her educational pursuits, receiving certifications in English as a Second Language teacher and Ethics training. Florence retired from teaching and returned to Orangeburg with Robert in 2007 to be closer to family. Robert would become ill in 2009 and later transitioned on Christmas 2016.

Florence was a lifetime member of the National Education Association (NEA) for many decades and continued her membership into her retirement. She volunteered as a tutor to children and served as an Orangeburg County

Democratic Party voter educator and registrar for past presidential and midterm elections. Additionally, she was a member of Williams Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, like her grandmother, mother, and sisters.

Florence's earthly journey was masterfully complete, so she answered God's call on June 8, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Robert, and her parents, her stepfather, Alphonso R. Jenkins, her younger brother, Robert, and her sisters, Helen Cecil Washington and Tanya Jenkins Perez.

Left to cherish her precious memories her children: son, Ryan A. Williams of Wake Forest, NC and daughter, Leslie N. (Sean) Glover of Mint Hill, NC; her grandchildren, I. Khamil Thomas of Greensboro, NC and Khadin A. Williams of Wake Forest, NC; her aunt, Pearl Brownlee of Orangeburg, SC; her niece, Pauline Washington of Washington, D.C., her brother-in-law, Luis Perez of Orangeburg, SC and nieces and nephew, Mercedes Perez and Sasha Perez of Orangeburg, SC, and Luis Perez II of Orangeburg, SC and an adopted brother, Roy Greene, Jr. of Orangeburg, SC. She leaves behind a multitude of loving family members and lifelong friends from elementary and secondary school, her life in Raleigh, and retirement in Orangeburg. We will miss and cherish you, Florence.

Cemetery Details

Belleville Memorial Gardens

2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Al Jenkins Funeral Home
2396 Russell St
Orangeburg, SC 29115
(803) 534-2522
aljenkinsfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Florence and I were at Wilkinson together. We both played on the band and concert orchestra. She play piccolo and I played flute, which her sister taught me to do. We have maintained our friendship over the past 65+ years. My sincere condolences to her family and especially her children. Rest in Peace, my friend.
Audrey Quick Battiste

Audrey Quick Battiste - June 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

IW

“ I met Florence at her Mother's Home, Mrs. Minnie and Alphonso Jenkins, in Orangeburg, SC. We were practicing with her Mother, Mrs. Minnie Jenkins, our skilled organist at Williams Chapel AME and musician for the George F. Flowers Ensemble. When we both realized we were Alums of Saint Augustines College (University), Florence and I shared stories of our wonderful experiences on campus with Dr. Prezell Robinson, President, Faculty, Staff, Classmates, and Colleagues. Florence's sweet spirit resonated with me far beyond our brief, yet memorable encounter. We truly connected as fellow Falcons. I send my sincere prayers of comfort and peace to the Williams, Brownlee and Perez Family during this difficult time. "And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. -Revelations 21:4."



Ida Wolfe Walters - June 13, 2025 at 02:53 AM

DA

“ *Dr Hare and Staff, Orangeburg Medical As purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Florence B. Williams.*



Dr Hare and Staff, Orangeburg Medical As - June 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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“ *Dr Hare and Staff, Orangeburg Medical As planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Florence B. Williams.*

Dr Hare and Staff, Orangeburg Medical As - June 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

BG

“ *Florence, Helen, Minnie, Mrs. Bunch and I were family. From Treadwell Street to the suburbs, we shared wonderful moments. She was "little sister" to me, and I shall miss her and her beautiful smile. Rest easily, family, knowing that Florence has been reunited with her beloved "Butch" in Heaven.*

Barbara Tilly Graves - June 12, 2025 at 09:41 AM