



Daisy Bell Slappy Willis

April 4, 1936 - May 31, 2020

Daisy was born April 4, 1936 in Apopka, Florida. She was the first born of the Late Carrie Bell Cooley Williams.

She was nurtured with the tender love and guidance of the Late Daisy Williams. Daisy was always an over-achiever. Her desire to excel in learning caused Ms. Birdy Hooper to skip her in some primary grades. She was a graduate of Hungerford High School, Eatonville, Florida. There Daisy would earn a lifelong reputation as a star basketball player for the Wildcats. Although she was short in stature, she was a giant on the basketball court. Forever branded by her fellow teammates as “lil Slappy.”

In 1953, she would continue her academic path to Spelman College for girls in Atlanta, Georgia. In the spring of 1957, Daisy graduated top of her class. She received her teacher’s certification from Bethune- Cookman University. When asked, How did you do all of that, just a lil gal from little ole Apopka? she would respond, “It was the “Lawd”! (Lord) Daisy return to Apopka and it was then she met and fell in love with this tall, trash talking, gentle giant, Charlie “Bro Springer” Willis. On November 16, 1968 Bro. & Daisy become the proud parents of a bouncy baby boy, Brent “Chuckie” Willis. From the moment she held him in her arms she proclaimed him as her pride and joy.

Daisy began a lifelong career as an educator. Her first job was teaching at

Fredrick Douglas School for the Coloreds in Zellwood, Florida. She would be one of the African Americans teachers chosen to integrate the Orange Schools System. She was transferred to Lake Wesson Elementary School. Daisy help shape the lives of thousand of young people for over 37 years. In 1994 she thought it was time to enjoy retirement. However, that didn't last long. Somehow Daisy was recruited as a tutor for the E-We labs in Eatonville. After a few weeks, her lament was to give that up, but her time there would last over 12 years.

As a young girl, Daisy was introduced to church and the Lord Jesus Christ. She joined the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. For over 70 years, she worked faithfully in various positions. She served as a member of choir #2, the Gospel Choir and she served as Chairperson of the finance Department for many years. Belle had a gift for teaching the word of God, through her beloved Sunday School Class. Daisy's motherly instinct caused her to make a major decision for her spiritual health, she decided to connect and support her God-Son Pastor Timothy L. Ford and the ministry of New Direction Community of Faith Church.

We cannot have a true reflection of Daisy's life without mentioning one of her true loves, her Masonic Family. From the beginning of Daisy's adult life, she connected with Davis Chapter #36 O.E.S. & Citronella Court #93 Heroines of Jericho. From there she would excel higher and higher in her Masonic Family. Daisy served in various roles of the masonic family; she served as chapter Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Matron of Davis Chapter for 26 years. She served as Grand Secretary for the Royal Grand Chapter. In 1991 Daisy was elected as the Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Stars for the State of Florida. Daisy was humbled to serve the organization she loved so much. Her greatest joy of serving was her "official visits". She enjoyed the bond of traveling across the state with her mother Carrie, her best friend Elizabeth Tippins and her masonic mentor Sis. Mamie Baker. Daisy would

also serve on a national level. She held various positions in the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Her dedication to community service continued in her community. She served on the City of Apopka Code Enforcement Board under the late Mayor John H. Land, she was also a dedicated member of Z.A.P.T. and would serve as their President, her final act of community service was her greatest. For over a decade, Daisy would happily serve as President of the Apopka Progressive Senior Club.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her son: Brent "Chuckie"; Her other sons: Sylvester Southerland, R.I.P. Charlie "Cheese" Stephens; A devoted God-Son: Pastor Timothy L. Ford (Cassandra); Four Brothers; Alonzo Williams II (Betty), Dr. Robert Williams, Raymond Williams (Patty), Henry Orr. Three sisters: Cynthia Everett (John), Ethelena Nevins and Renee Macon (Bernard); God-Son: Frank McGraw; Sister-in-law: Mary Lois Sanders; Grandchildren: Jeffery, Joanne, Prissilla, TiMyra Q. Ford, 1st Lieutenant Jacari White, Deontrae, Charquesha, Shantrae, Sadesia Toler and Paul Garret; Nieces & Nephews: Lloyd (Sharon) Sanders, Dr. Doug Sanders, Annette Coleman, Janice Melson, Valarie Sanders, Linda Gale, Alonzo Williams III, Amber Williams, Erica, Kimberly, Lawanda, Robina, Robin, John R., Robert, Timothy, Gregory, Raymond M., Raymond D., Rayshan, Crystal, Bernard Jr. and Amanda Extended family and Love ones; Rose Morris, Dixie Fair, Bernice Wynn, the Late Ann Dunn, Marcus "Snoop" Prince, Angela Jackson-Bellamy, Addie Torrance, Tiffany & Addison Collins, Elder Benji McMiller, Walter "Parish", Leon Jackson and Jo Anna.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Direction Community of Faith Church
232 W. 8th. St.
Apopka, FL 32703

Family Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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232 W. 8th. St.
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *I like all members of the South Apopka Community morn the loss of Mrs. Daisy Willis. I have known her as my Godmother from birth and reflect on the many years of having her as a part of my life. I celebrate ny Godmother's life long commitment to educating the youth of Central Florida. Her presense in our community has been missed for so many years.*

I remember how I couldn't wait to introduce her to my son Christopher McGraw when he was a new born and I brought him to Apopka for the first time. Her smile said everything I needed to hear.

My love for her and the memories of her kind words will forever be apart of who I am.

Rest in God's love.

Your Godson,

Frank McGraw

Frank McGraw - June 13, 2020 at 11:01 AM

VR

“ Always loving to our family. Straight forward but never turned her back on us.
Veronica Sims Rogers



Veronica Sims Rogers - June 11, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JO

“ I met miss daisy when working at Ocoee health. She was an amazing woman. Very quick witted and so much knowledge to show. I enjoyed her love of the Lord. She will forever be my Eastern Star sister. I will miss our chats very much. Rest in peace with the Lord Miss Daisy!

Joan - June 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MK

“ To the Family of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis

May you find comfort in knowing that you are in our prayers. May your faith in God and in His Word (Holy Bible) gives you strength during the transition of your loved one.

Love and Deepest Sympathy,
Minnie Long Scott/Mamie Long Kelly



Mamie Long Kelly - June 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM

DC

“ Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis



Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman - June 05, 2020 at 03:47 PM

DC

“ Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis



Dea. Charlie & Diane Coleman - June 05, 2020 at 03:45 PM

SR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Willis and enjoyed every minute laughing and joking with her. She could walk in a room and light it up with her smile and personality that often brightened my day. I know that she is resting in the arms of the Lord and her memory will forever surround each and everyone she knew and loved. To the family of my dear friend, my prayers are with you and God is with you; even through this storm. To be absence from the body is to be presence with the Lord. May God continue to bless and keep you.

Shelia Reid - June 05, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis.*



June 05, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sister Cheryl Marlene McQueen Pollard lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Sister Cheryl Marlene McQueen Pollard - June 05, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Erica Desaussure lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Erica Desaussure - June 05, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ *Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning*

Leander - June 05, 2020 at 08:01 AM

LM

“ Leander & Arreta McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis



Leander & Arreta McKenzie - June 05, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis.



June 04, 2020 at 02:19 PM

ME

“ Sleep in heavenly peace 🍷🍷 Mom Daisy.

Mesha.A - June 04, 2020 at 12:28 AM

JD

“ JANICE DELONEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis



JANICE DELONEY - June 03, 2020 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ *Jan Howard lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Jan Howard - June 03, 2020 at 11:53 AM

TT

“ *A beautiful soul in and out nothing but love from day one for me and her and bro Pretty Momma (Jakalia) my daughter we love you and gonna miss you much Ma Daisy from Tan, Kalia*

Tangela Thomas - June 03, 2020 at 09:26 AM

LH

“ *Linda & Roberta Hughley lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Linda & Roberta Hughley - June 03, 2020 at 08:52 AM

BM

“ *The MACON'S family sends our Love to Daisy Bell family and friends* 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹
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Bernard Macon - June 02, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis.*



June 02, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Willie Coleman Smith lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Willie Coleman Smith - June 02, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Gussie Baker lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Gussie Baker - June 02, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Daisy Bell Slappy Willis*



Clara Desue - June 02, 2020 at 10:40 AM