



## Mr. William "Bill" Gladden, Jr.

February 13, 1932 - April 2, 2015

(Excerpt from the Book of Ecclesiastes-Third Chapter)

“To Everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heavens” “A Time to Be Born”

William Gladden, Jr. was born on February 13, 1932 in Savannah, Georgia. He was the oldest child of William and Bertha Gladden, Sr.

“A Time to Learn”

He matriculated from Hungerford High School and attended Morehouse College for two years. In 1973, he was licensed as a funeral embalmer through the McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, Inc., New York.

“A Time to Serve”

He was enlisted into the United States Navy on June 2, 1952 and served his country for four years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy and later went on to serve as an Officer for the City of Miami Police Department. He also worked with troubled youth during his time of service with the New York City Department of Corrections Juvenile Justice Division. He later became a Citrus Grove Manager for Sharp's Grove Services of Apopka, Florida until his retirement in 1990. He served his community as a licensed Notary Public and wrote weekly historical articles for the Apopka Chief newspaper under the pen name of Perrine Slim. He was the proud author of the book “The Pennings of

Perrine Slim: Stories of Northwest Orange County Florida.” Affiliations include the Fraternal Order of Masons - Davis Lodge #47 and the Morehouse College Alumni Association. He was known to many as the “Mayor of South Apopka.”

“A Time to Depart”

On April 2, 2015, William transitioned from this earthly life to his heavenly home.

“A Time to Cherish”

William Gladden, Jr. married Beatrice Rometta Love in 1956. She preceded him in death in 1995.

Those who are left to cherish his memory and lament his passing: son, Michael C. Gladden, III (Joscelyn) of Orlando, Florida; like a son, Tarence Brown of Apopka, Florida; grandsons, Michael C. Gladden, Jr. (Sharise) of Melbourne, Florida, Jonathan D. Eaddy of Brunswick, Georgia, Christopher K. H. Eaddy, Sr. (Allison) of Winter Springs, Florida; like a grandson, Tabyuse Johnson of Apopka, Florida; granddaughters, Michelle Gladden of Miami, Florida, Michaela Gladden of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rometta Gladden of Houston, Texas; sisters, Carolyn McBain, Jean Marie Leslie (Willie) of New York; sisters-in-law, Geneva Gladden of Sanford, Florida, Martha Love Crumel (Shealy) of Boca Raton, Florida, Jacqui Love Thornell (Reverend Kwasi) of Walnut Creek, California; nephews, Gary Garner of Apopka, Florida, Joseph McBain of New York; devoted friends, Francina Boykin, Steve Johnson, Jr., Annie Belle Gilliam, David Wright, Jr. (Etrulia), Ernest Simmons of Apopka, Florida; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1012 South Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

## Service

APR **12**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bill" Gladden, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family*

**Marsha Sankey Motley** - April 10, 2015 at 08:11 AM



“ *To the family of mr William I to feel your pain my name is pamela rosado iam the lady that mister William let set up in his drive way I last talked with him on Saturday march 28th 2015 I looked in his eyes and later told my husband mr William didn't look well not noing it would be the last meeting I have a truck that we were working on so the people could walk in and shop in air he was really exited about seeing it i even told him we could let lift down and he could go in and shop he said alright then praise God he did get to see the truck I will never forget mr William because he believed in me and he gave me a chance to live my dream he was a real warrior and he will be missed my prayers or with you mrs pamela rosado and dale rosado*

**pamela** - April 10, 2015 at 06:43 AM



“ *G.Lavern Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Gladden, Jr.*



**G.Lavern Baker** - April 09, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Gladden, Jr..*



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April 09, 2015 at 08:02 AM



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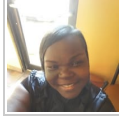
**Dale Slongwhite** - April 06, 2015 at 03:51 PM

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*Wow this was a great man he was my father and a great friend. I reach back and teach one and give back to kids because of this man.*

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**Charlotte** - May 05, 2016 at 04:28 PM



*Growing up was special because of you. To say the least you was my father. Yes! I know I HAD WHAT SOME WOULD SAY A MAN WHO LAID WITH MY MOTHER TO GIVE ME LIFE but I did not know him I knew you. I was about 11 months when you started seeing my mother and that continue until I was grown. You taught us we must work hard. You took us to see your father in Apopka and showed us what hard work got you. He owned a lot of business there. See being poor I knew all too well. I started studying and working hard and I am not rich but I am not poor either I do ok. I have had some great loss in the last couple years great losses you being one of the greatest, my natural father, divorce, my home, my health, sleeping in a car but you know what I have a tiny apartment it is not much but it is mines. I have everything you gave me in my heart and in my brain its mines. I remember all the times you sat us at the table and told us to look up New York and write an essay on one city there. Look up China and tell you home many people lived there in 1956. I am a better person because of you I can not THANK YOU enough. Thank you for loving my mother and loving her children and taking us as a package deal your a special man.*

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**Maxine Woods** - May 05, 2016 at 05:04 PM

BE

*Michael, Charlotte told me that William past and I said she was lying you have my condolences and love. May God hold you and the rest of the family in his hands. This world going to miss a great person. He help me and my children so much, Love Betty Bellamy Woods*

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**Betty** - May 26, 2016 at 07:29 PM

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*Still can't get over it, last time I was in Florida wanted to see him, but Ramona was dying could not get over to Apopka. Never told him about her because I knew he would take it hard, didn't want him to feel that pain. Wonderful man Gladden always in my heart. Betty Bellamy Woods*

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**Betty Woods** - July 18, 2016 at 12:29 PM