



Ms. Lorianne Basnight-Williams

March 6, 1963 - December 8, 2021

Obituary

Sister Lorianne Basnight Williams was born in Columbia, North Carolina on March 6, 1963 to the Late Rev Charlie Sidney Basnight and Mother Edna Basnight; she was the 7th out of eight children. She was a child with a special gift of discernment. Lorianne departed this life on December 8, 2021 at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City Missouri. She was preceded in death by her Father, Reverend Charlie Basnight, and her older Brother Charlie Lee Basnight.

Lorianne received her formal education from Tyrell County Public Schools and graduated from Columbia High School. Lorianne always had a positive attitude, infectious smile, and a wonderful sense of humor. Shortly after high school, she shared her contagious smile with others when she worked in fast food and retail. Lorianne also worked for the North Carolina State Employee Credit Union as a bank teller spreading joy to all she encountered. She would also serve the community of Columbia, North Carolina as a hairdresser in her sister's Nadean's hair salon. Additionally, Lorianne had a special gift of successfully promoting gospel concerts across the eastern part of North Carolina. Lorianne delighted herself in the Lord, and she looked forward to worshipping with other believers.

Lorianne enjoyed cooking, baking, dancing, and being with family and close

friends especially during holidays and other special occasions. At a very young age, Lorianne developed a relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She served her God through the Zion Grove Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ by reestablishing the Zion Grove Youth Choir, and she is the founder of the Zion Grove Women's Outreach Choir. Lorianne had a deep passion for visiting those who were sick and shut-in and would offer help to the elderly of the community.

On August 28, 1999, she was married to Reverend Rodney E. Williams, and from that union, they had one loving daughter Courtney Nicole Williams who was the apple of her eye. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, and woman of faith who stood by and with her family.

Upon leaving Columbia, North Carolina and moving to Kansas City, Missouri she attended the Swope Parkway United Christian Church Disciples of Christ in the role of First Lady, and as a choir and youth leader. Everywhere she went, Lorianne was able to attract people because of down-to-earth personality, love, and spirit of generosity.

After a two-and half-year battle with Cancer, Lorianne won the fight and gained her way back home with the Lord. Lorianne Basnight Williams is survived by her husband Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, daughter Courtney Nicole Williams her mother Edna Basnight, siblings, Nadean Spruill, Alfreda Gasaway, Ruby Banks, Malvina Copeland, Donald Ray Basnight, David Wayne Basnight, and a host of relatives. Lorianne also had a special nephew Myron Owens and two special children Danielle N. Williams and Rodney C. Williams.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, December 17, 2021, 11:00am at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 8144 Holmes, Rd. KCMO. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 10am-11am at the

church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel.
Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Ms. Lorianne Basnight-Williams, please visit our floral store.

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AB

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Lorianne Basnight-Williams
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons
Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Lorianne Basnight-Williams - May 25, 2023
at 12:29 PM

SW

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Lorianne
Basnight-Williams by Shannon Williams. Send FlowersOur deepest
symphonyThe board and Residents of K. David Cole Place &
CCHShannon Williams

Shannon Williams - May 25, 2023 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ms. Lorianne Basnight-
Williams by The Martin Al-Haj Family. Plant a TreeSending lots of
love and light to Reverend Rodney and Courtney during this difficult
time.The Martin Al-Haj Family

The Martin Al-Haj Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:29 PM

DB

“ I am so saddened by the loss of my dear friend I am late with my response. I just found this site. but Lora and i have been friends since childhood. walking to school together and talking for hours. she will be missed dearly by so many people in Columbia NC. she was loved by many, her bright personality and her smile were always welcomed. we laughed together, she would even cry with you to know her was a joy. my heart breaks because of her passing. When she left Columbia i never knew that i would no see her again.

Dena Bryant - January 31, 2022 at 01:40 PM

TG

“ I was saddened to hear of Ms Loriannes passing and will never forget all of the encouragement and love she showed me as I was growing up in Columbia.

Tiffany Griswell - December 17, 2021 at 06:41 PM

NS

“ My heart is truly broken. I will miss Sister Lorianne on Sunday mornings sitting with the voices and all the kind words and the encouragement she would give. She had such a sweet presence about her. You knew she was truly a child of God. I love her and will miss her. "Change Me" and he heard your cry. He changed you and you bloomed into a beautiful rose for His garden. Love you Sister Lorianne.

Nancy Griddine Smith - December 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM

WA

“ Praying for the family..With heartfelt sympathy

Washington Norfolk District Assembly - December 16, 2021 at 10:23 PM

RW

“ Rev. Rodney and Courtney, I was saddened to hear about the passing of First Lady Lorianne. She was a beautiful women with a beautiful soul. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Renee Wiggins and Family

Renee Wiggins - December 16, 2021 at 08:06 PM

KS

“ The Simpson family send love and prayers

Kelvin Simpson - December 16, 2021 at 07:20 PM

RB

“ Lifting Pastor Rodney-our brother in Christ, his daughter as well as all the Family, the church Family and Friends, especially during this difficult time of bereavement. Lorianne was such a joyful person. She radiated to whoever she met. Praying for Gods comfort and strength to you all. He is a present help..

Rebecca Barber - December 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM