



## Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams

November 14, 1988 - July 19, 2022

Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams, affectionately known as “Landa” to many, was born in Columbia, South Carolina to Pathenia Williams-Starks and Anthony Higgins on November 14, 1988. Yolanda transitioned to be with the Heavenly Father on July 19, 2022.

Yolanda was educated in the Richland County School System and earned her diploma from A.C Flora High School. Yolanda later attended South University to pursue her BS in Nursing. Yolanda was employed by Prisma Health Richland.

Yolanda was truly an angel on Earth. She shared her love for God, her family, and friends with everyone. Her smile would brighten every room that she entered and her soft sweet voice was like music to your ears. Yolanda was always there to be a listening ear, shoulder to lean on, or offer words of encouragement. She always had a positive attitude no matter the situation. Yolanda is a Sickle Cell Anemia Warrior. She never allowed the disease to stop her from accomplishing her heart’s desires. When she would go through a pain crisis, her concern was not for herself but for those that were closest to her. She would never complain but remind us constantly that she is a child of God and that He had her in His care. She would spend her time encouraging us to keep our heads up, make sure that her children and mother were ok, and check on her beloved Bella Rose. Yolanda educated people on the

challenges that Sickle Cell Anemia warriors would face when seeking care and/or treatment and voiced her concerns on the changes that needed to be made. Again, she was always thinking about others and not just herself. Her greatest pride and joy in life was being an amazing Mom to her sonshine, Elijah and her beautiful princess, Zyon. She loved creating special memories with her children, making them smile and giving them all of her love. Yolanda's legacy will go on forever- she lived, she loved, and she accomplished her goals leaving an imprint on everyone that was blessed to meet and talk with her. Yolanda left this world a better place simply because she was here!

Yolanda was preceded in death by her grandfather, Mr. John Higgins; uncle, Mr. Bernard Higgins; great-uncle, Louie E. Johnson; aunts, Cassandra Higgins and Emma Dean Derrick; special cousin, Jason William Anderson.

Yolanda's legacy and memories will continue through her mother, Pathenia Williams (John) Starks of Columbia, South Carolina and Anthony Higgins of Eastover, South Carolina; son, Elijah A. Williams; daughter, Zyon Nevaeh Williams-Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina; maternal grandmother, Bertha L. Williams of Columbia, South Carolina; paternal grandmother, Daisy Mae Higgins of Eastover, South Carolina; brothers, Darrius Solomon and Anquan Higgins both of Columbia, South Carolina; sister, Tameisha Williams of Columbia, South Carolina; aunt, Shonta M. Williams of Columbia, South Carolina; uncles, Marion Derrick of Columbia, South Carolina and Isaac Williams of York, South Carolina; 11 nieces and nephews all of Columbia, South Carolina; special cousins – ShaNiah A. Williams, Jaiden I. Williams, and Jada M. Williams, Terry Norris all of Columbia, South Carolina, Dantigo (Santor) Green of Burton, South Carolina; her little boo Achilles Jason William Anderson of Columbia, South Carolina; her bonus sisters, Erika Taylor of Houston, Texas, Kemberly Whitener, Shanaria Johnson, Deanna Johnson, Naja T. Dreher, Decole F. Brown, Jayna Martin, and Danielle Jennings all of Columbia, South Carolina; dear friend, Josh Taylor of Columbia, South

Carolina; childhood friends, Querida Dinkins, Lelia Goodwin, and Impazia Anderson of Columbia, South Carolina; fur baby Bella Rose; special friend, Tavarous Brown of Columbia, South Carolina and a host of family and friends that were blessed to have Yolanda as part of their lives.

The Williams family acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Funeral Service will be 1:00 p. m., Monday, July 25, 2022 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Interment to follow in The Promised Land Cemetery.

Public viewing will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel.

Please leave Yolanda Williams family your condolences and prayers.

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# Cemetery Details

## The Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
COLUMBIA, SC 29204

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
1237 House Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 799-8906

*To view the service, please click on the link below: <https://fb.watch/evOlcvlXgZ/>*

# Tribute Wall

ZW

“ *This is my mommy and I love her so much*

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**Zyon Williams** - May 28, 2024 at 01:56 PM

PH

“ *PRINCESS HANCOCK lit a candle in memory of Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams*



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**PRINCESS HANCOCK** - August 13, 2022 at 02:30 AM

AJ

“ As our hearts is broken in the lost of our beautiful queen ANOITED sister PATHIENA only daughter YOLANDA 🥹 We as her sister's in Christ, her prayer partners and her comforters and encourager when she is week stand in the gap for her asking #GOD TO GIVE HER AND HER GRANDCHILDREN'S , the strength they need to keep pressing their way in life with the biggest part of their heart incomplete with YOLANDA, not being on dis side of the earth of life anymore, I want her to know we as her sister's is here to keep her from falling when she is to broken to get up as we haven't walked in such painful 👠👠 shoe's she is having to face and walk in 🥹 we can only imagine the hurt and pain and sleepless night and sad days she will face until the end of times cuz that kind of pain of having to lay ur only child to rest 🥹 will be a pain DATZ u will 4ever face 🥹 and we want you to know we will always be right here by ur side sister all the way to heaven gates 🙌❤️ we luv you and want you to know you and your beautiful blessed family are 4ever in our thoughts and prayers 🙏🙌🥹



ALISON R JAMES - July 26, 2022 at 01:01 AM



“ *My prayers and deepest condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams.*

*So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you” – John 16:22*

*Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family  
Columbia, SC*



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**Tammy Edwards** - July 25, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Williams Family.  
Rest in Paradise Sweet Angel*



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**Jennifer C. Gadsden** - July 25, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *I've been at a loss for words since being told the news of Landa's passing. She was always a ray of sunshine with a sweet spirit. Cuzzo... you're missed and we will continue to mourn this great loss. Your babies are being taken care of.*

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**Darius Farley** - July 25, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ We will all die some day but I can think of a few that could've went **BEFORE** you. You deserved every moment you lived serving the Lord and your children. So calm with such a sweet spirit. I will miss you my girl. You fought and you fought gracefully. You've kept GOD first , your children and you've honored your parents. You were “the example”. Job well done sweetheart. I love you. No matter what, friends forever. 🕊️🙏💔



Ashley Nicole - July 25, 2022 at 01:28 AM

KH

“ I can't think of the right words to our into order to express feeling I have. Ok am so blessed to have meet you no matter the circumstances. Your pure heart and motivation to strive for whatever you wanted impacted me in more ways than one. You will definitely be missed Yolanda. May God wrap his hands around your family during this time of grief. 💔

Kenisha Hampton - July 24, 2022 at 09:56 PM

WH

“ My Prayers Thoughts Condolences to Family and Extend Family May Rest In God's Grace Love Watch over The Family and Extend



Willie Hampton - July 24, 2022 at 03:03 PM

AY

“ To the family members just keep praying and pushing I know that this is going to be a hard time for everyone to remember that Yolanda is in a better place now and the only thing we can do is pray for everyone to get threw this together and I know that everyday that goes bye not going to be easy for everyone so just remember she maybe gone but never forgotten

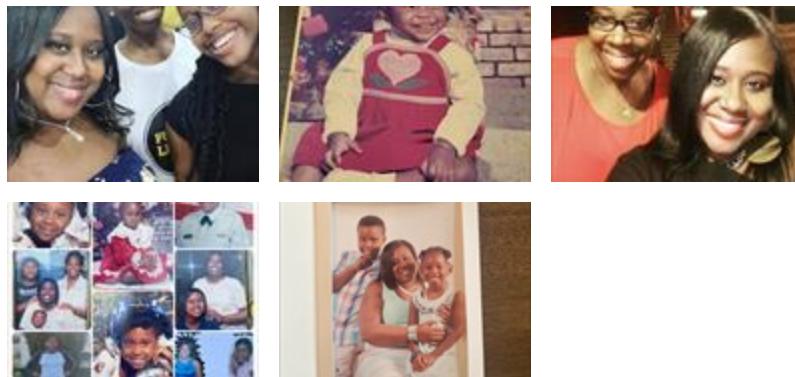


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abraham youmans - July 24, 2022 at 02:55 PM

SW

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



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Shonta Williams - July 24, 2022 at 07:51 AM

SW

“ My beautiful warrior. I was blessed to have you for 33 years, 8 months, and 5 days- though not long enough- I can truly say I had the opportunity to love and be loved by an angel. You touched countless people and impacted lives. That angelic smile, soft comforting voice, and infectious laughter brightened a many of days for those blessed to know you. My beautiful niece, while my heart is broken and I miss you deeply, I find some comfort in knowing that you're now pain free. I will take care of your babies and mother. I love you Landa!

Shonta Williams - July 24, 2022 at 07:46 AM

YM

“ I am still in shock and my heart is broken knowing that I will no longer hear your soft spoken, sweet, kind "Hey Ms. Yvonne" ever again. May you rise high and soar with the Angels as you look down over your loved ones. I will miss you, my dear!



Yvonne A Madison - July 23, 2022 at 09:26 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Madison & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams.



Yvonne Madison & Family - July 23, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams.*



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July 23, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *To Parthenia and Williams our deepest condolences. Yolanda was a beautiful young lady and a humble young lady. In spite of her illness, she always manage to enjoy life with a beautiful smile on her face. Keep the memories, they lives forever in our hearts. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family. May God grant you comfort and strength during your time of sorrow and in days to come. May God gives the children peace and understanding. Yolanda will dearly be missed! We love y'all always!!!*

*Stay strong in the Lord!! Penny, Terry and Drexler*

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**Mildred Smith** - July 23, 2022 at 03:57 PM

KH

“ Yolanda you will forever be loved and missed by myself, Kennedy and Harvey. I've always admired your strength and zest for life!! You made your mother so proud!! And too top it off you were an amazing mother, friend and auntie!! Even though your passing took me by surprise (we had just had one of the best conversation) I will continue to trust in the lord knowing that he needed you more. As I always promised you I will continue be apart of your village to watch over your babies!!  
I love you so much!! I miss you!!!



Love, Kin, Kennedy, and Harvey

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**Kin Harris** - July 23, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Yolanda Vashawn Williams.



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July 22, 2022 at 10:12 PM

YB

“ My condolences to The Williams Family.....Yolanda Benson

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**Yolanda Benson** - July 22, 2022 at 05:58 AM

AK

“ Growing up we literally stayed across the street from each other Tree Street babies! I used to ask my mom when you were gone months at a time! Where is she! To get older and realized you were fighting then! I'm sure God held you real tight when you arrived! You've won my girl! Fly high YoYo! We love you but you're finally free! I'll be praying for your family! Sleep well

Arie K. - July 21, 2022 at 04:16 AM

LB

“ Yolanda always had a smile on her face even when she didn't feel good. She was a sweet and kindhearted person whom I am glad God allowed us to cross paths. To her children your mama loved you guys to the moon and back a trillion times. And her family she loved very, very much. Yolanda you will be missed but never forgotten I am praying for the family and friends. Take your rest friend until we meet again.



Lahoma Brown - July 20, 2022 at 03:07 PM