



## Wilma Jean Williams Prior

December 11, 1950 - March 15, 2022

Appalachia, Virginia

Wilma Jean Williams Prior, 71- passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at her daughter's residence.

Wilma was born in Appalachia, Virginia on Dec. 11, 1950. She was the daughter of the late John Thomas Williams & Juanita Elizabeth (Boggess) Williams. Growing up one of nine children, she developed a strong personality that she carried her entire life. She was a graduate of Appalachia High School. After high school, Wilma worked in the medical field as a C.N.A. One of her jobs she excelled at was caring for elderly friends and family. Her character and stature as the Matriarch of her family was evident by how she showed her love, advice, and leadership with them. Wilma took great pride in raising and instilling her morals on all her family. Her dedication stretched beyond her own children. She was a "Mother to all". Wilma's family and friends will grieve her loss. Her caring and loving ways will live on for generations to come.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Chester Williams, her maternal grandparents, Carrie Edwards, & George Washington Boggess, her paternal grandparents, John Thomas Williams and Jessee Williams.

She is survived by her children; Margie Prior Welch (Frederick), Curtis L. Prior I. & fiancé Sandra Duff, Brandi N.E. Prior, stepdaughter, Alicia Fields, grandchildren, Akeem Prior & Fiance' Marshe Bonaparte, Joycie Hagan, Jasiah Duff, Jeremiah Duff, Ava Prior, Christopher Porambo, Ashlei Porambo, great- grandchildren; Elaina, King, Raven, Alexandra, Laila, & Londyn, her siblings, John D. Williams (Rose), Sandra Williams, Victor Williams (Sarah), Don Williams (Linda), Gary Williams (Becky) James Williams, & Anita Toodle, The father of her children, Curtis Prior, special sister, Jean Williams Hall, along with a host of other nieces, nephews, close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 26th at Holding Funeral Home from 12pm-2pm. The Funeral service will be conducted immediately following in the funeral

home's chapel with Pastor Ernest Williams officiating. Her burial will be in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens following the funeral service.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/W2N4MMWT59SG58M2>

An online register is available for the family of Mrs. Wilma J. Williams Prior at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Wilma J. Williams Prior.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

MAR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

MAR **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilma Jean Williams Prior*



**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 24, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Wilma Jean Williams Prior*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *To the Pryor and Williams Family, I send my condolences, love and prayers. GOD will give you peace and comfort. Trust him and He will make your load lighter.*



**Lula Bryant-Sturdivant, Las Vegas NV** - March 26, 2022 at 04:57 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Prior family during this time. May the sweet memories of your life and times together bring you comfort in the difficult days to come. Blessings to the family. Minister Lynnette Stuart and Josie Ellis*

**Josie Ellis** - March 25, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ *Praying God's comfort ,strength and peace in this season for you all . Glory to God*



**Laurence Hall** - March 23, 2022 at 03:27 PM

DD

*Sister Prior will truly be missed. I always smile when I would see her and her Sister coming in the Church. You were the joy. Rose and I will always remember you ❤️*  
*Deacon Melvin Dawson*

**Deacon Melvin Dawson** - March 25, 2022 at 02:36 PM

KD

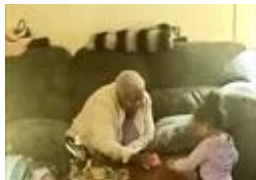
“ *Katharina Duff lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Williams Prior*



**Katharina Duff** - March 19, 2022 at 09:38 AM

CP

“ *I don't know where to start. They say a boys first love is his mother. True! I learn from you what loving unconditional is. Always your baby boy. What hurts the most is this baby girl of mine you bugged me so much about having, will no longer get these video calls. Well the memories she made with you last her forever? Watching the two of you together brought me so much joy. Momma you've been my Rock, my protector, my provider. My everything. I can't and will not say goodbye to you, because you will always be with me in some way, shape of form. Until we meet again my Angel. I love you momma.*



**Curtis Prior** - March 18, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wilma Jean Williams Prior.*



March 18, 2022 at 05:32 PM

EJ

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family of Sister Wilma Prior.*



Eugene Jarvis - March 18, 2022 at 02:08 PM

SR

“ *I Am Going To Miss Your Laughter and Hugs.  
I Will Cherish Our Friendship Forever  
Rest In Heaven 🙏🙏*



Sheila Russell - March 17, 2022 at 09:56 PM

TB

“ *Rest in Heaven our sweet Cousin, we gonna miss your beautiful smile, we all love you, from your Cousins in Las Vegas Nevada, Henry, Teri, & Branti Baldwin, Rosie, Tony, Neice, & Isaac D.Boggess, Markell & TaKeisha Boggess, Issac Jr. & Angelene Boggess, Phillip & Sheri Davis, Louis Myles Family*



Teri Boggess Baldwin - March 17, 2022 at 06:16 PM

JG

“ *Jeannie Snodgrass Gilley lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Williams Prior*



Jeannie Snodgrass Gilley - March 17, 2022 at 04:23 PM