



## Mrs. Carla Denise Williams

December 20, 1962 - March 5, 2026

Mrs. Carla Denise Williams, 63, of Peoria, IL, transitioned to her heavenly home on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at her residence surrounded by her family.

Carla Denise Williams was born on December 20, 1962, in Memphis, TN, to Louis and Fannie Mae Douglas. She married the love of her life Nathan Williams on August 30, 1986, with whom she shared 19½ years of marriage until his passing on April 16, 2006, in Peoria. Their marriage was built on love, faith, and devotion to family.

Carla was deeply loved and supported by her bonus parents, Phillip and Gloria Meachem, whom she looked to as guiding parental figures throughout her life. Their love, encouragement, and support helped shape the strong and faithful woman Carla became.

Carla graduated from Fayette-Ware High School in Somerville, TN. She later continued her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, TN and Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL. Carla dedicated many years of faithful service to Bemis Bag Company, where she worked diligently until her retirement.

A woman whose life was rooted in faith, family, and perseverance, Carla accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Paul Missionary

Baptist Church in Williston, TN. After relocating to Peoria, IL, she became a devoted member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Willie Williams, Sr. Carla faithfully served as an usher and worked diligently with the church's food pantry ministry. She also took great joy in supporting church and pastoral anniversary celebrations and was always willing to serve wherever she was needed.

Forever remembered with love by her two sons, Nicholas and Cedric Williams, whom she loved deeply and guided with strength and wisdom. She was also a proud and devoted grandmother. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and brought her immeasurable joy.

A woman of deep faith and remarkable strength, Carla was diagnosed with cancer in her early thirties and courageously fought a long battle. Through every trial, she remained a living testimony of God's grace and mercy, continuing to praise and glorify Him with unwavering faith that inspired all who knew her. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble, tending to her flowers, and taking pride in keeping her yard and landscaping beautiful. She found joy in life's simple moments, especially those spent with family and loved ones. She also cherished the special friendships she shared with Ibbie Voltz, Venus Cobb, and Letha Cagle.

Carla's life was a testament to faith, perseverance, and unconditional love. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy of strength, devotion, and faith will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Carla leaves to cherish her memory her bonus parents Phillip and Gloria Meachem; two sons, Nicholas Williams and Cedric Williams; one brother, Harold Douglas; bonus sister, Cassandra (Charles) Tomes; bonus brothers, Phillip Meachem and Patrick (Briggett) Meachem; and grandchildren Jayden Williams, Kimmari (Mari) Bell, and Ezekiel Williams; and a host of nieces,

nephews, uncle, aunts, cousins, church family, and friends who will forever hold her memory close to their hearts. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband.

Funeral services will be held on at 10 am on Saturday March 14, 2026 at Peoria Friendship M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior at 9 am. Rev. Dr. Claude Russell, Jr., Pastor will officiate. Carla will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with local arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Peoria Friendship M.B. Church  
3828 N New York Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 13 at 05:18 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams*



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**Simons Mortuary** - March 13 at 10:34 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 09 at 02:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Dove Release



Simons Mortuary - April 09 at 02:34 PM

DG

“ Denise Burns Green lit a candle in memory of Carla Williams



Denise Burns Green - March 28 at 07:29 PM

BV

“ Rest well, Aunt Carla. May the Most High grant you peace and everlasting rest. Your life of love faithfulness and family will not be forgotten. We pray His comfort and strength covers the family during this time. Love you, Shalom.

Britt Voltz - March 14 at 11:31 AM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Carla Williams



Mattie Risby - March 13 at 12:02 PM

HW

“ Harvey & Robbie Williams purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.



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Harvey & Robbie Williams - March 13 at 05:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.



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March 12 at 12:23 PM

LJ

“ LeRoy & Sonya Linwood Jr. lit a candle in memory of Carla Williams



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LeRoy & Sonya Linwood Jr. - March 12 at 11:36 AM

DP

“ Condolences to Carla's kids, grandkids & family. I have been friends with Carla for years & we are neighbors as well. Carla & I always have had many conversations about how much my mom, who has passed, loved her. Get your rest Carla! Prayers to the family!

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Darryl Pegues - March 12 at 11:10 AM

KJ

“ You will be missed! 🙏🤝💜



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**Kathleen Johnson** - March 11 at 07:22 PM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of making all of the bridesmaids dresses (yellow) for Nate & Carla wedding.... RIH

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**Bea Cannon** - March 11 at 04:07 PM

BC

“ *Bea Cannon lit a candle in memory of Carla Williams*



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**Bea Cannon** - March 11 at 04:05 PM

RF

“ *Ronald FURNESS & Polly Furness lit a candle in memory of Carla Williams*



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**Ronald FURNESS & Polly Furness** - March 11 at 01:09 PM

LD

“ Lorece Mitchell and daughters! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.



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**Lorece Mitchell and daughters!** - March 11 at 01:08 PM

LD

“ Lorece Mitchell and daughters! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.

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**Lorece Mitchell and daughters!** - March 11 at 01:08 PM

PD

“ Peoria Public Schools Safety Department purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.



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**Peoria Public Schools Safety Department** - March 11 at 11:32 AM

BC

“ Had the pleasure of making bridesmaids dresses for your wedding to Nate... yellow was the color!!! RIH



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**Bea Cannon** - March 10 at 11:48 PM

CW

“ *Cheterrria W. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Carla Denise Williams.*



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**Cheterrria W.** - March 10 at 05:16 PM