



Grace Virginia Williams

April 4, 1924 - May 2, 2025

Obituary

Grace Virginia Williams, daughter of the late Lawrence Bratten and Pearlina Finney Bratten, was born on April 4, 1924 in Box Iron, Maryland. She transitioned peacefully on May 2, 2025, from Manokin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Princess Anne, Maryland.

She was educated in the Worcester County Public School system. Her employment included domestic work and field labor. She dedicated her life of service as a caregiver, often watching kids after school and encouraging others to do their best. Later in life, Grace became a caregiver for her father, Lawrence Bratten, stepmother, Idella Bratten and her sister, Beulah Bratten.

In January 1949, she united in marriage with the late George Henry Wise, Sr. and from that union had eight children. Grace dedicated her life to creating a warm and nurturing home for her husband George, and their eight children.

Grace accepted Christ at an early age and loved to worship at her family church.

Grace's greatest joy came from spending time with her family and fostering a loving environment. Her homemade yeast rolls, sweet potato pies, and fried

chicken were legendary in the neighborhood, and her holiday gatherings were eagerly anticipated by family and friends alike. Grace's love for which she lovingly cared. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 23.

In 2000, once again Grace found love and married the late Frank Williams.

Grace leaves cherished memories with: her son, George Henry Wise, Jr. (Shirley) of Baltimore, Maryland; her daughters, Mamie Elizabeth Saunders of Princess Anne, Maryland, Pearline Virginia Justice (Lurell) of Pocomoke City, Maryland and Denise Lynne Bice of Baltimore, Maryland. Grace is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Grace was preceded in death by: six brothers, Lawrance Bratten, Jr., Charles Bratten, Paul Bratten, William Bratten, Jesse Bratten and Edward Bratten; five sisters, Elsie Yasin, Mary Finney, Beulah Bratten, Mable Johnson and Catherine Bishop; her husbands, George Wise, Sr. and Frank Williams; her children, three sons, Lawrence Wilmore Wise, Wallace Lee Wise and Emanuel Wilmore Wise and one daughter Shirley Mae Sykes and son-in-law, Elvin Saunders.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater New Macedonia Baptist Church
518 Young St
Pocomoke City, MD 21851
(302) 613-8765

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

MAY 16. 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 09, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ *When peace like a river, attends my way. Mrs. Grace Williams can say It is well with her soul.
My heartfelt sympathy to Pearline, the Wise & Williams families.
May God comfort the families during this time of bereavement.*

*Jesus Lives, 🕊️
Ms. Sheila Palmer*

Sheila Palmer - May 08, 2025 at 10:12 PM



Thank you Wise family for sharing Mrs Grace with my grandfather, so many memories are planted inside me our prayers are with you and the family.

Dean and Diana Williams ❤️

Dean Williams - May 16, 2025 at 03:53 PM