



Honorary Pallbearers
(Grandsons)

Acknowledgments

We the family of Mother Finley is most grateful for the acts of kindness you have shown during this time of our bereavement. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and love have given us the strength and inspiration we need.

Special thanks to C.J. Green and Zachirah Robinson for endless care of their grandmother, and Jennifer Clayton, Sharon Patton and Jacqueline Louis for their extra acts of love.

*Special thanks to Bishop Leofric W.
& First Lady Thomas
and the Family of
Open Arms Community Church.
Thank you and God Bless You all.*



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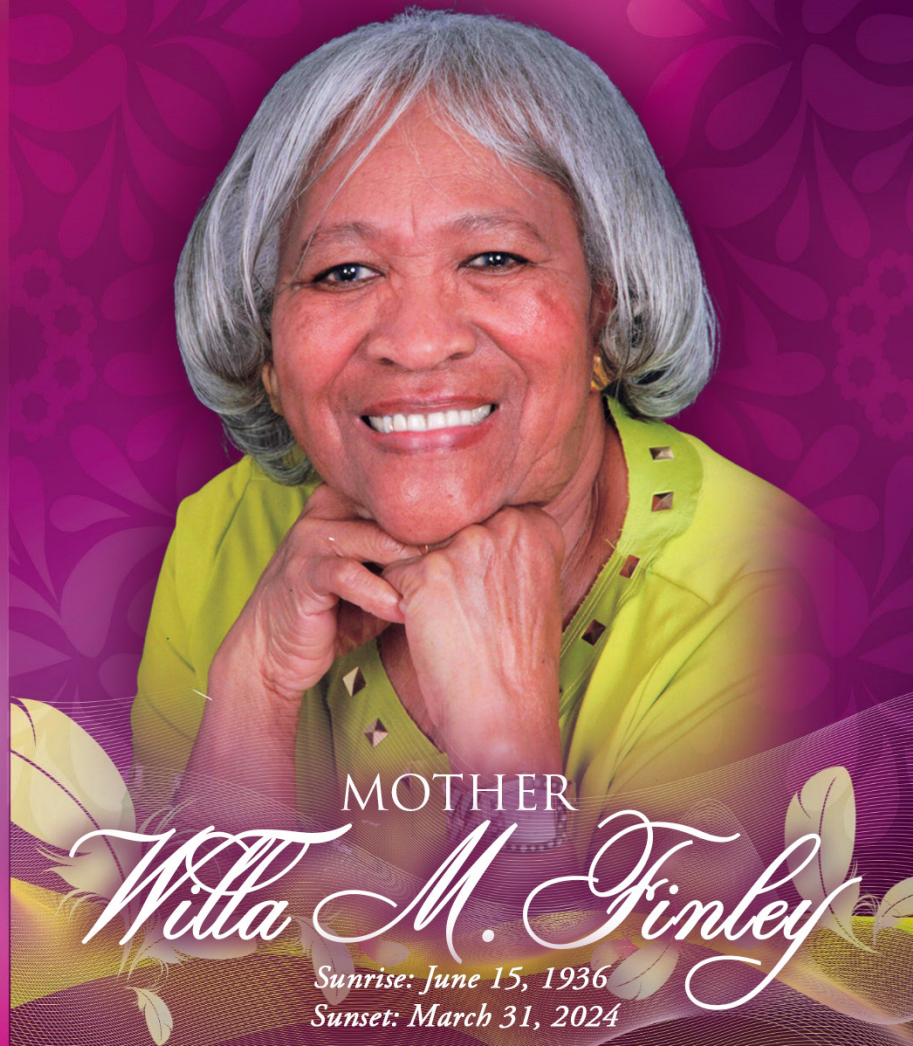


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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



MOTHER

Willa M. Finley

Sunrise: June 15, 1936

Sunset: March 31, 2024

Services Held

Family Hour: 1:00pm

Funeral: 2:00pm

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Samuel C. Rogers, Jr. Memorial Chapel
4315 N. Main Street | Jacksonville, FL 32206
Elder Reginald Caldwell, Officiating

Memories...



Order of Service

Master of Ceremony.....	Elder Reginald Caldwell (Bethel Baptist Institutional Church)
Processional.....	The Family
Old Testament.....	Deacon J. Evans (Open Arms Community Church)
New Testament.....	Reverend E.W. Norman
Prayer.....	Elder Camille Evans (Open Arms Community Church)
Song.....	Open Arms Praise Teams
Obituary/Acknowledgements.....	Mrs. Ingrid Montgomery
Poem.....	Miss Attaliah Daniels (Great-granddaughter)
Remarks /Expressions.....	Limit (2 minutes) Please!!
Poem.....	Ms. Paris Remond (Granddaughter)
Solo.....	Open Arms Praise Team
Eulogy.....	Elder Reginald Caldwell
Recessional.....	Postlude

Memories...



Loving Tribute

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm Free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His Hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to live, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I've found my peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine for tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me Free!!!*

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Loving Tribute



*All over the world there are people
Special people like you
Who make life so meaningful and
Worthwhile.
Who are always there when needed
As in our bereavement hour
Who will always be special in our hearts
May God Bless and Keep you
Many thanks for Everything
And may God create many more
Special people like you!!!*

*The Family of
Mother Willa Finley*

Obituary

Willa M. Finley, passionately known as (Mother) Finley was born on June 15, 1936, in Oneida, Arkansas to the union of Martha Ann Briggs and Isee Dixon. She moved to Flint, Michigan at the age of 8 years old until relocating to Ocala, Florida in 1998. While in Flint, she met and married Robert L. Finley on October 27, 1955. From this union they shared 6 children: Rodney, Valerie, Ava, Roleda, Bruce, and Aleta. Mother Finley lived in Ocala, Florida until moving to Jacksonville, Florida, in 2011 where she resided until her death. Mother Finley was no stranger to anyone she met and a mother to many. She loved the Lord and she let everyone know whoever she met. She was a member of Open Arms Ministry under the leadership of Bishop Leofric Thomas Sr Pastor and Lady Sandy. For many year she worked faithfully in the church on the nurse's ministry until she could no longer serve but continued the ministry she so zealously enjoyed "making calls" to others.

Mother Finley leaves to cherish her memories: 4 daughters, Valerie Green and Aleta Finley of Jacksonville, Florida, Ava Daniels and Roleda West of Flint, Michigan; 14 grandchildren: Nate West, Calvin Green and Zachirah Robinson of Florida, Marria Daniels, Mario Daniels II, Paris Redmond, Searis West and LaRon Isom of Michigan, Monta (Sharee) Daniels of North Carolina, Mariel Daniels and Lamar (Rebekah) Antwan both of Texas, Vincent Finley, Bre'Ina Finley and Aubre' Finley of California; 17 great-grandchildren: Attaliah, Trinity, Monique, (twins) Ava and Avery, Mario, Kaden, Cameron, LaNayla, Carmello, Carter, Caliana, Searis, Brenden, MacKinley, Jaeta and Jianna. Many nieces and nephews including Sheryl Jiles-Venerable of Texas and Clifton Winters of Michigan. Bonus daughters: Angela (Mark) Ball of California, Tineisha Smith of Flint, Michigan and Elder Charlene Ashley of Jacksonville, Florida. Special Son N'Love Calvin Green. Numerous cousins including the Artis and Briggs families; Special Cousin Odessa Artis, of Chicago, Ill. Many dear friends including, Georgia Ann Nunley, Louise Herron, and Ola Riddles all of Flint, Michigan; Rema Williams and Daisy Gordon of Ocala, Florida; and Earnestine Young of Jacksonville, Florida.

She was preceded in death by Husband: Robert L. Finley, Parents: Theodore (Martha) Briggs, Isee Dixon, Sons: Rodney A. Finley and Therold B. Finley, Brothers: Joe Jiles and Leon Dixon.