



## Nellie Ann Willis

September 24, 1941 - February 26, 2024

Nellie Willis (Potter) was born in Indianapolis, IN on September 24, 1941 to parents Irene Williams and William Potter Jr. However, due to the sudden death of her parents, she was raised by her foster mothers, Bessie Alums and then later, Martha Alums Duncan fondly referred to as “Ma-Martha.” Growing up, she attended schools within the Indianapolis Public School system including Schools #24, #56, and #17. Early in life, she was baptized as a Seventh Day Adventist and later attended Christ Temple and Zion Hill.

After completing school, Nellie worked for IPS for many years in their food service department. She later transitioned her employment to the Barton House Nursing Home where she worked for over 10 years. Before retiring, she worked as a daycare provider alongside her sister, where they cared for many children over the years.

Nellie had 3 three sons, James, William and Michael. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Nellie was very family-oriented and possessed a myriad of special skills and hobbies. She was a Spades cards expert, a Word Search guru, master puzzle piece constructor, and baked the best lemon cake in Indianapolis. Nellie also loved to dance and you always knew it was Friday night when you heard Blues music echoing through the walls of the duplex that she shared with her sister.

Nellie passed away from her earthly life on Monday, February 26th, after an abrupt decline in health. She was surrounded by family members during her last days and is now peacefully at rest.

Nellie was preceded in death by her parents, Irene Williams and William Potter; her sister, Willetta Evans, 3 brothers; Stephen Alums Sr, Gerald Potter, Michael Sandford; and nephew, Stepfan Hiser. She leaves to cherish her three sons, James (Mary) Reed, William Reed, and Michael (Dewana) Reed; her sister, Juanita Hiser, her niece, Rhonda (Gerald) Greenwade, 4 grandchildren Suzanne Reed, James Jr. (Kelly) Reed, Phillip (Kristin) Reed, and Tiffany Potter (Jeremiah Tavorn); cousin Pam (Tom) Smith; 5 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

700 W. 38th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel  
2805 North Franklin Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
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## Service

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