

Celebration of Life
for
Mother Frances Roman



SUNRISE:
August 10, 1918

SUNSET:
May 21, 2021

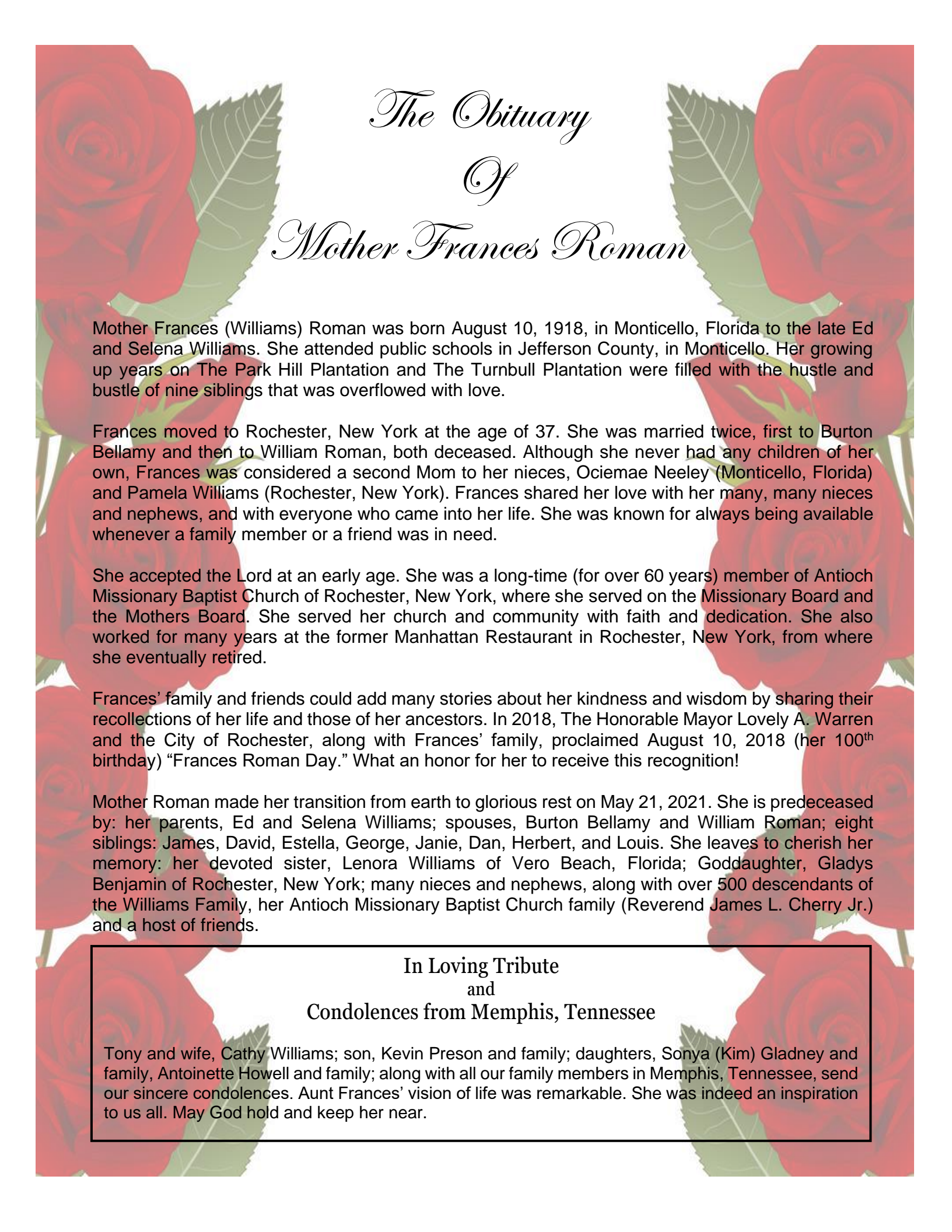
Friday, June 4, 2021
12:00 Noon

Calvary Spiritual Church

25 Morgan Street
Rochester, New York 14611

Reverend Carl Nelson, Pastor

Reverend James L. Cherry Jr.
Sr. Pastor, Antioch M.B. Church, Officiating



*The Obituary
Of
Mother Frances Roman*

Mother Frances (Williams) Roman was born August 10, 1918, in Monticello, Florida to the late Ed and Selena Williams. She attended public schools in Jefferson County, in Monticello. Her growing up years on The Park Hill Plantation and The Turnbull Plantation were filled with the hustle and bustle of nine siblings that was overflowed with love.

Frances moved to Rochester, New York at the age of 37. She was married twice, first to Burton Bellamy and then to William Roman, both deceased. Although she never had any children of her own, Frances was considered a second Mom to her nieces, Ociemae Neeley (Monticello, Florida) and Pamela Williams (Rochester, New York). Frances shared her love with her many, many nieces and nephews, and with everyone who came into her life. She was known for always being available whenever a family member or a friend was in need.

She accepted the Lord at an early age. She was a long-time (for over 60 years) member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, where she served on the Missionary Board and the Mothers Board. She served her church and community with faith and dedication. She also worked for many years at the former Manhattan Restaurant in Rochester, New York, from where she eventually retired.

Frances' family and friends could add many stories about her kindness and wisdom by sharing their recollections of her life and those of her ancestors. In 2018, The Honorable Mayor Lovely A. Warren and the City of Rochester, along with Frances' family, proclaimed August 10, 2018 (her 100th birthday) "Frances Roman Day." What an honor for her to receive this recognition!

Mother Roman made her transition from earth to glorious rest on May 21, 2021. She is predeceased by: her parents, Ed and Selena Williams; spouses, Burton Bellamy and William Roman; eight siblings: James, David, Estella, George, Janie, Dan, Herbert, and Louis. She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted sister, Lenora Williams of Vero Beach, Florida; Goddaughter, Gladys Benjamin of Rochester, New York; many nieces and nephews, along with over 500 descendants of the Williams Family, her Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family (Reverend James L. Cherry Jr.) and a host of friends.

**In Loving Tribute
and
Condolences from Memphis, Tennessee**

Tony and wife, Cathy Williams; son, Kevin Preson and family; daughters, Sonya (Kim) Gladney and family, Antoinette Howell and family; along with all our family members in Memphis, Tennessee, send our sincere condolences. Aunt Frances' vision of life was remarkable. She was indeed an inspiration to us all. May God hold and keep her near.

Order of Service

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| Procession | Clergy and Family |
| Hymn of Comfort | Minister Aaron James |
| Old Testament Reading | Pulpit |
| New Testament Reading | Pulpit |
| Prayer of Comfort | Minister Aaron James |
| Musical Selection | Angie Becoats |
| Remarks (2 minutes, please) | Deacon Hill Josephine Parker Pam Williams Joe Williams |
| Obituary and Acknowledgements | Roxanne Williams |
| Musical Selection | Minister Aaron James |
| Eulogy | Pastor James L. Cherry Jr. |
| Recession | Metropolitan Staff |



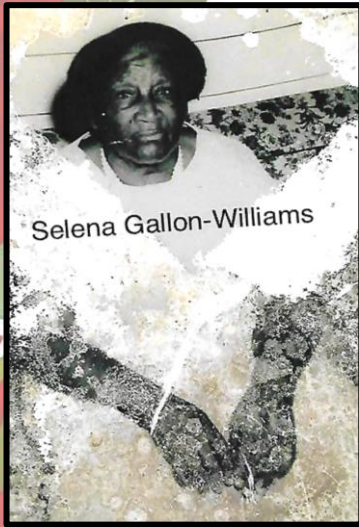
Interment

Riverside Cemetery
2650 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

Precious and Lasting Memories

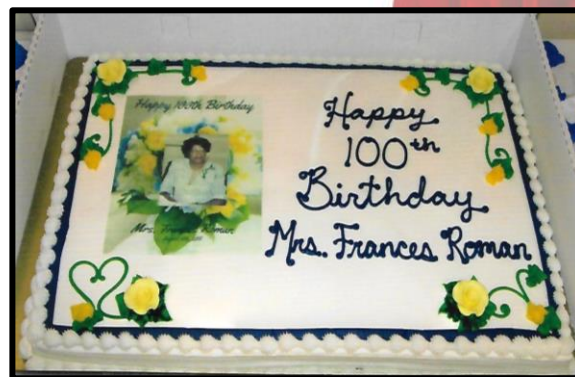


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100th Birthday Celebration



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101st Birthday Celebration



Frances Williams Bellamy Roman

“As A Mother”



Frances was living at home in Monticello when I was born, and I was over two years old when she moved out. I was asked by her mother, my Grandma, to write letters to Frances for her when I got older, after I had learned to read and write. After Grandma passed on, we continued to write letters and talk to one another often.

Whenever I visited Rochester, I would stay with Frances. She would come back home to Monticello to visit almost every summer and always stayed at the family home with me and my family. A special bond was developed and never left us. Even though she was my aunt, I know she loved me as though I was her daughter, and I loved her as a mother.

She was such a caring and sweet person. She would give me advice along my journey. She was always concerned about our family and family members who are deceased, making sure they would get flowers on their graves each Mother's Day. The last few years before she went to the nursing home, we would talk daily, and I enjoyed our talks, especially on Sunday evenings. Frances will be forever missed from our hearts and our family.

Rest in Peace, Frances ~ We love you, but God loves you best!

~ Ocie Neely ~

Pallbearers

Louis Freeman
Aaron Williams

Da'vonn Stevens

Marc Hepburn
Jason Williams

Honorary Pallbearer: Gerry Gunner

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. Thank you, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, (Pastor James L. Cherry Jr.), Calvary Spiritual Church (Pastor Carl Nelson), and Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc.

Special thanks to: Joe Williams (Frances' nephew), for all your hard work and dedication shown to Aunt Frances and the Williams Family during this time.

Psalm 23 KJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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