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THE LIFE & LEGACY OF ALICE JOHNSON WILLIAMS OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS

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*Mrs. Alice Johnson Williams at 100 years of age with Rev. George L. Reed, Jr.,
Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Green Cove Springs.*

MRS. ALICE JOHNSON WILLIAMS

October 22, 1923 – March 27, 2026

102 Years of Family, Faith & Community

FAMILY ROOTS

Alice Johnson Williams was born on October 22, 1923, in Green Cove Springs, Florida. She was the daughter of William Johnson of Green Cove Springs and Alice Johnson of Aiken, South Carolina, who lived to be 100 years old. Her paternal grandmother, Margaret Johnson, was married to William “Willie” Johnson. The family owned land in the community, including property along the St. Johns River, and sold land to the Atlantic Railway.

FAMILY & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Her siblings included three brothers and two sisters: Willie, who served in the U.S. Navy; Roosevelt, who joined the U.S. Army; Rudette, a musician who was locally renowned for building boat docks and was a staunch Dunbar High School advocate; Marie, who lived to age 99 and worked for the Afro-American Life Insurance Company, founded by Abraham Lincoln Lewis of Jacksonville; and Theda, an educator who owned a private kindergarten school in Green Cove Springs.

DUNBAR SCHOOL & ATHLETICS

Mrs. Williams attended Dunbar School throughout her school years when it was located at Walburg Street and Cypress. She graduated in 1942 and was an athlete on the Dunbar Girls Basketball Team.

A LIFE OF FAITH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mrs. Williams married Isaiah Williams and traveled internationally with him during his military career, living in England and Germany before returning to her beloved Green Cove Springs. At Mt. Zion AME Church in Green Cove Springs, she influenced generations of young people through her volunteer service as director of the Youth Department, coordinating church-sponsored programs and activities. Although she had no children, she doted on her many family members, including nieces and nephews. After surpassing 100 years of age, she was featured in the Clay Today newspaper and was recognized as the oldest living member of Mt. Zion AME Church.

A CENTURY OF LEGACY

For more than a century, Mrs. Alice Johnson Williams witnessed the growth and change of Green Cove Springs while remaining deeply connected to her family, church, and community. Her life reflects a remarkable legacy of faith, service, education, and devotion to generations of Clay County residents.

ARCHIVAL NOTE: Grammar, punctuation, and formatting have been edited for readability while preserving the substance of the submitted family history.