



## Maria D'Angelo Williams

March 9, 1965 - October 17, 2023

Retired high school teacher Maria D'Angelo Williams' love of life didn't come to an end with her death. Maria passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the age of 58 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Her battle in recent years showed her courage in facing life challenges with dignity. Despite the many challenges, Maria came out a hero and stayed strong until the end.

Maria was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 9, 1965, daughter of the late Pat and Jessie D'Angelo. Stepdaughter to the late Bryant Riley. Sister to the late, Patrick D'Angelo. Maria is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dempsey Williams. Together, Dempsey, Maria and daughter Sophia shared a beautiful life enjoying the family farm in Ridgeville, hosting family gatherings, working outside in the yard, as well as taking boating adventures out on the water. Maria had a love for all animals, especially her spirited dog, Layla, her spoiled cats along with many chickens, ducks and geese.

Maria was an educator with Dorchester District II for 18 years. Maria worked for Westvaco prior to teaching for 14 years. She made many lifelong friends during her time in both career fields. Her connection with people was great but ultimately her love of laughter is what kept them bonded over all the years. Maria was a cherished wife, mother, sister and friend to all, and she will be deeply missed.

Survivors in addition to her husband include Daughters: Sophia Williams and

Melissa Kimball; Grandchildren: Jace and Holland Kimball; Siblings: Kevin Riley and Sharon Riley-Bishop; Nieces and Nephews: Brett, Noah, and Zach Riley and Nick and Ryan Infinger.

Family and friends are invited for a gathering on October 27, 2023, from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A memorial service will begin at 1 o'clock in the James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ Tammy, Anna and Benita Johnson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria D'Angelo Williams.



Tammy, Anna and Benita Johnson - October 25, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ 112 files added to the album Life Tributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - October 25, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria D'Angelo Williams.

October 24, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Maria D'Angelo Williams.*



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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria D'Angelo Williams.*



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October 24, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria D'Angelo Williams.*



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October 22, 2023 at 05:09 PM



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October 21, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria D'Angelo Williams.*



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October 21, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *The world lost such a WONDERFUL PERSON and you will be missed so very much. My thoughts and prayers are with Dempsey & Sophia.*

*Maria, My heart breaks to have to say goodbye to such a sweet friend. I was always in awe of how caring and thoughtful you were to others even while you struggled with your own health issues. You were a great teacher & I enjoyed working with you at Fort and will always smile fondly on the memories.*

*Love you dear friend*

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**Michelle Williams** - October 20, 2023 at 01:25 PM

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“ Mrs Williams, you were one of my great teachers for at least 3 years in highschool. It was a great honor to have known you and to learn from you. You guided me and so many other students at Fort. I enjoyed your class and the times I would just come hang out in your class or after school. After I graduated, I would even come visit you when I could. I always enjoyed telling you of my achievements throughout school and after graduating. You always seemed proud when I would tell you these things. Hearing of your passing deeply saddens me. You were such a kind soul and will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go to your family. May you rest and peace.



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**Noah Wilson** - October 20, 2023 at 11:45 AM

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“ To Dempsey, Sophia and the Williams family I extend my sympathy and prayers. Maria was a wonderful person. We were childhood friends and reconnected while teaching at FDHS. I pray you will be strengthen and comforted by the love of your family and friends.  
Tammy Johnson

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**T. Johnson** - October 19, 2023 at 08:18 PM

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Deepest sympathy to the family! Maria was a special lady and will be truly missed!

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**Charlene Kennedy** - October 20, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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Sympathy and prayers to Dempsey and all the Williams family.

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**William (Billy) Thierfelder** - October 22, 2023 at 10:12 AM