



Evangelist Willie Eugene Denmon

February 10, 1936 - May 11, 2025

Evangelist Willie Eugene Landren Denmon was born on February 10, 1936 to Luther Landren and Pearl Landren in Austin, Texas.

She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age, was filled with the Holy Spirit and was baptized at St. Paul Baptist Church, Austin.

Affectionately nicknamed "Gene", her service and singing in church and in the community also began at an early age. In her pre-teen years, and having learned piano mostly by ear, Gene played the piano at St. Paul.

She attended elementary, junior high and completed high school in Austin. While attending "Old" Anderson High, Gene and a close cousin Dorothy Dixon became known for singing throughout the Austin and surrounding areas. It was no surprise that when the late Rev E.M. Franklin heard Gene and her cousin Dorothy sing, he suggested they start a singing group with his daughters: Evelyn and Dorothy Franklin.

Immediately the group of four formed and became known as the "Chariettes"- also making history as Austin's youngest first Black Female recording gospel quartet.

Each member of the Chariettes completed high school while traveling and

singing locally and non-locally. The biggest breakthrough came in 1952 when Gene and the Chariettes were blessed to sign and record with Don Roby's Peacock and Duke label, with two original recordings soaring to #10 on gospel charts in the U.S: "Step by Step" (lead by Gene Landren, and "Prop Me Jesus " lead by Dorothy Dixon).

Out of high school, Gene's travel took her to Los Angeles. Gene lived and sang in Los Angeles until she would later decide to return to Austin, being "homesick" for her mother and family.

While continuing to sing and travel, Gene attended People's Business College, Austin Community College, was employed as a guidance counselor for 10 years at CATP House, and 12 years for the State of Texas as a Program Development Therapist.

She united in marriage to Edward Lee Denmon, I. and to this union were born two children: Edward "Teddy" Lee Denmon, II, and Minister Bernadette Denmon Dulic. Teddy and Bernadette have an elder and a younger brother: Larry Denmon and Calvin Shepard.

1989, Gene accepted her call to preach and used her God-given gifts and talents to minister at workshops, seminars, and many other church functions until her health began to decline.

Although a former member, Sweet Home Baptist church was where Gene rendered her last services to the church in her full capacities as Evangelist and Psalmist.

Gene is preceeded in death by her parents, her six sisters: Beulah Sterling, Fannie Mae Taylor, Rosie Lee Gray, Frances Brazil, Annie Ruth Johns, Hazel Berneice Edwards and one brother Ben Troy Sneed. She is survived by her

children: Teddy (Audrey) and Minister Bernadette (Al); grandchildren: Briana L Hart, Alycia Denmon, Elyjah L. Denmon, and Demytrius Denmon; one sister-in-law Glennis Denmon; oldest best friends Marie Thompson, Carolyn Wilson; and dear friend and prayer warrior Minister Janary Roberts; a host of nephews and nieces and God-daughters.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

1300 SAM BASS
Round Rock, TX 78664

Previous Events

Celebration Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sweet Home - The Pinnacle of Praise
3200 Sunrise Road
Round Rock, TX 78665
(512) 823-2888
<http://www.sweethomebaptistchurch.org>

Tribute Wall

TD

“ Terry Daniel lit a candle in memory of Evangelist Willie Eugene Denmon



terry daniel - October 06, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TD

Will always remember working with you at church

terry daniel - October 06, 2025 at 05:13 PM

BE

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your love & support - Bernadette

Bernadette - June 01 at 12:00 PM

MW

“ To the family, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Evangelist Willie Eugene Denmon was a wonderful person who touched the lives of many. And for me, as a young member of St Paul Baptist Church and going to elementary and high school with her; she was a profound influence in my life. I will always look up to her and will always remember the last time we talked, and I heard her sing. It was at the 2015 Original L. C. Anderson Alumni Association - All School Reunion. She and members of the Chariettes reunited and sang several selections. I pray each of you will find strength and solace in the memories you shared together.

Melvin White - May 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

BE

Thank you, Mr. White, for your support and for sharing your memory. My mother held very fond memories of "Old Anderson" - Bernadette

Bernadette - June 01 at 12:03 PM

GF

“ *Gussie Rogers & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Evangelist Willie Eugene Denmon.*



Gussie Rogers & Family - May 19, 2025 at 02:34 PM