



Ruby Wood Williams

I am a 1965 graduate of The W. A. Pattillo High School. I was a proud Trojan cheerleader for 2 years, participated in the choir, and a member of the yearbook staff.

After graduating, I attended N.C. A&T State University as a Professional Biology Major. Thanks to Ms. Susanna Thomas, I had a passion for science and research. Therefore, during my junior year at A&T, I discovered a career that would satisfy my passion for research, being a Cytotechnologist - one who studies cells and tissue looking for cancer and other abnormalities. I attended the Medical College of Virginia, School of Cytotechnology in Richmond, Virginia on a fully funded one year program. This program certified me as a Registered Cytotechnologist.

Upon completion of the program I worked for 2 years at Duke University, where I learned from one of the top Pathologist in the country. From 1972 to 2009 I worked at Wesley Long Community Hospital and Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro NC. I served as the Assistant Operations Manager for the Department of Cytology and as Manager for 27 years. During my career, I became Internationally Certified, traveled to many educational meetings, and recruited and taught numerous students.

After retiring in 2009, I continue to work as needed. I also enjoy volunteering my time at the Regional Cancer Center. I am a member of the N.C. Society of Cytology and The American Society of Clinical Pathologist. I am a member of New Light Missionary Baptist Church where I served as Deaconess from 1980 to 2012; coordinator of the NLMBC Resource Center, and a member of the Wellness and Empowerment Committee for The Women's Ministry. As a member of The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, I proudly serve as the Membership Chairperson.

In 1972, I married Joseph A. Williams, also a resident of Tarboro. We reside in Greensboro and we have two daughters, Melanie and LeAnne. We also have a wonderful son-in-law Harrison Conyers, Jr.

One of my proudest accomplishments in life was receiving The Laboratorian of the Year award at Moses Cone Hospital from amongst my peers.