



Mr. Willie Ray Williams

November 19, 1953 - May 21, 2024

Today we celebrate the homegoing of Mr. Willie Ray Williams, who was born on November 19, 1953, in Grand Junction, TN to the late Mrs. Jennie Mae Anderson and Mr. William “Juby” McKenrich.

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, God called him home to rest.

He confessed hope in Christ at an early age with Jones Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Hickory Valley, TN under Reverend McNeal.

After graduating from Collierville High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy serving a total of 15 years achieving the prestigious rank of a Chief Petty Officer as well as awarded the noted Nuclear-Powered Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBNs) pin, a rare designation especially for an African American at that time. Departure from the Navy, he was employed at the Naval Base in Charleston, SC until he resettled in Jackson, TN, employed at Southern Concrete until he retired.

He was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Patricia Bowers on August 14, 1976. He will always be remembered for his cooking and writing skills, his dapper style of dress, his laughter and crazy sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. Shelly and Mrs. Elizabeth

Williams, his mother, Mrs. Jennie Mae Anderson, stepfather, Mr. James Anderson, and his brother James "Shane" Anderson.

Willie Ray leaves to cherish his memory: his sister Patricia "Pat" Anderson Faison (Veteran) of Suffolk, Virginia; Four Children, Pamela Williams (Carlos), of Arkansas, Alicia Williams (Robert), her children, Teona Williams and Malique Cole, Michael Williams (Taylor), his children, Malia and Amyiah; and Michelle Williams, her children, Trisstan, RJ, Kayden, & Kaylea. One great-grandchild and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, an uncle, and three aunts Mrs. Bernice Beard, Mrs. Rachel Walker and Mrs. Betty Joe Rivers of Bolivar, TN.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

New St. Luke Baptist Church
1670 North Royal Street
Jackson, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Ray Williams.*



May 29, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Ray Williams.*



May 28, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *My cousin. You will never be forgotten. Your place in my heart will never be filled. I'm grateful for the role you played in my life. Thank you for your service as a sailor, father, uncle, brother, nephew, cousin, and most of all a Son. I return the salute. Rest on cousin.*



Sheila McCarley - May 27, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ Willie Ray was our neighbor for a long time great neighbor and friend. The whole family was the best neighbor you could have he will be dearly missed. Sending love ❤️ and prayers to the entire family 🙏🙏🙏

Dorothy Martin - May 22, 2024 at 05:42 PM

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Thank you for your prayets and kind heartfelt words. ❤️ From Pat, his Daughter Alicia and Family.

Pat Anderson - Faison - May 26, 2024 at 01:03 PM