



Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams

April 23, 1936 - January 20, 2022

REFLECTIONS

On April 23, 1936, the late Dorsey and Hattie Williams introduced to the world their

second son, Raymond Wesley Williams in Greenville, NC. This bouncing bundle of joy was

so precious and sweet that he was called "Cookie" literally from day one.

Raymond fulfilled his

elementary education at Fleming Street School. Raymond enjoyed playing football and baseball,

especially in high school. He proudly graduated from C.M. Eppes High School in 1954 and

matriculated at Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) on a full baseball scholarship. Not only

that, he received an invitation to play for the Washington Senators after college.

While attending ECSU, Raymond was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education.

Subsequently, he earned

a Master's Degree in Education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State

University in Greensboro, NC. Raymond was dedicated. He taught 7th Grade at South

Greenville, 8th Grade Earth Science at C.M. Eppes High School, and 9th Grade Science and Math at E.B. Aycock. When the schools were integrated, Raymond was one of five people chosen to integrate E.B. Aycock. It was during this time that a colleague noticed that he was so much more than a teacher. Raymond was a good listener and could meet the students where they were to counsel them, resulting with him going back to school to get Master's Degree in Guidance Counseling from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. He was a devoted professional until he retired in 1989. Following his retirement, Raymond opened Ray's Wash Tub, Ray's Ice Cream Parlor and invested in real estate properties in Greenville, NC.

December 16, 1973, Raymond married the late Mavis Ann Gardner Williams. He loved God and at a very early age, he joined Philippi Disciples of Christ Church in Greenville, NC.

Raymond truly extended himself to others through his church, professional affiliations, community organizations and his fraternity. After joining Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, people knew him as a faithful member of the church serving on the Board of Trustees and singing in the J.A. Nimmo Senior and Chancel Choirs. Raymond was a referee in the community and officiated high school basketball for 25 years including games in which Phil Ford, Dominique Wilkins, and Michael Jordan played. Raymond helped to start the

Boys Club in Greenville, N.C. by recruiting boys from South Greenville and organizing a football team to give the youth in the community recreational opportunities after school. Raymond wanted to be remembered as one who did the best he could, helped people, and enjoyed his life. In an interview with his granddaughter during the summer of 2021, Raymond proclaimed, "Let the deed that I've done speak for itself." His memories will be eternally treasured and his legacy will live on through his daughters, Cynthia R. Williams (Danny), Letitia Nicole "Nikki" Williams Miller (Anthony); two granddaughters, Gabrielle Nicole "Gabby" Miller, Moriah Joelle Miller; and one great-grandson Caiden Louis Miller. Numerous other loving family members and friends will share his legacy and cherish the fond memories that they made with "Cookie."

Cemetery Details

Brown Hill Cemetery

Howell Street
811 Howell Street
Greenville, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Omega

JAN **26**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Visitation

JAN **26**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Viewing

JAN **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

JAN **27**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - January 27, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *We are praying for your family. Our deepest condolences.*

*Elaine Hopkins, Cassandrè Hopkins Haynesworth & Andrè Hopkins
& Our Families*

Cassandre Haynesworth - February 05, 2022 at 11:02 PM



“ *Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Raymond Wesley Williams*



Delores Tilley - February 01, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Rhonda Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Raymond Wesley Williams*



Rhonda Jordan - January 27, 2022 at 09:08 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Deborah Cox - January 27, 2022 at 02:28 PM

CA

“ *Carnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Carnell - January 27, 2022 at 12:25 PM

CB

“ *Carnell & Deise Burney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Carnell & Deise Burney - January 27, 2022 at 12:23 PM

DF

“ *Danyetta Ward Sneed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Danyetta Ward Sneed and family - January 27, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Williams. While I never met him, I feel like I knew him from talking with Nikki. He must have been a very special man to many. Praying for comfort for those who loved him.

Melissa Rees - January 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM

DH

“ To the family, my mother, Doris Staton worked with Mr Williams over twenty years and had a great respect for him. Her health will not allow her to be present at his homegoing, but know you are in her thoughts and prayers. I too pray God's grace and peace be with you today and throughout the coming days and years.



Dutchess Staton Horton - January 27, 2022 at 09:13 AM

RJ

“ Ruby Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams



Ruby Jenkins - January 26, 2022 at 11:45 PM

DR

“ Doris Rankins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams



Doris Rankins - January 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM

RO

“ *Mr. Raymond Williams, a wonderful Educator , was a fantastic teacher... I know he will be missed. Prayer for the family.*

Rebecca Oats - January 26, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AM

“ *Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Annette Moore - January 26, 2022 at 01:02 PM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. Thinking and praying for you during this time.*

Juanita Payton and Family



Juanita Payton - January 26, 2022 at 12:10 PM

LD

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.*



Lois Dupree - January 26, 2022 at 06:06 AM

JF

“ Our prayers are with the family. May his legacy live on through his family and the many lives he touched through his service and stellar tenure as an educator.



Johnny & LaVette Ford - January 25, 2022 at 11:21 PM

SP

“ Cuz, I really thought you were going to bounce back. Gail kept reminding me that you were a fighter, and then, there were hopeful signs of progress. But "our lives are not our own, to Him we belong." So, today "I give you back to Him." In my human eyes, it looks bleak, but my spiritual eyes see the Love of God embracing you along your journey into eternity, peacefully and in the fullness of pure light, as you join your soul tribe. Please take my love with you. Until we meet again,
Cousin Sarah (& the Gardners of Grimesland)

Sarah Pritchard - January 25, 2022 at 10:46 PM

JJ

“ Again, our hearts are made heavy at the calling home of our dear friend, colleague, and alumni, Raymond "Cookie" Williams.

It is with deep sadness that the Greenville Industrial - Eppes Alumni Association offer our condolences to the Williams family.

Many of our cornerstones have been called home recently. However, the indelible marks of sustainability, hard work, scholarship, friendship, caring for one another that they taught us are etched in our minds forever.

Thank you, "Cookie" for being one of those cornerstones. A member "in good standing" and supporter of this Association from the beginning, we are the recipients of his guidance, business acumen and love of Dear Old Eppes that has helped to sustain us for these 42 years.

We offer these words of comfort: "To be absent from the body is to be in the presence of the Lord." For all Christians this is the goal, Cookie just reached before the rest of us.

Also, we say be strong in your faith, lend on the Lord, for He said Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

May God richly bless and keep you in His holy prominence.

Humbly submitted

*James Harper, Jr.
National President*

JAMES HARPER JR - January 25, 2022 at 01:35 PM

MF

“ Thinking of you during this time. may God bless and keep you! Minerva Freeman



Minerva Freeman - January 25, 2022 at 12:49 PM

AJ

“ Annette James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams



Annette James - January 24, 2022 at 08:46 PM

AB

“ Angelene Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams




Angelene Bryant - January 24, 2022 at 08:40 PM

GS

“ George Stocks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams



George Stocks - January 24, 2022 at 08:35 PM


Jennifer
Kilpatrick

“ *To the family of Mr. Raymond Williams
God be with you at this time and give you strength to bear this loss
and may
His love imparts the peace and understanding that brings comfort to
you and
Your family at this time of sorrow*

Mrs. Vivian M. Kilpatrick & Family

Jennifer Kilpatrick - January 24, 2022 at 08:02 PM

DP

“ *Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Raymond Wesley Williams*



Donna Pierce - January 24, 2022 at 07:13 PM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Raymond Wesley Williams*



Ben Wooten - January 24, 2022 at 06:03 PM

VS

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



Veronica Sanders - January 24, 2022 at 03:00 PM

MH

“ *Muriel Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Muriel Hines - January 24, 2022 at 02:26 PM

JM

“ *Jasper And Judy Musgrave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



jasper and judy musgrave - January 23, 2022 at 11:06 AM

JS

“ *Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Jeffrey Savage - January 22, 2022 at 07:36 PM

GS

“ George Stocks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams



George Stocks - January 22, 2022 at 07:03 PM

EG

“ Rest In Peace, Brother-in-law! You will remain in our hearts forever.

Earl Gardner - January 22, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JK

“ To: Minister Miller, Supreme. Miller, Gabby, Moriah, Caiden, and Cynthia and family: My heart is saddened by the loss of Mr. Williams. He was an active member of our Church, SHMBC. He was also a participant of the Adult Sunday School class. He took the lessons seriously and had many questions which delighted me because it would open up a discussion. I am sure that he will be missed not only by our Church, but also Pitt County and the surrounding areas. My prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Trust the Lord, lean on Him and He will give you the strength you need.

Joyce A. King - January 22, 2022 at 04:52 PM

PE

My deepest sympathy to the family . Mr. Williams was a great friend of mines. I was his electrician. I'm truly gonna missed him. He always showed me kindness. Most of a warm smile 😊. Be encouraged this too shall pass With kind regards. Pastor Paul and Mother Gracie Edward's and family 🙏❤️.

Pastor Paul Edwards - January 26, 2022 at 05:57 PM

DW

“ *David E. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



David E. Williams - January 22, 2022 at 04:48 PM

MR

“ *Maryann M. Royall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Maryann M. Royall - January 22, 2022 at 07:33 AM

JJ

“ *" The last time I talk to you everything seemed fine, when you spoke you were in your right mind. If I only knew it would be our last time, I would have stayed a little longer. When I walk out the door in my mind, I prayed you would get a little stronger. God knows best you lived a good life, no more pains and sorrow no more strife. We all love you "cookie" you were our man, only thing left to say, it was all in God's plan. Rest In Peace!"*



James Ray Staton, Jr. 01/22/2022

James Ray Staton, Jr. - January 22, 2022 at 04:37 AM

DG

“ *Dennis Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Dennis Gibson - January 21, 2022 at 05:19 PM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Gayle Hardy - January 21, 2022 at 04:18 PM

SE

“ *My sincere condolences to the Williams family, especially my cousin Cynthia. Blessings , Prayers and Love during the loss of your loved one. 🙏🌹*



Sondra Early - January 21, 2022 at 02:15 PM

RF

“ *Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family - January 20, 2022 at 08:47 PM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond Wesley Williams*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - January 20, 2022 at 01:08 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 20, 2022 at 09:50 AM

DG

Raymond provided me some place to stay for 20 years as a First time teacher in Pitt County.1978 I will miss him.....Dennis Gibson

Dennis Gibson - January 21, 2022 at 05:22 PM

JJ

Me, "Cookie", & Blount were at Ray's Wash Tub where we often meet to catch up just two days prior to his incident at his home,that was our last meeting. Cookie drove by my car door that night, we had a few words and we parted ways. There are many stories and memories that go back to the late 80's when he had Ray's Ice-cream Parlor,and I worked part-time at the store. He was a great guy and story teller. He use to proofread my Rebuttals when I worked at Pitt County Schools. He will be missed dearly by many.

James Ray Staton, Jr. - January 24, 2022 at 08:32 PM