



Mr. William "Bobby" Teel

October 16, 1947 - November 4, 2020

William McKinley Teel's earthly journey began on October 16, 1947 and came to an end on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Affectionately called "Bobby" by his family and friends, he became the third of seven children gifted to the late William Earl and Gladiola Harding Teel in Greenville, North Carolina. Bobby received his early spiritual training at York Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, of which he was a member. His early education was obtained at Sadie Salter Elementary school and later, his beloved C. M. Eppes High School, graduating with the class of 1965. During his high school years, he served as statistician for sporting events, participated in the Student Government Association, and was a trumpeter for The Marching Bulldogs Band.

"Bobby was a consistent ardent worker." To earn money for school, he primed tobacco in rural Pitt County, worked at O'Berry Medical Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and spent summers laboring in Queens and Long Island, New York.

After graduation, Bobby matriculated at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Along with his academic achievements as a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, he is remembered by Shaw University Alumni as "Lone Dog", the only pledge out of 13 to complete the process and join the Delta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated in 1967. Graduating with honors, he received the

Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1969. Bobby also completed additional post graduate school studies at the University of North Carolina.

Bobby's professional career began at DuPont, the world's largest chemical company, in Kinston, North Carolina, accepting a position that had been offered to him during his junior year at Shaw University.

Known as "Bill" by his DuPont colleagues, his 35 years of service included positions as member of industrial engineering team, safety supervisor, asbestos specialist, and contract coordinator. Bobby received numerous awards from DuPont noting his commitment to excellence, stellar leadership and his expertise in engineering.

In addition to his professional career, Bobby served on the Pitt County Board of Education, the Global Transpark Commission board, which was instrumental in planning the 500 acre, multi-modal industrial/airport site in Eastern North Carolina, and the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (NC ABC Commission).

An avid volunteer and advocate for his community, Bobby was an active member of the Pitt County Chapter of Shaw University NAA, C.M Epps Alumni Association and the Nu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Because of his experience and wisdom, he was a willing mentor to many of his fraternity brothers.

Along with dedicated viewing of his "westerns", Bobby enjoyed entertaining others and was touted for his culinary skills, particularly, his masterful grilling. He is especially remembered for his math skills, which he willingly shared with those needing assistance, even if it meant staying up all night and completing a test that he administered. He never missed an opportunity to talk about his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Giving of himself tirelessly,

Bobby's devotion and love for his family was surpassed only by his love for the "Master."

A consummate motivator, surrogate father, confidant, loyal friend, and mentor, his zest for life, straight tough talk, no-nonsense countenance, and sage advice contributed to successes and victories that changed the lives of many. Some of his favorite sayings include: "Don't complain of the smoke when you jump in the chimney.", "You can't take love to buy food at Piggly Wiggly.", "Sometimes you can be right at the wrong time", and "You can buy them books, you can send them to school and they will eat the teacher".

However, the most memorable quotes he would say to his children, "Don't say goodbye, say see you later" and "If anything happens to me, you all need to stick together." And for his daughter Tressa, his main piece of advice was "I need to prepare you for the day when I am no longer here."

Bobby was preceded in death by his first wife, Brenda H. Teel; parents, William Earl and Gladiola Teel; brothers, Leon, Benjamin, and Dwayne; sister, Sheena and grandmother, Christine Blount.

Bobby leaves to cherish his memory and legacy his wife of fourteen years, Kimberly Williams Teel; children, Steve Watts (Mother: Barbara Watts Green) of Greenville, NC, Gregory Murphy (Yolanda Murphy), (Mother: Helen Joyce Murphy) of Norfolk, VA, Terrence C. Teel (Dr. Dion Young) of Lanham MD, William Timothy Aaron Teel (Dr. Nickole Teel) of Spartanburg, SC, Tressa D. Teel (Dwight Shepard) of Greenville, NC (Mother: Brenda H. Teel), Kimpa Williams (Joe Stallings) of Raleigh, NC; Keon Williams, (Tasha Barnes) of Raleigh, NC, and Kendrecus Williams of Chicago, IL (Mother: Kimberly Williams); grandchildren, Shamirah Watts, Seedra Tyson, Dominique Grimes, Tre-Von Duguid, Ashley Wooten, Terrence Gregory Murphy, Chandler Murphy

Qi-asia Murphey, Skylar Teel, Camden Teel, McKinley Teel, Kemarion Williams, Keoni Williams, and Karmyn Stallings; great grandsons, Jaylen and Mason; sisters, Dr. Sheila Teel Robinson of Greensboro, NC and Nekita D. Teel of Charlotte, NC; brother, J. DeMeatrious Teel (Anita Dixon) of Winterville, NC; sister and brother-in-law Martha Hall (Larry Hall), Gloria Graham, Teresa William of Kinston, NC, Sheila Walker of Queens, NY, Regina Williams of Florida, James Williams of Kinston, NC, Paul Williams of Charlotte, NC, Lamont Wiliams (Karen Williams) of NJ; aunt, Barbara Jean Taft of Greenville, NC; special cousin, James Cherry, who helped care for him during the time of his illness, along with a plethora of nieces, nephews, and cousins, including extended family of the Chapmans, Griffins, Graves, Harding, Hills, Phillips St. Clairs, Harris, Blounts and Williams; he also leaves his lifelong comrades, "Greenville's Finest" Ben Dudley, Robert White, Billy Bryant, Charles Sayles, and Dr. Tommy Harris.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Bar b q every Sunday afternoon and homemade ice cream
. Love y'all. Stay blessed
Praying*

Peaches  **Adams** - November 17, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Pansy Taft-Butkowski lit a candle in memory
of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Pansy Taft-Butkowski - November 12, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Joyce Green-Miles sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Joyce Green-Miles - November 11, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JO

“ *Family, Please accept our deepest and heartfelt condolences at this most challenging time in the loss of Bobby! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We were Neighbors, CoWorkers and Friends; Joel Moore and Our Greenfield Terrace Family.*

Joel - November 10, 2020 at 05:02 PM

JJ

“ Dear family, it is once again we gather to celebrate the life of a "true Bulldog." We, the Greenville -Industrial C. M. Eppes High School Alumni Association, mourn with the Teel family at the homegoing of Bobby.

Bobby Teel, was a proud graduate of the C. M. Eppes High School. We can still see him stepping high in that famous marching band playing his trumpet with all his might.

In the formative years of this Association, Bobby gave of his time, treasure and talent, serving on various committees and in varied capabilities, all to keep the legacy of Dear Old Eppes High alive and well.

Weeping endureth for the night, but joy cometh in the morning, Bobby's morning has come. We are thankful for the years we shared and the lasting memories.

Rest peacefully our brother. We shall live here so that we are joined together in that great family reunion on high.

Teel family, we are here to assist in any way we can, lend on your faith and us as you deem necessary. May God send the comforter to help heal the hole in your hearts.

*James Harper
National President*

JAMES HARPER JR - November 10, 2020 at 02:26 PM

JY

“ James [Boot] Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



James [Boot] Yarrell - November 10, 2020 at 01:00 PM

KW

“ Kathryn L Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Kathryn L Wallace - November 10, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ So sorry to hear the loss of a dear friend Teel. My condolences to the family may his soul rest in peace and God arms. Rest in Heaven Teel 🌹

Cheryl White - November 10, 2020 at 12:41 AM

SF

“ to Greg & the family Praying for you & you all. sheila fleming. Love you.

sheila fleming - November 09, 2020 at 11:14 PM

SF

“ *Sheila Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



sheila fleming - November 09, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel.*



November 09, 2020 at 08:26 PM

TW

“ *To the Teel family, sorry for your loss We will keep you all in our prayers, Uncle Bobby you will be missed... Love , Tonya, Twanita, Tamika, and your Sis Tina*

Twanita - November 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. We worked together for 30 or more years at E.I. Dupont.*

Joseph & Barbara Brown-Styles



Joseph Styles - November 09, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CH

“ With love to Kim and family from KHS class of 1981

Cynthia Long Higg - November 09, 2020 at 05:15 PM

VE

To the entire Teel family members my God comfort you during this time of sorrow my deepest condolences to you all no words can Express the heartbreak I feel during the passing of my dear friend he always made me laugh.

Vanessa Eley - November 10, 2020 at 06:10 AM



Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Gilbert - November 18, 2020 at 07:55 AM

BS

“ Good afternoon to the family of my friend and advisor Mr. William Teel. I was deeply sadden to hear of his passing. We first met on the historical and hollow ground of Shaw University in 1968. We became instant friend because William was straight shooter. He told you the truth and it was up to you to deal with it. I have never heard Williams say a bad thing about anyone even if he was delivering words that were not good to your but he only spoke facts. He was a confidant, friend and one of the best frat brother I have ever known. To the family I am sorry that I never got to met you personally but through William and my conversations i have a vivid picture of you all. I truly hope the wonderful time you guys spent together, the love and the fatherly advise he spoke into you will forever be engrained in you for the remainder of your life. May William rest in the comfort of his savior and lord Jesus the Christ

Bobby Lee Sanders - November 09, 2020 at 04:18 PM

TT

Thank you for sharing your memories of my dad. Thank you so much for your words of comfort.

Tressa

Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:21 PM

MP

“ To the Teel family i am sending my prayers for you all and may God keep you in the days to come. Remember keep your heads up, know that God is there with you. Also, form the KHS Class of "1981" we send our prayer to Kimberly, we are here for you love ya much.

Michael Parker - November 09, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JM

“ I will miss Bill, we worked at Du Pont, I sold him Real Estate, a personal used car and assisted hum with friendship assistance. Lord bless all Family members. Jarvis J. Mills



Jarvis Mills - November 09, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TT

Thank you for always being a friend to my dad. He thought very highly of you. Thank you for sharing

Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:22 PM

WN

Walter, Josephine Noble We are sorry for your lost. Stay strong and our condolences to the family

Walter Noble - November 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BW

“ Bobby, Nancy, And Candace Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Bobby, Nancy, and Candace Wooten - November 09, 2020 at 11:58 AM

GG

“ GEORGE & CAROL GARTRELL purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel.



GEORGE & CAROL GARTRELL - November 09, 2020 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Spartanburg Day School purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel.



Spartanburg Day School - November 09, 2020 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ Dear TC, Tre and Tim,
Your father was the REAL DEAL! A decent person, great advisor, good provider and an awesome friend. I will sorely miss him and his jovial spirit. May your hearts be comforted in knowing he ran the race, fought the good fight and is no longer suffering. Mr. Teel aka Poppa Teel! My other dad! Much love to you all! Christy

Christy Mather - November 09, 2020 at 11:17 AM



Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ Keeping Terrance, Tressa & Tim in our thoughts and prayers!! The Thomas family (Mary, Vanessa, Milton & Chris Thomas)

Chris Thomas - November 09, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Chris Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Chris Thomas - November 09, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Earl Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Earl Gardner - November 09, 2020 at 09:14 AM

TM

“ To the family...I am so sorry to learn of Bobby's passing. You'll are in my thoughts & prayers. I first met Bobby & family in 1984 when I lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Christine Blount on Nash Street while attending PCC! Bobby & many of the other family members, some whom have now passed on, will always have a special place in my heart as being kind loving people! It has been a while since I've seen Bobby, but when I did, he was always the same Bobby Teel! Rest In Peace Bobby, Mr. Wm Earl, Mrs. Gladora, Brenda, Benny Earl, Demetrius, & Mrs. Christine!💙💛 I will never forget you'll!🌹

Theresa McCabe-Adkins

Theresa McCabe-Adkins - November 09, 2020 at 08:51 AM

TW

“ Tyrone Walston lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Tyrone Walston - November 09, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ God speed Bobby!

Larry Vacek - November 08, 2020 at 10:54 PM

BW

“ Bobby Wilkins, Belinda Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Bobby Wilkins, Belinda Wilkins - November 08, 2020 at 01:26 PM

BW

“ Bobby Wilkins/ Belinda Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Bobby Wilkins/ Belinda Wilkins - November 08, 2020 at 01:23 PM



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November 08, 2020 at 12:41 PM

CJ

“ Colette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Colette Jackson - November 08, 2020 at 11:18 AM

LJ

“ I am extremely saddened by the passing of my good friend Bobby Teel. I have known Bobby since 1969 when I was employed by Dupont in Kinston. I transferred to Wilmington, Delaware in 1981 and to Charlotte in 1986. Bobby and I kept in contact during that time and I visited him when Shirley and I were in Kinston. Because of a fever, for health reasons I will not be present at the services on Tuesday. I believe Bobby would appreciate my sharing with you the conversation we had when we first met in his office in 1969. We found we were the same age and were members of different fraternities. When I told him I was from Mississippi he asked if “I had gotten my vaccinations before coming to North Carolina.” He would kid me often about being from Mississippi. Bobby had a great sense of humor, and he was a caring, loving, intelligent man. I miss him dearly. Shirley and I extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

Ledger and Shirley Morrissette

LEDGER Morrissette, Jr. - November 08, 2020 at 07:34 AM

TT

Thank you for sharing. Thank you also for your words of comfort

Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM

EH

“ Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - November 08, 2020 at 05:03 AM

MM

“ *Melvin McLawhorn*



Melvin McLawhorn - November 07, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BG

“ *Belinda Mclawhorn Gallop lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Belinda Mclawhorn Gallop - November 07, 2020 at 08:43 PM

HD

“ *Harry Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Harry Dobson - November 07, 2020 at 03:27 PM

MH

“ *Muriel Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Muriel Hines - November 07, 2020 at 01:30 PM

DJ

“ We were saddened to hear of the home going of our friend Bobby. The last time I saw him was at my father's (D.D.Garrett, Sr.)funeral. We will keep your family in our prayers. God bless you.
DD Garrett and family



Denison Garrett, Jr. - November 07, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MH

“ Margaret Hassell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Margaret Hassell - November 07, 2020 at 08:19 AM

M(

“ Precious Memories, how they linger!



Margaret Hassell (Margo) - November 07, 2020 at 08:14 AM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Gayle Hardy - November 07, 2020 at 07:38 AM

AH

“ Alton, Ella, and Amber Harris lit a candle to honor the memory of Mr. Bobby Teel.



Alton Harris - November 06, 2020 at 10:00 PM

EK

“ I met Bill when we were both working at Dupont while we were eating in the cafeteria. There was never a dull moment in his presence. We remained friends ever since.
My condolences to the family.
Earl Koonce

Earl Koonce - November 06, 2020 at 06:55 PM

BG

“ Bill And Barbara Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Bill and Barbara Griffin - November 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM

BI

“ Bill lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Bill - November 06, 2020 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.
Grace, Mercy and Peace to the family of Mr.
William "Bobby" Teel. Our prayers are with
you.*

*With Deepest Sympathy
Robert and Cellastine Moore*



Robert & Cellastine Moore - November 06, 2020 at 02:26 PM

LS

“ *Lea Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William "Bobby" Teel*



Lea Sparkman - November 06, 2020 at 01:57 PM

GS

“ *Gladys Stevenson lit a candle in memory of
Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Gladys Stevenson - November 06, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JK

“ Tim and family. My heart was saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great dad who invested valuable time and energy in his children's well-being and education. You can be proud to call Mr. Teel Dad. My prayers are with you and your family. I also remember your Mom. Good parents don't come around every day. You and your siblings were truly blessed.

Joyce King - November 06, 2020 at 11:46 AM

CR

“ Kim and The Teel Family, I want to send my deepest sympathy to you and the family. Mr. Bill was a great man and was a joy to be around. I am going to miss from seeing him in favorite store...Piggly Wiggly. Cherish the wonderful memories.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Cookie Roberson*

Cookie Roberson - November 06, 2020 at 09:47 AM



SL

“ Sharnetta M Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Sharnetta M Lowe - November 06, 2020 at 08:12 AM

BW

“ Ben WOOTEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Ben WOOTEN - November 06, 2020 at 01:28 AM

JM

“ Terrence, Tressa and the Teel family, on behalf of my family, the McClaud, we are so, so sorry to hear about Mr. Bobby. You all are in our prayers. Sincere condolences.

Jacquelyn McClaud - November 05, 2020 at 11:08 PM

TT

Thank you Soror

Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:25 PM

MD

“ Maggie Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Maggie Dobson - November 05, 2020 at 09:05 PM



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November 05, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SE

“ Prayers and Blessings to the Teel Family!
Bobby was a wonderful person full of joy and
loads of fun. We have been friends and co-
workers for many years. So sorry to hear
about the loss of your loved one. 🙏❤️



Sondra Early - November 05, 2020 at 06:08 PM

PJ

It was a pleasure meeting Bobby and his late wife Brenda, Bobby will
truly be missed he loved making you laugh.

Patricia Jordan - November 06, 2020 at 12:24 AM

AF

“ Annie Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William "Bobby" Teel



Annie Fields - November 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DE

“ DeWanda Eaton lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William "Bobby" Teel



DeWanda Eaton - November 05, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DE

“ Who's gonna record me on "VHS tape" when I'm dooin sumthin I'ain s'poda be dooin now??? I'm sho gone miss you and I'ma still talk aboutcha! Rest in power Poppa Dawg! Bark on....xoxoxo

Your otha daughter,
DeWanda

DeWanda Eaton - November 05, 2020 at 01:59 PM

TT



Tressa Teel - November 09, 2020 at 10:26 PM

WL

“ Dear Family of Teel, you have our deepest sympathy! We are tremendously saddened by your loss. May your memories give you comfort, and his legacy of love live through you all!

God Bless you all,

Dr. Wilson A. Lacy and Family

Wilson A. Lacy - November 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Brenda Vines lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel

Brenda Vines - November 05, 2020 at 11:34 AM



JF

“ Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Johnny and LaVette Ford - November 05, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel.



November 05, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Jeffrey Savage - November 05, 2020 at 10:47 AM

MM

“ Michele Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Michele Moore - November 05, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Elizabeth Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Elizabeth Gilbert - November 05, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Evangelist Gwen Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - November 05, 2020 at 08:08 AM

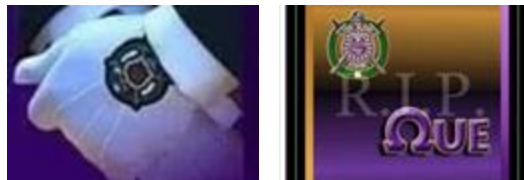


Walter, Josephine Noble Condolences to the Teel family. We will keep you in our prayers

Walter Noble - November 10, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Aaron R. Cotten - November 05, 2020 at 07:52 AM

BA

“ *Beatrice Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bobby" Teel*



Beatrice Atkinson - November 05, 2020 at 03:11 AM

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 - November 04, 2020 at 08:01 PM