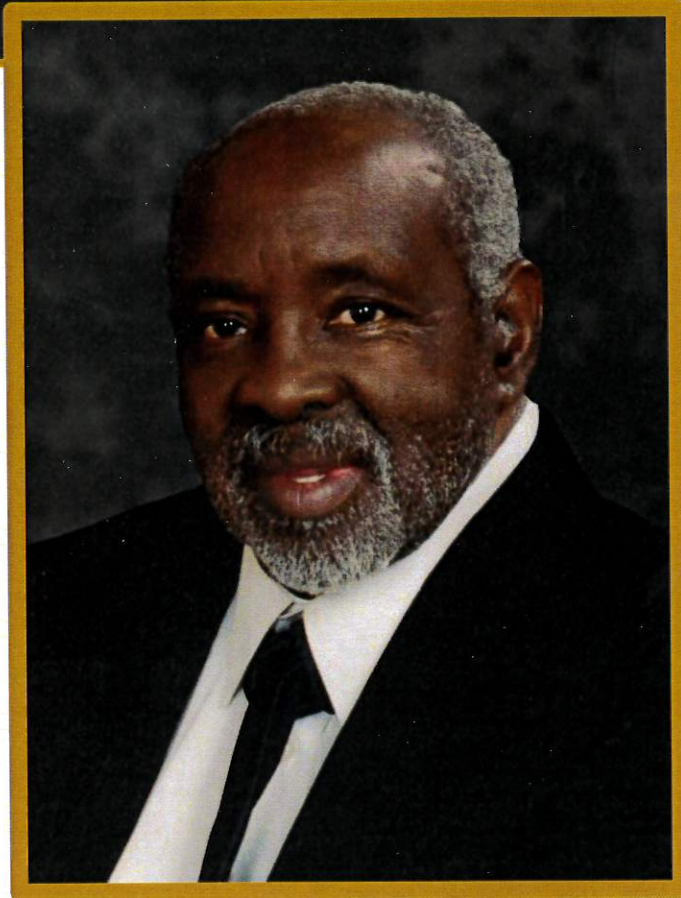


Albert Phillip Williams, Sr.

November 19, 1940 - April 28, 2023



Homegoing Service

Saturday, May 27, 2023 - 12:00 PM

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

**315 Winchester Road NE
Huntsville, AL 35811**

Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Officiant

Entombment: Valhalla Memory Gardens



Obituary

Mr. Albert Phillip Williams, Sr. was born on November 19, 1940, and passed away after an extended illness on April 28, 2023, at the age of 82 in Huntsville, Alabama. Named after his Uncle Big Albert, *Little Albert* was one of 13 surviving children born to Annie Lee Lane Williams and Milo Williams in Richmond, Indiana.

He attended Richmond High School, graduating in 1961, the same year as his future wife, Gae Anne Thomas, whom he married in 1962. Together they raised five girls and two boys. After high school, Albert attended Indiana University East in Richmond enrolling in construction technology courses. He later went on to work for several companies as a carpenter, truck driver, construction worker, and other positions. Albert instilled a strong work ethic in his children and would sometimes work two jobs to support his growing family.


As a youth, he was a member of Greater Second Baptist Church in Richmond. Years later he joined Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Richmond where he served as a trustee – a position he held proudly and took very seriously. Upon moving to Huntsville, he and his wife became members of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. O. Wendell Davis.

Growing up in a time when cell phones, video games, and computers were unavailable, Albert became quite a storyteller and wanted to become a writer. He loved to talk about legendary myths, such as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, and he enjoyed wrestling, history, music from all genres, movies, particularly Westerns, and going to local drive-ins. He also loved the great outdoors. On warm days he would ride his moped or grab his pole to go fishing in nearby rivers and creeks. Also, it was not unusual to find him loading up the family in the Volkswagen van to go swimming at Hueston Woods, just outside of Oxford, Ohio.

Albert's favorite color was purple, and he loved spending time with family. Each year he looked forward to going to family reunions that alternated annually between Richmond, Indiana and Toledo, Ohio. He was the last living member of his immediate family.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and daughter Cathy. He leaves to cherish his memory, his beautiful wife Gae Anne of 61 years and seven children: Wendi Williams, Lisa Underwood, and Linda (Jose) Batista of Huntsville, Alabama; Billi (Craig) Light of Indianapolis, Indiana; Albert Williams, Jr. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Christopher Williams of Copperas Cove, Texas; and Scott (Julia) Ferguson of Floyds Knobs, Indiana; seven grandchildren: Auriel (Mickey) Young, Tyler Odhiambo Johnson, Myles Williams-Jones, Simonè Johnson, Nijal Williams, Sean Williams, and Greg Underwood; and a host of other family members and friends.

Albert is greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.





Order of Service



Soft Music

Processional

Prayer

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Musical Selection

Reading of Obituary Silently (Soft Music)

Reading

On Death by Kahlil Gibran

Tributes (2-minute limit)

Church Resolution

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Mortician

Recessional (*Going Up Yonder*)

Entombment

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The Family

Dr. Don Darius Butler, Pastor
First Missionary Baptist Church

Min. Sylvesta Lee
Union Chapel M. B. Church

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Union Chapel Unity Choir

Sis. Felicia Thomas
Union Chapel M. B. Church

Sis. Johnnie Clift
Union Chapel M. B. Church

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Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor
Union Chapel M. B. Church

Min. Theromiles Flowers
Union Chapel M. B. Church

Royal Funeral Home, Inc.

Valhalla Memory Gardens

Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall
Union Chapel M. B. Church

Farewell My Friends (Family) by Rabindranath Tagore

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, the journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever save the pain I'll leave behind.
Those dear hearts who love and care and the heavy with sleep ever moist eyes.
The smile, in spite of a lump in the throat and the strings pulling at the heart and soul.
The strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down,
each morsel that I was fed with was full of love divine.
At every turning of my life I came across good friends (family).
Friends (family) who stood by me even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, Farewell my friends (family). I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears, for I need them not. All I need is your smile.
If you feel sad think of me, for that's what I'd like.
When you live in the hearts of those you love, remember then... you never die.

Pall Bearers

Albert Williams, Jr.
Myles Williams-Jones
Craig Light

Tyler O. Johnson
Gregory Underwood
Charles Thomas

Honorary Pall Bearers

William Thomas
Stanley Thomas
Jose Batista
Scott Ferguson

Christopher Williams
Nijal Williams
Sean Williams
Michael Thomas

Arrangements

Royal Funeral Home, Inc. and Valhalla Funeral Home & Memory Gardens

From The Williams Family

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your expressions of love, including prayers, visits, cards, meals, words of comfort, and other thoughtful acts during this difficult period.

A special thanks to Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and First Missionary Baptist Church.