



Deacon James E. Williams

September 11, 1953 - May 8, 2024

Cobbtown

Deacon James Edward Williams, age 70, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was a native of Bulloch County and resided in Cobbtown, GA with his wife, Tonja Williams for 22 years.

He was born September 11, 1953, to the late James “Jim” Williams and Thelma Clark Williams. After the death of his biological mother, Thelma, his father “Jim” married Carthie Lee Hagins Williams, who raised him and his siblings; affectionately calling her “Big Ma.”

James was a brick mason by trade. He was the proud owner and operator of “Williams Brothers and Son’s Masonry.” In 2017, after his health began to fail, he partnered with his brother as co-owner of Kit Construction Company. He loved designing and seeing projects built by his hands. He was a master craftsman. His motto was, “If you love something, you’ll learn it.” He worked hard for over 50 years building, making Statesboro and surrounding cities beautiful. Not only did he love his craft, but he loved teaching others how to work as well. While teaching, he would sometimes say, “I don’t pay you to think. You need to listen.” Whoever was willing to listen would learn. He employed and mentored many to become master builders and business

owners for themselves. He taught them how to build, he taught them work ethics, and he taught them how to live. His life and legacy shall never be forgotten.

James' greatest accomplishment was accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and savior. He joined Pine Grove Holiness Church of Portal, Ga, under the leadership of Elder Emory Hagins around 2003. Because of his faithfulness, he was elected as chairman of the deacon board and he also an integral part of the pastor's aid committee. Later in 2010, he became one of the founders of the New Beginnings Community Fellowship Ministries, where he served faithfully as Chairman Deacon until death.

He is preceded in death by his biological mother, Thelma Clark Williams; his father, James "Jim" Williams; mother, Carthie Lee Williams; brother, Willie "Button" Jones; sister, Annie Bell Williams; son, Marcellus "Marc" Ross; grandson, Savion Ross; and granddaughter, Sevyn Reign Chavers.

Deacon Williams leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Tonja Williams; his children, Rethonia (Rogderick) Worthy, Tyree Williams, Pastor Germain A. Williams, Lynn Michelle (Rashad) Lipsey, Wanda Roberts, Montrell Pixler, Monica Williams, Dorale Bell, Titus Williams, Nakisha Williams, Ayshia Williams, Brandon Chavers, Marquis "Duke" Mikell, Kesuan "Tre" Polk, Damon Johnson, Wyee Williams, Ka-Neisha Williams, Nicolette McBride, Laquanda Riley, and Tiffany Roundtree; siblings, Katrina (Mac Authur) Hagins, Linda Faye Scott, Evangelist Carlene (Prophet Melvin) Bynes, Mamie "Robyn" Jones, Harvey (Ruby) Williams, Walter "Kit" (Cynthia) Williams, Shay Williams, Sharon "Sam" Raymond, Tonie (Willie) Smith, and Osborne Williams; a special brother, Charles Reddick; 65 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral Service for Deacon James E. Williams, will be held at 11 A.M., Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church 7829 GA Highway 24 East Statesboro, Georgia 30461, the Rev. Harry J. Tremble, Jr., Pastor, the Bishop Anthony Chavers, Presiding and Overseer Emory Hagins, Officiating.

Mr. Williams will lie in state on the day of service, from 10 A.M. until the funeral hour. There will be no viewing after the eulogy.

****Please note, all viewing will be held on the day of service****

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Lie In State

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Miller Grove Baptist Church
7829 GA-24
Statesboro, GA 30461-7822
(912) 587-5356

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ *It's been two long years without you brother. I love and miss you brother. Rest on, know that you are loved and missed. Hugs and kisses from your Sister Tonie.*

Tonie Williams - May 08 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Williams family. From Jerry Spells and Family*



jerry spells - May 16, 2024 at 08:17 AM

LW

“ *Lawanda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams*



Lawanda Wilson - May 16, 2024 at 04:59 AM

AB

“ *Aminah & Saud Bey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon James E. Williams.*



Aminah & Saud Bey - May 15, 2024 at 10:53 PM

AB

“ Aminah & Saud Bey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon James E. Williams.

Aminah & Saud Bey - May 15, 2024 at 10:53 PM

AP

“ ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams



ARNOLD PERKINS - May 15, 2024 at 06:46 AM

DD

“ Danlyn Brown Devine lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams



Danlyn Brown Devine - May 14, 2024 at 07:16 PM

RF

“ Rest in peace cousin. You were loved and you will be miss.

Rebecca W Frink - May 14, 2024 at 05:56 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca W Frink lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams*



Rebecca W Frink - May 14, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon James E. Williams.*



May 14, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DF

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Delphia Florence - May 14, 2024 at 03:27 PM

IH

“ *Inez Moore Holmes lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams*



Inez Moore Holmes - May 14, 2024 at 01:13 PM

MB

“ Marvin & Renee Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams



Marvin & Renee Brown - May 13, 2024 at 11:27 PM

LS

“ James we are going miss you. You and Tonya have been more than a friend. You have been there for us and our family. You have definitely been there for us. We Love You Deacon Williams.
From Deacon Sparks and Missionary Sparks

Lloyd Sparks or Wilma Sparks - May 12, 2024 at 09:24 PM

VW

“ Virginia and Mike Wimmer purchased the Caring Condolences Gift Basket for the family of Deacon James E. Williams.



Virginia and Mike Wimmer - May 11, 2024 at 09:38 PM

VW

“ Virginia and Mike Wimmer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James E. Williams.

Virginia and Mike Wimmer - May 11, 2024 at 09:38 PM

JW

“ To, Mrs. Tonya Williams & Family
Holding You Close In My Thoughts An Prayers.

Jean Whitlock - May 11, 2024 at 08:34 PM

EF

“ My deepest condolences to the family.



EDNA FIELDS - May 11, 2024 at 08:24 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Joyce sent a virtual gift in memory of
Deacon James E. Williams



Patricia Joyce - May 11, 2024 at 06:26 AM

TM

“ Send my prayers and condolences to the family

Tameeka Mikell - May 10, 2024 at 06:05 PM

DH

“ Dalantae Hicks lit a candle in memory of
Deacon James E. Williams



Dalantae Hicks - May 10, 2024 at 03:05 PM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams*



Lynette Jones Wilcox - May 10, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RC

“ *Dea. James Williams left a legacy with his family, being a brick Mason. This is Generational Wealth. Family, what Mr. James taught you, use it to the best of your ability! Keep his name and the legacy going! We thought a lot of Dea. Williams and he was a great neighbor when we were living on Hodges Circle. R.I.H.P. is our prayers.*

Rev. James Canty & Sis. Cynthia Canty. 🙏❤️

Rev. James Canty & Cynthia Canty - May 09, 2024 at 10:32 PM

K-

“ *My condolences to the family and my prayers are with you all RIP my cousin. Gone but will not be forgotten.*



Katie Harrison -Raymond - May 09, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AP

“ *Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon James E. Williams*



Arnold Perkins - May 09, 2024 at 06:56 PM

TE

“ My Condolences To The Williams Family, May God Comfort & Strengthen You All During This Time of Bereavement . Sleep In Peace James Williams.....Praying For The Family.... May God Bless You All. 🙏🙏🙏



Tricia Eason - May 09, 2024 at 06:20 PM

LW

“ My good friend and classmate. The GOAT of a Brick Mason. Larry Williams, Alice ,and Family.

Larry Williams - May 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BW

“ We send our love and condolences to the Williams family. James was just like family to my husband and I we are deeply saddened. Love you all Eugene & Bonita McCray White

Bonita McCray White - May 09, 2024 at 09:32 AM

AP

Prayers 🙏🙏🙏 and Condolences goes out to the Williams family 🙏
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Arnold Perkins - May 09, 2024 at 06:57 PM