



Minister William L. Kirkland

September 14, 1968 - February 23, 2024

Guyton, Georgia

Minister William Leon Kirkland was born on September 14, 1968, in Boston Massachusetts. He entered eternal rest on February 23, 2024, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He was 55 years old at the time of his death.

William Leon Kirkland was the son of the late William Brown and his surviving mother, Betty Jo Kirkland. He was preceded in death by his sister Nicole Brown.

On November 20, 2004, William Kirkland married Melody Williams in Saint Mary's, Georgia. They both resided in Guyton, Ga throughout their marriage.

William worked at Coca-Cola as a merchandiser until he retired in 2007. He received his certificate of ordination on November 11, 2011. And which he served the body of Christ faithfully throughout his adult life. He also dedicated his time and efforts to the Southeastern Sarcoidosis Support Group, which he founded on December 14, 2016.

William, affectionately known as "Will", always did his role as a pillar of the community by giving back through resources supporting social services,

health awareness, medical screenings, our community education system, hunger relief for the homeless, and community development by improving and beautifying our local community. He also encouraged diversity and inclusion by building relationships among diverse groups throughout Chatham, Liberty, Effingham, and Burke counties.

William volunteered for several years with Camp Aloha as a camp counselor mentoring children who experienced the death of a loved one. He organized various outreach programs. Will sponsored the Rosa Mae Williams Food Bank and organized the Rosa Mae Annual Health Fair. He partnered with various non-profit and profit organizations through outreach and community service, including LifeLink of Georgia, Hospice of Savannah, QUAD E, Empire Enterprise, the Finkle's Spice & Tea Exchange, and Augustin Crohn's Educational Support. William received various awards throughout the years for his community service, most notably Herb Jones Volunteer of the Year and was also the recipient of the 2022 and 2023 Empire Community Service Award.

He is survived by his wife, Melody Williams Kirkland of Guyton, GA; his mother Betty Jo Kirkland, Snellville, GA; two daughters, Channel Reddick, Statesboro, GA and Jaqua Kirkland, Philadelphia, PA; a son, William L Kirkland, Atlanta, GA; a brother, Johnathan Kirkland, Boston, MA; two sisters, Shanda (Derrick) Heard, Snellville, GA, Jessica (Brandon) Mosely, Savannah, GA; three sisters-in-law, Loretta Washington, Lexington, SC, Caroline Dunning, Cameron, SC, and Victoria Brevard, Norwalk, CT; two brothers-in-law, Carl (Leah) Williams, Blythewood, SC, and Curtis Williams, Brooklyn, NY; six grandchildren, Damon Cooper, Janell Cooper Bralyn Reddick, Zoey Kirkland, Britain Anderson-Bush, and Chayce Kirkland; two aunts, Danita Brown-Gaymon, Dallas, GA, and Cheryl Brown, Sandy Springs, GA; two uncles, Shelton Forney, Meridan, CT, and Tyrone Brown Sr., Stonecrest, GA, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A viewing will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at Hill's Mortuary, Inc., from the hours of 4 pm to 7 pm.

The funeral service for Mr. William L. Kirkland, will be held at 11 am., Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc., with Pastor Deborah Middleton Oliver Roberts, officiating. Burial will be in the Bulloch Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions in William Kirkland's honor, may be made to, the Quad E. Corporation, 95 Savannah Road Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324 w www.quadecorp.org or Mission for Souls, c/o Evangelist Betty Florence, P.O. Box 3100, Statesboro, Georgia 30459

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

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Burial

MAR 2 (ET)

Bulloch Memorial Gardens
22002 US-80
Statesboro, GA 30459
(912) 764-4626

Tribute Wall



“ *Hill's Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - March 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

TR

“ *So kind, helpful, and always thinking of others. Such a warrior. Williams will be greatly missed.*

TrinaDavis - March 02, 2024 at 11:00 AM

EF

“ *Empire Family lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Empire Family - March 01, 2024 at 06:43 PM

EF

Our deepest sympathy and much love to Melody and the family!

Empire Family - March 01, 2024 at 06:45 PM

LS

“ My condolences to the family 🙏



Lavern Smith - March 01, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family.



Delphia Florence - February 29, 2024 at 09:28 PM

LF

“ Late Cousin Lula Mae Jordan's Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland



Late Cousin Lula Mae Jordan's family - February 29, 2024 at 04:54 PM

CS

“ Cynthia F. & James S. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Minister William L. Kirkland.



Cynthia F. & James S. - February 29, 2024 at 04:53 PM

LW

“ *Lucia Wallace lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Lucia wallace - February 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SI

“ *Stacey Irvin-Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Stacey Irvin-Lockhart - February 29, 2024 at 09:19 AM

TF

“ *Our family is sorry for the loss of your love one. We send our love and condolences. Soon death will be no more. Eugene & Bonita McCray White*

The White Family - February 28, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Minister William L. Kirkland.*



February 27, 2024 at 03:59 PM

TA

“ Sending my condolences to his family. God Bless



Tabatha Jackson Alston - February 26, 2024 at 06:48 PM

DW

“ Minster Kirkland was a True Man of God. He fought a good fight. My prayers go out to his wife and family. 🙏

Daryl Wilson - February 26, 2024 at 12:56 PM

PS

“ William Kirkland left some serious footprints in the sands of time...his kindness, advocacy, his love of family and advocacy for our cause speaks volumes about the man he was. He will be greatly missed by his Sarcoidosis Brothers and Sisters, though we will realize he will be even more missed by his wife and family. I never met him in person but had some interaction with him on the Internet. He touched me in a very spiritual way...he is with his God and we feel his loss...

Pastor Timothy L. Madden, Sr. - February 26, 2024 at 12:13 PM

MW

“ My condolences to Chanel & family 🙏🙏



Mona Williams - February 26, 2024 at 12:56 AM

SS

“ *My Condolences to the Family. Sorry for your loss*



Sharmin Smith - February 25, 2024 at 08:06 PM

MG

“ *Maria Glisson lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Maria Glisson - February 25, 2024 at 07:52 PM

GS

“ *Georgia Sampson lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Georgia Sampson - February 25, 2024 at 06:05 PM

TE

“ *Tricia Eason sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Tricia Eason - February 25, 2024 at 02:01 PM

SD

Thank you for being the kind, loving big brother that you are. You were so good to my Mom and prayed for her during her COVID experience. Now you've gained your wings Angel! May God keep your family, Mama Betty, and my sister Shanda in his arms.
R

Swakara Douglas - February 25, 2024 at 03:36 PM

DD

“ *Danlyn Brown Devine lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Danlyn Brown Devine - February 25, 2024 at 10:52 AM

AP

“ *Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Minister William L. Kirkland*



Arnold Perkins - February 25, 2024 at 10:32 AM

LW

“ *My CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, My PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL, WILLIAM HAD A SWEET AND BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT.*



Lynette Jones Wilcox - February 25, 2024 at 08:47 AM

VM

“ *The Mincey Family, of the Whitesville Community Family, extends our deepest condolences and most sincere prayers. We pray God's comfort for you all at this time of loss. We treasure fond memories of William.*

Valerie Mincey - February 25, 2024 at 08:42 AM