



Mr. Alfred Harris Williams

April 16, 1945 - September 19, 2017

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“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” II Corinthians 5:8

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Alfred was born Monday, April 16, 1945, in Harrisburg, PA, son of the late Thomas E. Williams Sr. and the late Bertha M. Brown Williams.

Educated in the Steelton, PA, and Harrisburg, PA, School Districts, he was an honor graduate of the former John Harris High School, Class of 1963, where he not only excelled academically, but athletically as well. He was the first African American quarterback at John Harris. During Alfred’s sophomore year, the John Harris football team celebrated an undefeated season. During his senior year, the team was undefeated and ranked nationally in the Patriot-News Parade Edition.

Alfred’s advanced educational quests included graduation (1965) from R.E.T.S. Electronics School, Upper Darby, PA; attendance at Duke University, Durham, NC, Executive Management Training; as well as Penn State University, Middletown, PA.

A decorated soldier in the United States Army, he served honorably during the Vietnam War being 1st Air CAV DIV and recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. Alfred was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mechanicsburg, PA.

After thirty-five years of service, he retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp., Steelton, where he held the positions of Electrician, Trades Instructor, General Foreman and Superintendent of all Mechanical and Electrical personnel throughout the plant.

Having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior many years ago, Alfred was a former member of The Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Harrisburg, and attended The First Baptist Church of Steelton.

Fishing, music, traveling, reading and entertaining were among his life passions. An invitation to Alfred's Annual Fish-Fry held at his Susquehanna Township home was to be coveted. Alfred exemplified proud Black manhood through his dedicated, unselfish love for his family, especially his children, grandchildren and siblings. He was a loyal and true friend to many throughout his life, and he was always willing to help anyone.

At seventy-two years of age, while at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, the angels came to escort Alfred safely into the arms of his Heavenly Father joining in eternal life his parents and his five siblings, Thomas E. Williams Jr., Winnie L. Anthony, Vivian Shelley, Victoria Williams and Helen Williams.

Alfred Harris Williams leaves to cherish and emulate his honorable legacy, son, Kyle Williams and his wife Karniesha of Raeford, NC; daughters, Opal Shaw and her husband Richard, Veronica Belcher, Pamela Prater and husband Lawrence and Leslie Lawson; brother, Jacob Williams and his wife Veronica; sisters, Leslie Opara and Joanna Williams; aunt, Margaret Lewis; friend, Janet Romberger; grandchildren, Justin, Nikolas, Gary, Domonique, Devunye and Christian, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

A Life Loved, A Life Shared, A Life To Be Remembered!

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1850 S. 19th Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams.*



September 26, 2017 at 05:50 PM



“ *"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends." Bach*

Meeting Al in 7th grade at Edison Jr High began a friendship that lasted. I will miss the holiday calls, not only Christmas, but all holidays, including my birthday.

My wife, daughter and I love you and will miss your wonderful smile. Thank you for your life of service to our great country.

One more time:

"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends."

Until we meet again, my friend.

Rich Fick and family

Rich Fick - September 26, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams.*



September 25, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Love ❤️ you Uncle Alfred RIP my Condolences to the family*



Juanita Parrish - September 24, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Al Williams. His presence at family gatherings, reunions, weddings etc. will be missed! May God comfort his family during this difficult time. Mr. and Mrs Milton Wagner Jr.*

jan wagner - September 24, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Alma Howard-Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams*



Alma Howard-Lawson - September 24, 2017 at 02:25 AM



“ *RIP. You were a good person that will be missed by many. See you on the other side, my friend. Praying for family. Love: TJ, Kayla and Alma Howard-Lawson*

Alma Howard-Lawson - September 24, 2017 at 02:24 AM



“ *Dear Al, thanks for always hosting our reunion committee dinners and the excellent meals we always had. Rest in Heavenly peace you have certainly earned your angel wings.*

LINDA WISE - September 23, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ *Alfred H. Williams (Al's voice) was a proud man, who took pride in all of his many life accomplishments, and if you were lucky enough to spend a minute with Al he would be sure to utilize this moment to list as many as he could. Once he was able to solidify his credibility he would use it for the one thing that matter most to him and that was to tell you about how special, wonderful and proud he was of his kids Kyle E' and Opie his grandchildren Dom E' , Dev E' Chris E' , Justin, Nicolas - Baby Zuri and "Superstar" Baby Jeremiah this would follow with a in depth photo display of them all. Al accomplished so much with the time God granted him here on earth he was an impressive Man who's impact on the world will be deeply missed by many... My love and condolences to the family. With much gratitude a heartfelt thank you to Alfred H. Williams for helping me become a better man.*

Anonymouslovedone - September 23, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ Dawn Keller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams



Dawn Keller - September 23, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ Mr. Al was such a sweet person and I am happy to have met him. We were together last Christmas and I am happy to treasure that memory. Rest well Mr. Al ❤️



Jessica Herbert - September 23, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams.



September 23, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ Veronica B lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Harris Williams



Veronica B - September 23, 2017 at 09:35 AM

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Dear daddy Al,

I will cherish all the good memories, laughs as you would say Ver ron ni ca I will be fine don't cry don't worry yourself I will be fine. You will always be in my heart and I will be strong like you would want me to be. Love leaves memories, You will live in my heart until we meet again.

*Love your daughter,
Veronica B*

Veronica B - September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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Daddy Al,

I too will cherish memories, laughs and words of praise to the very end. Until we meet again, may you find peace and solace for your body and soul. Forever in our hearts and thoughts.

*Your daughter,
Pamela B*

Pamela Belcher Prater - September 23, 2017 at 12:34 PM



R.i.p. Al

Dawn Keller - September 23, 2017 at 09:34 PM