



Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.

March 7, 1952 - December 5, 2013

WILLIAMS, Jr., Mr. Thomas Wendell - Age 61, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, December 13, 2013 at Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church, 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. MicKarl D. Thomas, Sr. officiating, Rev. Roosevelt Brown eulogist. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10 a.m. Friday. Mr. Williams, Jr. will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, with the family present 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr. was born March 7, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Dr. Thomas Wendell Williams and Marion Lavelle Coates Williams. He was baptized and accepted Christ at an early age at Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was active in the church as an Altar Boy, Young Laymen and was a member of the Young People's Department. Wendell matriculated through the Flint Community School System and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1970. Wendell attended Western Michigan University where he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He completed his college education upon graduation from Morehouse Uni-versity in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1976. In 1986 Wendell married Althea Rennie. This union produced and included Shanique Juliana Rattray-Touma Saba; Lauren

Rochelle Williams and Thomas Wendell Williams III. Wendell was full of life and had many friends who loved and adored him. He was an avid reader, enjoyed sports, loved Reggae music and Salsa dancing.

Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: Children, Shanique Rattray-Touma Saba (Laurent), Lauren Rochelle Williams and Thomas Wendell Williams III; sisters, Rev. Helen Rochelle Williams and Dr. Karen Marie Williams Weaver (Dr. Wrex A. Weaver III); uncle, Asbury T. Williams, Jr. (Dorothy); aunt, Helen McAfee; nieces, Adrienne and Alanna Weaver; nephew, Douglas Q. McAfee Jr; a host of cousins and extended family members including friends for life, Cedric Speed, Wendell Brunson, Raymond Johnson, Mildred James and The Reggae Community.

Mr. Williams, Jr. was preceded in death by grandparents, Thomas C. and Georgia Coates; Rev. Asbury T. Williams and Helen Watson Williams; Parents, Dr. T. Wendell Williams and Marion Lavelle Williams; uncles, Donald Thomas Coates, Esquire, George Williams, Joseph Williams and Dr. Douglas Q. McAfee and granddaughter, Skylar Lavelle Williams.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Matthew Cotant, Greenfield Dialysis and all the medical personnel that assisted in the care of our father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

We are most grateful for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers and every act of kindness, have given us strength and inspiration for the facing of this hour. May God ever bless each of you.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 12. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *missing you so so much Wendell! It's getting harder for me! after all this time. I just know u Salsa dancing up there :) miss u abundantly!*



Erica Hodges - August 23, 2014 at 09:30 PM



*My buddy in elementary school/Martin Elementary.
Just saw your beautiful sis Mayor Karen all the way down here in Charlotte NC. ...you'd be so proud of her!!
RIP Wendell.
Pam Williams Holtz*

Pamela Williams Holtz - December 10, 2016 at 03:53 PM



I will always love you Wendell, always.

Love Debby Hale

Debby Nickens - June 22, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *A light that still burns, that is what you are, Thomas-Wendell. Thank you for your undying friendship, guidance and encouragement. Your friend in God. Ernesta.*

ernesta gibbs - March 21, 2014 at 08:10 AM

EG

“ *Ernesta Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.*



ernesta gibbs - March 21, 2014 at 07:52 AM

GJ

“ *Gloria Jordan-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.*



Gloria Jordan-Thompson - December 19, 2013 at 12:25 PM

RL

“ *Rev Lawrence Long: Deepest condolences to your family in this great loss. We are praying for you! God bless and keep you in His care!*

Rev Lawrence Long - December 14, 2013 at 12:41 PM

RO

“ *Unlike your Alpha Brothers, I share your love and friendship as an Omega (Que). Our time spent together during our Morehouse years were as if we were fraternity brothers. You will be missed by all who knew you. "Rest in Peace" my dear brother.*

*Robert Page
Durham, North Carolina*

Robert - December 13, 2013 at 08:30 AM

LR

“ To the family you have my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences may God bless you all.

Lillian(Chaney) Robinson



Lillian Robinson - December 13, 2013 at 06:24 AM

GM

“ Dear family, you have my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

Gwenith E. McGill - December 12, 2013 at 01:23 PM

NB

“ Sending condolences to the family.

Neysa (Hodges) Burns



Neysa Burns - December 12, 2013 at 09:08 AM

JP

“ Julius Parham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.



julius parham - December 12, 2013 at 08:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr..*



December 11, 2013 at 01:54 PM



“ *" Brother T Wendell", the ever eloquent one, always there for anyone in need. Your vibrant personality resonated with all who knew you. Pledging under you and all the other brothers of Alpha Rho was an experience I'll never forget. I'll never forget all of the memorable times we had together at the "House." Unlike Rikki, I lost contact with you after you came to visit Myra and I in Chicago. The prayers of my family go out to yours during this time of bereavement and farewell. May God richly bless them and those of us who remain.*

*William L Cox and Family
Crete, Illinois*

William L. Cox - December 10, 2013 at 10:10 PM



“ *I wish to express my sincere condolences to Wendell's family and all that knew him. He was a great Fraternity Brother and friend. May he rest in peace with God. Melvin Bolton and Family*

Melvin Bolton - December 10, 2013 at 09:13 PM

RD

“ This is so hard to share A memory because there are so, so, so, many. Big Wendell or T Wendell as I called him was like my blood brother. I loved him and my family loved him. He was a brother that was always an inspiration for all people that knew him. If he could help you he would and nobody will dispute that. I owe it to Wendell that I went the only way to go Alpha Phi Alpha. One thing that I am so grateful for is the fact that we never lost touch after "The House". My sincere sympathy and blessings go out to his beloved family. Peace be with you he is OK now.

Rikki S. Davidson - December 10, 2013 at 07:27 PM

EN

“ I met Wendell when he transferred to Morehouse. He had one of those personalities that made you like him from the day you met him. I was fortunate to have reconnected with him, if only via e-mail, over the last year. In addition to be a frat brother, I viewed him as a true friend.

Earl Nero - December 10, 2013 at 04:41 PM

CT

“ Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.



Connie Taylor - December 10, 2013 at 04:40 PM

WW

“ As one of Wendell's fraternity brothers, I remember him as a person full of life. He was always willing to give a helping hand to someone. I did not know much about his life since Morehouse but I trust he had a wonderful and meaningful life. My sincere sympathy goes out to his entire family especially to his children. Remember, God will take care of you this day and in the days to come. Keep the faith.

Walter F. Williams, Judge (ret.)
"Chattanooga"

Walter F. Williams - December 10, 2013 at 02:39 PM

JE

“ Ahhhhhh Brother Wendell, I recall our days at Morehouse with fondness and your love of all things Jamaican. Your sweet soul is missed. May God bless you and your family. I look forward to seeing you on the other side--fair ye well!

Jeffrey A. Beaver, Esq. - December 10, 2013 at 01:03 PM

SP

“ Sharon (Skipper) Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.



Sharon (Skipper) Patterson - December 09, 2013 at 11:50 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.



Valerie Southall - December 09, 2013 at 05:05 PM

DI

“ My condolences to the family. Please find strength from God's Word at John 5: 28, 29

Dianna - December 08, 2013 at 08:06 AM

RW

“ Rhonda White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wendell Williams Jr.



Rhonda White - December 07, 2013 at 03:10 PM

EH

“ Wendell, I will always have the fun fun memories my friend! Your children are so blessed to have a great father like you. Gonna miss you buddy!

Condolencese to your family.

*Your friend
Erica Hodges*

Erica Hodges - December 07, 2013 at 02:25 PM

MS

“Gone too soon Wendell, no such thing I know, but that's how I feel.
My sympathies to your family.

Your Friend,

Mario

Mario Smith - December 07, 2013 at 01:58 PM

LI

“Dear Williams Family and Friends,
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one, and offer you my sincere condolences. Many have found comfort and hope in knowing that the Bible assures us: “Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18) God's holy spirit, or active force, can equip you with “power beyond what is normal” to go from one day to the next. (2 Corinthians 4:7) It is my sincere hope that this gives you a measure of solace in this most difficult time. My family wishes you and yours peace.

Lisa - December 07, 2013 at 10:39 AM