



Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.

September 13, 1939 - August 31, 2024

On Saturday, August 31, 2024, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr. of Portsmouth, VA, passed away at the age of 84 years. He was born to parents, Deacon George Ledrue Williams and Bertha Mae Hooker, on September 13, 1939, in Craven County, North Carolina.

Louis accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and became a member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church in Craven County, North Carolina.

Louis, also affectionately known as “Bobby” to family and friends, matriculated through the Craven County school system and graduated from Newbold High School in 1957. Following high school, Louis enlisted in the United States Army, where he faithfully served his country for eight years and earned the ranking Sergeant E-5. While in the armed forces, Louis earned the following: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Rifle Medal (M-14), Good Conduct Medal, and Drivers Badge. Upon his return from Vietnam, Louis served as a police officer with the Portsmouth City Police Department. Louis earned an AC/Refrigeration certification from Tidewater Community College and later retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard after 25 years as a welder.

Louis met his beautiful wife, the late Mary M. Swimpson Williams at a revival service in 1958 after hearing her sing as one of the Swimpson Gospel Singers. They were married on December 10, 1958 in Portsmouth, Virginia, and together, shared 61 years of marriage. From their union, they raised six children: Sheryl, Louis, Jr., Steven, Mark, Reginald, and Vincent.

Louis enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing. He could often be found in his workshop with his tools fixing anything. He was well known for his signature North Carolina-style barbeque, which his family loved to refer to as “Bobby’s Que.”

Louis later became a member of Union Baptist Missionary Church in Suffolk, Virginia, where he was ordained as a deacon and later served as co-chairman. Deacon Williams faithfully supported the church in his giving and his service until his health failed. He was also faithfully served as a member of the Men’s Ministry, the Male Chorus, Senior Choir, the Wilbert Wells Memorial Choir, the Evangelistic Outreach Ministry, a graduate of the One Year Through the Bible Class and provided groundskeeping and physical plant services.

Louis is preceded in death by his wife, Mary M. Williams, his parents, Bertha and George Williams, and his siblings—George “Pete” Williams, Jean Dawson, and Juliet Sherrod. He is survived by his only daughter, Sheryl Sykes (Rudy), and five sons, Louis, Jr. (Vicki), Steven (Dena), Mark (Angela), Reginald (Dr. Patricia), and Vincent (Wendy). Grandchildren, Shanique, Chantel, Tiffany Lewis (Jonathan), Sha’De Smith (Tyrone), Camari, Brittnie Blackwell (Robert III), Darrius (Tiffany), ReShada, Justina Lee (Dr. Harold), Ashley, Daniel, Rubi Cousins (Rashad), Samuel, Mark Jr., Vincent Jr., Reginald Jr., ReNaya, Greg, Daryl and Kim; great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jr., Mya, Almina, Elle, Olivia, Gabriel, Tamia, Tiana, Jurnee, Robert

IV, Rio, Malik, Autumn-Rai, Asaish, Kash and Dior, Chloe, Rashad Jr., Nahla,

Jody, Nathan, Elijah and Isaiah. Louis is survived by his beloved sister, Margaret Williams Hassell; brother-in-law Willie Sherrod; and two sisters-in-law, Delores Fagan and Elsie Rae Brown.

Also, to honor his memory is a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, church family and friends including a very dear son-like neighbor, LeRoy Lashly (Cleadus); his friend of over 60 years, Robert Williams, and his neighbor of over 50 years, and dear family friend, Margie Bowen.

The family will welcome visitors Monday, September 9, 2024, from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1248 North George Washington Hwy, Chesapeake, VA 23323. The homegoing celebration will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Union Baptist Missionary Church, 5414 Nansemond Pkwy, Suffolk, VA 23425.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6329 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Missionary Baptist Church
5414 Nansemond Pkwy
Suffolk, VA 23435

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 09, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ My prayers goes out to the family that the Lord provide you strength and comfort during this time of loss,

charles horne - September 09, 2024 at 08:31 AM



“ Evans Family (Curtis, Avis, Chala) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr..



Evans Family (Curtis, Avis, Chala) - September 08, 2024 at 05:13 PM

TK

“ *The Deacons Of MT Zion Baptist Church New Kent. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr..*



The Deacons Of MT Zion Baptist Church New Kent. -
September 07, 2024 at 06:46 PM

AE

“ *RIP Mr. Bobby.... You will be missed.*

Avis Evans



Avis Evans - September 07, 2024 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Robert H. Williams (Pam) lit a candle in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.*



Robert H. Williams (Pam) - September 07, 2024 at 10:52 AM

RW

“ May the works I've done speak for me, 2 Tim.4:6-8. Only GOD knew your departure was at hand, so HE called my dearly beloved brother and friend from his labor to his reward. I was saddened to hear of the news when I received the call that you had taken flight but rejoicing knowing that GOD needed you more. So many times we hung out, shopped, tampered on our lawnmowers, took rides together and just hung out in the yard and talked about the goodness of GOD and how HE had brought us from a mighty long ways, the joy and fellowship will always keep me reminded of the wonderful relationship we shared. Rest on my brother I will see you in the morning. To GOD be the glory for putting you in my life.

Robert H. Williams - September 07, 2024 at 09:54 AM

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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Thank you Mr. Bobby as you were affectionately called by many for the life you not only lived before your lovely wife, children, grands/great grands, family, neighbors, friends, country, community, jobs, but the roll model that you displayed will always stand out in so many lives that you inspired during your Christian journey. So many times you visited Robert and I and talked about GOD'S grace and mercy that would fall your cheeks at times. JESUS I will never forget those often visits with you and the loved you shared to Robert and I. Take your place in Heaven where we will see each other again. To the Family thank you for sharing this wonderful man of valor with us. GOD bless you All. Mr/Mrs Robert H. Williams love forever planted in our hearts.

Robert H. Williams (Pam) - September 07, 2024 at 10:44 AM

AW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Ashley Williams - September 06, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 06, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Reginald Williams - September 06, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ Carlos & Tammy Norris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.



Carlos & Tammy Norris - September 06, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Ronald Dawson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.



Ronald Dawson - September 05, 2024 at 10:42 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.*



Brenda Lee - September 05, 2024 at 01:39 PM

DJ

“ *Diane jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Louis Langhorne Williams, Sr.*



Diane jones - September 05, 2024 at 10:00 AM