



Garfield Williams, Jr.

March 3, 1930 - April 11, 2018

Garfield Williams Jr. was born on March 3, 1930, to Lou Carter and Garfield Williams, Sr. in (Kempsville) Princess Anne County, Virginia. He was the youngest of their seven children. God called him home on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Garfield attended Norfolk County Schools. As a child, he attended Saint Andrews AME Church in Virginia Beach (Queen City). In his early years, Garfield was very athletic excelling in basketball and track and field.

Horseback riding was something he enjoyed as well. He was a shoe shiner in downtown Norfolk as a young boy and later worked as a dishwasher and waiter at Woolworth. He was also employed with Portlock Producing Company. He enjoyed watching old western movies and the first movie he ever saw was Stormy Weather.

He attended Virginia State College majoring in physical education. He was in the United States Army and completed basic training at Fort Smith, Arkansas and was later stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. When he came back to Virginia he proposed to the love of his life, Doris and they were married on July 10, 1953. They spent some time in Georgia but returned to Virginia around 1955. Here in Virginia, they raised their five children, Paula, Derwin, Carlton, Garfield, III, and Kevin. During that time, he and Doris joined New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Reid and later Rev. Charles Bowens. He worked for 28 years at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and retired from there in 1992. He was also a counselor at CBN for many years.

Garfield Williams was a natural born singer. While at New Hope, you would always find Garfield in the choir and most often the lead soloist on Sunday. At New Hope, he was a Sunday School teacher and in 1996, ordained as a deacon at New Hope. If you did not see Garfield and Doris on second Sundays at New Hope, you would find them worshipping with his friend Rev. Addison Brown at Father and Son and Holy Spirit Church of Grace in Chesapeake where he would also be singing to the glory of God.

He is preceded in death by his son Garfield, III. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris; his daughter Paula Sunkins of Chesapeake, his sons Derwin Williams of Chesapeake, Carlton Williams of Portsmouth and Kevin Williams of Huntsville, Alabama; four grandchildren, Anthony Sunkins, Tangie Fields, Tinesha Boone and Kevin C. Williams; seven great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

I will bless the Lord at all times,

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (St. Julian Creek)
1317 Gust Lane
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 18, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Aunt Doris and Family,
Our condolences to you and the family. Uncle Garfield will truly be missed. He was a humble man and an exceptional vocal talent. When we hear "My Soul is anchored in the lord" . We will always think of him. May you find comfort in Gods word in the days to come.
Michael and Liza Sanderson Sr.

Liza Sanderson - April 18, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ May God comfort the family with the knowledge that friends are not only praying for you but are ready and willing to assist as needed.



Joyce. Foster - April 17, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Garfield Williams, Jr..*



April 17, 2018 at 09:50 AM



“ *We will never forget Mr. Williams' wonderful kindness and miraculous singing. May the Lord bless and keep you all in this time of grief, knowing that he is surely without pain and suffering and is resting in His arms.*

Love and prayers, Eedy, Sadie and Bernice Nicholson

Eedy Nicholson - April 17, 2018 at 09:04 AM



Mister Garfield will be missed I used to work with him in Norfolk Naval Shipyard my condolences go out to the family

Bessie Sparrow Trice - September 27, 2018 at 02:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Kevin C. Williams - April 16, 2018 at 08:32 PM

ML

“ During this very difficult time, God’s Word, the Bible, provides the greatest comfort of all. For instance, at John 11; 25, 26 Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. Therefore, we can take comfort in knowing that our dead loved ones are resting in peace, and they will be resurrected in God’s due time.

mlh - April 16, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garfield Williams, Jr..



April 16, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Garfield Williams, Jr..



April 16, 2018 at 05:52 PM

OM

“ Dear Paula and Does (Pinky), Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of your loved one, Garfield Williams. I could always depend on him to sing for me on programs when I worked with the Seniors at First Baptist Church West Munden. I will forever remember his melodious anointed voice, now he is singing with the angels. May God give you strength during this time. Be blessed.



Olivia Martin - April 16, 2018 at 04:49 PM

MA

“ I knew Garfield for my years from our community, Norfolk County, church. His wonderful voice will forever be remembered. Cherish all your special memories family.

Mary J. Abyss - April 16, 2018 at 02:07 PM

BS

“ I extend my deepest condolences to the entire Williams family. I have known Mr. Williams since growing up in the West Munden section of Chesapeake with several of his nieces and nephews. Going to miss him and how he used his unique talent to sing God's praises. He was truly one of a kind. Family be encouraged, for he is resting in the arms of the Savior.

Beatrice Sherrill-Clark

Beatrice Sherrill-Clark - April 16, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - April 15, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Lou Carter was added to the Family Tree.

Kevin C. Williams - April 14, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Rosetta Jones lit a candle in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.



Rosetta Jones - April 13, 2018 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Williams Family. I am so sorry for your lost. I loved to hear Mr Garfield sing his solos in the New Hope Baptist Church Choir on Sunday mornings. May the Heavenly Father give the family strength at this time of need.*

*Fondly,
Joyce M. Whitley*

JOYCE M WHITLEY - April 13, 2018 at 12:37 PM

TJ

“ *TO THE WILLIAMS AND CHILDRENS WHOM I HAVE KNOWN AS A CHILD GROWNING UP IN ST JULIANS CREEK, YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. I CAN REMEMBER GOING BY THE HOUSE TO GET SOMETHING EAT AND MRS WILLIAMS BRING SOME FOOD BY THE HOUSE WHEN MY MOTHER MARIE JOHNSON PASSES. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU*



TONY JOHNSON - April 12, 2018 at 08:42 PM

LY

“ *Linda Young lit a candle in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.*



Linda Young - April 12, 2018 at 06:04 PM

TH

“ *Tonya Harper-Williams lit a candle in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.* ”



Tonya Harper-Williams - April 12, 2018 at 03:49 PM

 Kevin
C.
Williams

“ *Kevin C. Williams lit a candle in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.* ”



Kevin C. Williams - April 11, 2018 at 10:25 PM

LY

“ *Linda Young lit a candle in memory of Garfield Williams, Jr.* ”



Linda Young - April 11, 2018 at 09:21 PM

KW

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name* ”



Kevin C. Williams - April 11, 2018 at 06:48 PM