



Pastor James Paris Williams Jr.

May 2, 1950 - August 31, 2017

James Paris Williams Jr. was lovingly called home to be with his Lord and Savior on August 31, 2017 surrounded by family and close friends.

James was born to the late Reverend James Paris Williams Sr. and Lillie Earline Olds on May 2, 1950. James grew up in the Crestwood neighborhood of Chesapeake and graduated from Crestwood High School in 1968. Upon graduation, James attended the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, now known as Norfolk State University.

“J.P.”, as he was affectionately called, became employed by General Electric where he formed many lifelong relationships. He also enjoyed a career as a Vocational Training Specialist at Southeastern Vocational Technical Training Center.

James was a product of a devout Christian home and he accepted Christ at an early age. As he grew in the Lord, James’ call to ministry was evident and his father and pastor licensed him in 1981. James studied the Word of God intently and strived to live his life pleasing to God daily. He worked diligently in the Ministry for over 35 years, including Pastor of New Covenant Christian Church.

While serving the Lord as a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, James met Rhonda Deborah Mathis in April 1992 and they were joined in holy matrimony in August of the same year.

In 1997, James and his family joined Bethel Temple Church under the leadership of Apostle Earl C. Hinton Sr. where he served as an Elder, Minister,

Teacher, and member of the Men's Choir for many years. At Bethel Temple, James discovered his love for Prison Ministry. Because of his desire to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound, James was promoted to Elder of the Jail and Prison Ministry where he successfully oversaw a multitude of ministry volunteers.

James and Rhonda began baking out of their home and started Great Cakes & Things in 2000. The business grew rapidly and they moved into their first building in 2005 and became known as The Cake Place.

J.P. was an avid reader who owned a plethora of books on various topics. He also was a skilled Scrabble player and enjoyed playing with anyone who was up for the challenge, especially his good friend, Charles Sizemore.

James loved his family deeply and would do anything for them. Above all, James Paris Williams Jr. loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. He was a man of great faith, even in the face of adversity and opposition. Although saddened by the absence of him on Earth, we are sure of this one thing: he is indeed present with the Lord. James was preceded in death by his parents, James P. Williams Sr. and Lillie Olds Williams; and three siblings, Brenda L. Gordon, Christina D. Rouson, and Carlton I. Williams. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 25 years, Rhonda D. Williams; one son, Sean C. Williams; three daughters, Shonda G. Anthony, Leah Y. Williams, and Christian J. Williams; one stepson, Terrance Blount; three brothers, Glen E. Williams, David P. Williams, and Sherman E. Williams; one sister, Carolyn Y. Williams; two aunts, Bernice Smith and Vivian Lamb; one uncle, Rudolph Olds; eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, loved ones, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
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Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Light Church
2418 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 06, 2017 at 07:25 PM

RB

*Praying God's Strength for You and the Family in the day's ahead.
Love you*

Rev. and Mrs. J.L. Boyington - September 07, 2017 at 11:49 PM

RB

What a Beautiful Love Story!! This is not the End of this Story!! Love you Shirley

Rev. and Mrs. J.L. Boyington - September 07, 2017 at 11:57 PM

JB

Rhonda I am so sorry for your Loss! 😞

James Brown - September 08, 2017 at 12:46 AM

DS

“ My name is Diane Stephen and I had the opportunity of getting to know James at Southeastern Virginia Training Center. I have fond memories of his kind heart and tender spirit as I watched him working with the individuals that we support. My prayers go out to all of the family as I know this man will be truly missed.

Diane Stephen - September 07, 2017 at 02:56 PM

ES

“ We are praying for you, Rhonda, Leah, Christian and the entire family. It will be difficult but God has strong arms to hug, comfort and take you through this journey. We will miss Pastor James also ! Rest on servant of God ! ---- Elder and Mrs. Willie T. Williams, Sr.

Elder Willie T. Williams Sr. - September 07, 2017 at 08:56 AM

AF

“ To the family of Pastor Williams our prayers are with & for you during this season of release and transition. It is our prayer that God comfort you and increase your faith at the same time knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Pastor Ferebee & The Mount EC

anthony ferebee - September 06, 2017 at 03:46 PM

FK

“ From :, Evangelist JoAnn Waters, Wyngia ,and Kathy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr..



From :, Evangelist JoAnn Waters, Wyngia ,and Kathy - September 06, 2017 at 02:27 PM

AW

“ Anthony &,Dolores Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr.



Anthony &,Dolores Wilkins - September 06, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 06, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr..



September 05, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ The Mathis Family (Emmitt, Wanda, Charmaine, Mark) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr..



The Mathis Family (Emmitt, Wanda, Charmaine, Mark) -
September 05, 2017 at 10:52 AM

RB

“ *Ronnie and Letitia Benard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pastor James Paris Williams Jr..*



Ronnie and Letitia Benard - September 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM

DP

“ *Rhonda, Leah and Christian, I am so sadden by the lost of James. His absence leaves a void in my heart. Please let me know what I can do to lessen your burden. I am praying for your comfort during this time of grief and sorrow.*

Doris Peterkin

Doris S. Peterkin - September 05, 2017 at 10:37 AM

SL

“ *RIH MR. Williams.we all going to miss you.we know u are in a better place we love and miss*

Savion land - September 02, 2017 at 10:22 PM