



Russell Vernon Williams Jr.

November 2, 1999 - November 20, 2015

Russell Vernon Williams, Jr, affectionately known to all as "Lil Russell", transitioned from his earthly life to his eternal life in heaven with God on Friday, November 20, 2015. He was born in Chesapeake, Virginia to Renata Slayton and Russell V. Williams, Sr. Russell attended Western Branch High School, where he was recently crowned Mr. Sophomore and was a member of the Bruins Varsity baseball team. Lil Russell's first love was baseball. He began playing baseball at the tender age of 5 and continued to excel in the sport throughout high school. His love and passion for baseball gave him the opportunity to gain teammates and coaches who soon became family. Over his life, he played for the Charles Peete Baseball League, Cavalier Manor, Olive Branch, the Orioles Showcase Team, as well as the Western Branch Varsity baseball organization. He did so well in the sport, that he earned a letter in the eighth grade. He was an all around player who gave it his all on the field and the classroom. On last month, Russell had the opportunity to visit Virginia Tech as a prospective player for the baseball team. Russell also excelled in academics where he maintained an honor roll grade point average. He had big dreams of making it into the MLB. His contagious smile filled the room, his goofy personality brought on laughs, and his big heart made it impossible not to love him.

Russell leaves to cherish in his memory, his mother Renata Slayton (Na Na) and his father Russell Williams, Sr. (Ra Ra); one brother Talik Farmer;

maternal grandparents Carolyn and Jerald Thompson; paternal grandparents Patricia and Jeffery Jones; Great-grandmothers Emma Slayton and Mary Williams; uncles Rodriguiz Slayton, Rayshawn Holland, Jeffery Harper, Jermaine Williams (Tonya), and Darnell Thompson (Ellyde); aunts Ramona Slayton, Janai Harper, and Danisha Harper; Godmother Brenda Ward (Mommy); Godfather Carlos Echols; God sisters Charlesetta and Bernadette Ward, and Imani Boone; God brothers Royce Jones and Kamonte Boone; Godson Zi'yon "Ziggy" Holland; Special Aunt Dominique Pugh; Special Uncle Ri'chard (Willie) Hoggard; and a host of other family members and friends.

"Blessed are those who mourn, you shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church
1317 E Brambleton Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23504

Tribute Wall



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



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 30, 2015 at 09:56 AM

SM

That's was so beautiful Rest in Heaven sweetie

Shar-Ron Mills - December 11, 2015 at 01:40 PM

DM

Such A Beautiful Tribute

Dorothy Mitchell - December 11, 2015 at 04:55 PM

CH

Awww this was nice

Chiquita - December 11, 2015 at 09:46 PM

CH

Our prayers are with you and your family

Cynthia Hurdle - December 11, 2015 at 10:08 PM

ZE

Russell u was my big bro even tho I was the oldest rip my brother and reamber zeegalloway in heaven I see u there bro u can

zeegalloway - December 31, 2015 at 11:21 PM

MH

It's so sad to see my brother in there but now he is in a good place now love you big bro

Mhaki - February 01, 2016 at 09:45 PM

MH

I miss him soooo bad

Mhaki - February 02, 2016 at 12:01 PM

KI

Today's your birthday I'm missing you bro bro all of us are missing you . 💙 Watch over me I love you 💙 -Kionte

Kionte - November 02, 2016 at 12:40 PM

RA

i love you

rakira - August 09, 2022 at 01:59 PM

RA

i think about you every day

rakira - August 09, 2022 at 01:59 PM

KI

miss u

kira - July 27, 2023 at 06:45 PM

KI

“ *I miss you.*

kira - October 05, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *thinking of you today*

K - March 04, 2023 at 02:35 AM

TY

“ Russell i miss and love you so much ;(wish this was all a dream)

TySheek - April 26, 2016 at 12:52 PM

KA

“ Russell and I were close friends and he always had my back, I miss his Colgate white smile man rip buddy. You've been on my mind everyday bro.



kayden - April 22, 2016 at 05:09 PM

ZE

“ I reamber the first time we became friends I never thought I would be ur friend because u was so popular I see u again little bro ur friend zeegalloway

zeegalloway - December 31, 2015 at 11:25 PM

TC

“ Rest In Peace lil Russell we love u so much

Tahari Copeland - December 02, 2015 at 12:18 PM

MF

I'm sorry For Your Lost But He Is In A Better Place Then We Are Now Amen.

My Name Is Katrina Fulcher - December 11, 2015 at 11:59 PM

AN

I'm gonna miss you. It's not fair that you were taken so soon and everybody misses you.

anonymous - December 29, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your lost.*

Valerie Marshall-Wilson - December 02, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peggy Wilkins and Family*



Peggy Wilkins - December 01, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of this very young man. My son attends Western Branch High also as a sophomore and came home to tell of the sad news; so this young man has touch everyone in a very special way.*



Katrina - November 30, 2015 at 10:59 PM



“ *My condolences goes to the family of Renata n Russell Williams Jr's family.. I am prayin for his family, his western branch high school family, n his baseball family too.. Love N Peace*



Tiffany Williams - November 30, 2015 at 08:20 PM

AJ

“ My condolences goes to the family of Renata and family of Russell V. Williams Jr. My prayers are with you doing this and as time goes on. May God's love and peace fill your hearts and comfort you in the time to come. Love you, Ann Jordan

Ann Jordan - November 30, 2015 at 05:24 PM

KE

“ Our hearts goes out to you in this difficult time. Russell was a very special young man that touched many people. I prayer that you find comfort in the happy memories of Lil Russell, and the support of your friends and family.
Basil, Kerice, Temieka & TJ Boothe

Kerice - November 30, 2015 at 05:02 PM

JB

“ Jewel & Jerry Boone



Jewel Boone - November 30, 2015 at 02:15 PM

DP

“ Rest Easy Russ We will always love you 🙏



Deonta Porter - November 30, 2015 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ *Melvin J. & Agatha Boone lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Melvin J. & Agatha Boone - November 30, 2015 at 12:47 PM

ZM

“ *May you rest in peace Russell, I always enjoyed seeing you! Your smile would light up any room you were in. We will for ever have that memory. Mason Family*

Zach, Trevor, Christy and Brian Mason - November 30, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ *Stephanie Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Stephanie Lyons - November 30, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ *Stephanie Lyons lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Stephanie Lyons - November 30, 2015 at 08:01 AM

TJ

“ *Taiwan Brown Sr & Taiwan Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Taiwan Brown Sr & Taiwan Brown Jr - November 30, 2015 at 07:36 AM

TJ

“ *Taiwan Brown Sr & Taiwan Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Taiwan Brown Sr & Taiwan Brown Jr - November 30, 2015 at 07:15 AM

LH

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Lil Russell. My prayers are with Renata and Russell during this trying time. May God continue to give you peace.*



LaToya Hainsworth-Scarborough - November 30, 2015 at 06:53 AM

LJ

“ *Larry Donnell Jr. lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Larry Donnell Jr. - November 29, 2015 at 10:51 PM

LD

“ *Lawana Copeland Donnell lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Lawana Copeland Donnell - November 29, 2015 at 10:50 PM

CV

“ *Chiquita Vann purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..*



Chiquita Vann - November 29, 2015 at 10:33 PM

JF

“ *To Renata and family my heart goes out to you. I'm so sorry for pain that you bear and the loss that you are feeling. Like will continue to keep you in my prayers love your Renata Carolyn Ms Jackie Freeman*



Jackie freeman - November 29, 2015 at 08:17 PM

KP

“ *Kimberly Parker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..*



Kimberly Parker - November 29, 2015 at 08:05 PM

MC

“ *Mr. Caine and the entire Caine family are keeping your mother and grand parents in our prayers. Russell, may the Lord keep you close and the angels enjoy you as much as your seventh grade teachers and I did. One Love! Mr. Caine*

Mr. Michael Caine - November 29, 2015 at 07:44 PM

PH

“ *Paul Hall lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Paul Hall - November 29, 2015 at 06:57 PM

SA

“ *My heart is saddened by the loss of such a young life. May you all find peace and comfort in the days ahead. God bless you all!*



Sabrina - November 29, 2015 at 06:05 PM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Bobbie Jones - November 29, 2015 at 02:41 PM

RM

“ Our thoughts and Prayers go out to The family and friends. Your smile will truly be missed. I hope you know how much you were loved by all you came in contact with! Your infectious personality and sense of humor will live in the memories of us all!! RIP! Mrs Milteer and Nick

Rebecca Milteer - November 29, 2015 at 01:51 PM

CB

“ Chris Boone lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Chris Boone - November 29, 2015 at 09:39 AM

MB

“ Margaret Peggy Best lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Margaret Peggy Best - November 29, 2015 at 09:37 AM

IB

“ Ian & Sharon Boone lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



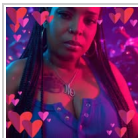
Ian & Sharon Boone - November 29, 2015 at 09:34 AM

TE

“ *Tonya Everett lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



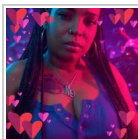
Tonya Everett - November 29, 2015 at 07:27 AM



“ *Tamika Carney sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Tamika Carney - November 29, 2015 at 06:16 AM



“ *Tamika Carney lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Tamika Carney - November 29, 2015 at 06:15 AM

MT

“ *We are so deeply sorry and sadden by your loss. May God lift you up and carry you through the difficult days ahead. Russell will be deeply missed by the Western Branch community and forever loved.
Sincerely the Taylor Family*



Melissa Taylor - November 28, 2015 at 11:35 PM

AB

“ To Emma & Family: Our Sincere Condolences Are Extended To You On The Passing Of Russell Whom You LOVED So Dearly. We Hope Your Precious Memories Will Help To Comfort You At This Most Difficult Time. We LOVE You And Are Praying For You.
Deacon Melvin J. & Agatha Boone.

Agatha Boone - November 28, 2015 at 09:41 PM

LW

“ Reneta and Russell, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that the Lord sends his peace and comfort you during this difficult time.

Lesley Wilson - November 28, 2015 at 09:10 PM

DM

“ I will Russell and all of his goofy pictures he would put on my phone. I saw him everyday after second block and would speak with him and give him a hug. I love you Russell. I will miss that big beautiful smile more than anything 💙



destiny mcdonald - November 28, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..



November 28, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ *I will never forget your infectious personality or your beautiful smile! I will always expect to see you coming in my door or walking up the driveway just to stay for a while and be spoiled. You are loved so very much and will be missed more then you could possibly know! We love you Snap Man Rudy!*



Charity, Faythe, Jaxon and Preston Wright

Charity Strait Wright - November 28, 2015 at 06:58 PM

MF

“ *Mason Family lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



mason family - November 28, 2015 at 06:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..*



November 28, 2015 at 06:22 PM

CA

“ i love you so much Russell. i always had fun with you. always. out of no where you would text me to come outside and sit in the driveway and it didnt even matter what time it was at night, and we would just talk about the craziest things. we would laugh until we couldnt even breathe but thats how it always was. at the halloween game you were dressed as a baseball player and you said you were scared of clowns. one of the baseball players dressed up as a clown and out of no where he chased after you and i have never seen you run that fast ever. but i didnt think my last words to you at school would be,"so are you still afraid of clowns", then we laughed about it and i gave you a hug and then you walked away. but boy i did not know that would be the last hug i would get from you and the last time we would talk. im going to miss you alot. i pray for you and your family. for your family and friends in pain i pray for the lord to heal them. we love you russell. i cant wait until the day i get to see your big, bright smile! and again i am praying for everyone in pain.

Cayli - November 28, 2015 at 06:18 PM

ZM

“ You will never be forgotten but greatly missed. Zach Mason



zachary mason - November 28, 2015 at 05:46 PM

ZM

“ Zachary Mason lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



zachary mason - November 28, 2015 at 05:25 PM

HE

“ *Fly high young bruin.*



Harold Edmond - November 28, 2015 at 05:01 PM



“ *You have forever put a spark in our hearts !!!
We will always love you.*

John

Felecia

Jonoven Savage



Johnn Savage - November 28, 2015 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ *Russell, you will be missed, but your memory
will live on. Your friend, Marcellus*



Marcellus Smith - November 28, 2015 at 03:45 PM

NO

“ *Lil Russell, you were always the candle that lit
up the room.*

Love always Aunt Norma & Family



norma - November 28, 2015 at 01:31 PM

KB

“ Russellz Will miss you coming by the house and hanging with the girls. Such a sweet young man. Will always miss your smile and big hugs! Rest in peace! You will be missed always! 💙💙

Kathy Bolen - November 28, 2015 at 01:08 PM

KO

“ Russell will always hold a special place in our hearts and in our family. He was an amazing young man and I am so blessed to have known him and experienced the love and joy he shared with so many. I will always be grateful to Russell for being such an amazing friend/brother to Kaylee. She has so many great memories that she will hold in her heart forever. Much love to Renata and all of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Katherine Osborne - November 28, 2015 at 12:58 PM

JO

“ Judy Owens lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Judy Owens - November 28, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..



November 28, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sending prayers for comfort, love and light!
Rest well Lil Russell.*

-Tamika Hawkins



Tamika Hawkins - November 28, 2015 at 11:08 AM

CN

“ *Just want to send the family my love and prayers during this time.
Know that Russell is resting in the arms of our Lord and savior
Jesus Christ.*

Love and prayers The Norwood Family

Cecelia Norwood - November 28, 2015 at 10:43 AM

CN

“ *Cecelia Norwood lit a candle in memory of
Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Cecelia Norwood - November 28, 2015 at 10:38 AM

RJ

“ *Rose Jones lit a candle in memory of Russell
Vernon Williams Jr.*



Rose Jones - November 28, 2015 at 09:35 AM

JW

“ On behalf on myself and my family we are deeply sorry about your lost. Russell will be truly missed by WB family. May he rest in paradise peacefully.



Javonte Wright - November 28, 2015 at 07:15 AM

JB

“ Jackie Blount lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Jackie Blount - November 28, 2015 at 06:31 AM

MW

“ May you rest in peace Russell. May you look down on your family and many many friends and watch over them. Gonna miss seeing that infectious smile you always had You are rule missed by so many. Renata and family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time and always. 💜



Marci Wilkins - November 27, 2015 at 08:58 PM

LC

“ Lauren Covington lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Lauren Covington - November 27, 2015 at 08:07 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Will miss seeing your smiling face at the ball field. I hope Russell knew how many friends he had and how many people truly loved him. Cole Powers and family.

Cole - November 27, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all.



Irene Candis - November 27, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 27, 2015 at 11:33 AM

MF

“ I remember when me and russell used to go to Trinity together.. And I was invited to one of his birthday parties at Lazer Quest and I had the biggest crush on him. I used to be so upset when his mom came to pick him up from daycare. He had the most beautiful smile and he was so hilarious. The 10 years I've known him were great. My condolences go to all of your love ones and friends. He will be truly missed.

Morgan Fagan - November 27, 2015 at 10:08 AM

NC

“ Sending prayers of peace ~ from Chris & Natalie Coakley, Ethan Mueller, and the Western Branch Community



Natalie Coakley - November 27, 2015 at 07:08 AM

MI

“ Mia lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



mia - November 26, 2015 at 11:44 PM

MI

“ I remember he was in my class he was very funny and one day i came to class very sick and my fever started to rise and i started sweating and he said i was sweating bullets he made my day better cause i was upset about being sick i just wish he was still her

mia - November 26, 2015 at 11:43 PM

AS

“ *Annette Hurdle Starks lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Annette Hurdle Starks - November 26, 2015 at 08:54 PM

RF

“ *Robin Jones And Family lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Robin Jones and Family - November 26, 2015 at 08:10 PM

 Cierra Michelle

“ *May you rest in peace!*



Cierra Michelle - November 26, 2015 at 06:41 PM

KH

“ *Krystinna Hinton lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



krystinna hinton - November 26, 2015 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ He was so cool, them skating rink days were the best... You will be missed Russell. Sending my condolences to his family.

Destiny Boone - November 26, 2015 at 12:55 PM

KP

“ My heart goes out to your family Lil Russell.... To Renata and Russell y'all have my deepest sympathy and I will continue to pray for the both of you!!!

Kari (Jenkins) Parker - November 26, 2015 at 12:18 PM

ST

“ Stephanie lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Stephanie - November 26, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ Denica Benton lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Denica Benton - November 26, 2015 at 11:46 AM

TG

“ *Tanya Godwin-Brown lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Tanya Godwin-Brown - November 26, 2015 at 06:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr..*



November 25, 2015 at 08:12 PM

LD

“ *We will miss you Russell.*

Lexie & Caitlin Derrick



Lexie Derrick - November 25, 2015 at 07:01 PM

CW

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss he had so much promise.*



Ciara Williams - November 25, 2015 at 12:35 PM

DW

“ *My prayers of comfort and peace go out to all family and friends of Russell.* ”

Debra Williams - November 25, 2015 at 09:39 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy & Jan lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.* ”



Kathy & Jan - November 25, 2015 at 09:27 AM

JJ

“ *Jacquelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.* ”



Jacquelyn Jackson - November 25, 2015 at 08:32 AM

JJ

To Family of Russell Vernon Williams Jr., Hold to God's Unchanging Hand.

Jacquelyn Jackson - November 25, 2015 at 08:35 AM

EM

“ *Eric, DJ, & Marice Minor sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.* ”



Eric, DJ, & Marice Minor - November 24, 2015 at 10:39 PM

LH

“ *Laverne Howard lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Laverne Howard - November 24, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *It was a blessing teaching Russell and knowing him. He became like a son to me around school and I'm definitely going to miss him. He taught me so much about myself and life, especially that it is okay to laugh. My prayers are with his family and friends during this time and I will always remember him; he will always have a place in my heart.*

Jonathan Avery - November 24, 2015 at 06:27 PM

LB

“ *Lin Brown lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Lin Brown - November 24, 2015 at 01:24 PM

"C

“ *Never got a chance to meet Russell. My daughter Kellie was good friends with Russell. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Russell...*



"Stacie Combs - November 24, 2015 at 10:58 AM

KI

“ Our heart goes out to Renata and family. We only met Lil Russell once . May you find peace and comfort and this time. Love, Kippy, Danita, and Jackie

Kippy - November 24, 2015 at 09:07 AM

KI

“ Kippy lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Kippy - November 24, 2015 at 08:59 AM

RI

“ Ridley-Green lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Ridley-Green - November 24, 2015 at 07:27 AM

TF

“ The Ridley-Green Family lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



The Ridley-Green Family - November 24, 2015 at 07:26 AM

PA

“ Patricia Appleby sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Patricia Appleby - November 24, 2015 at 04:29 AM

JA

“ Javen's Appleby's Aunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Javen's Appleby's Aunt - November 23, 2015 at 09:20 PM

Tara Johnson

I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MAY JEHOVAH GIVE YOU ALL THE STRENGTH THAT YOU NEED!! MUCH LOVE FROM DALLAS, TEXAS!!!

Tara Johnson - November 23, 2015 at 09:22 PM

Phyllis Harrison

“ Phyllis Harrison lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Phyllis Harrison - November 23, 2015 at 09:13 PM

PA

“ My heart goes out to both Mom & Dad and of course friends and family including the Western Branch High School Family. My heart has been so heavy since learning of this unforeseen and tragic incident. My son and Russell have known each other since 5th grade and Although I didn't know Russell personally, it feels like I've lost a son...I really wish that I could make this all go away...R.I.P. Russell and you are truly going to be missed by so many even those who barely knew you.



*Patricia & Javen Appleby
Western Branch High School Family*

Patricia Appleby - November 23, 2015 at 09:02 PM

VG

“ Valerie Godwin lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Valerie Godwin - November 23, 2015 at 08:34 PM

VB

“ Vanesa Brown lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.



Vanesa Brown - November 23, 2015 at 08:08 PM

SG

“ *My condolence goes out to Big Russell and family on their unfortunate loss. RIP Little Russell. May God give you a peace that surpasses all understanding. From Stevie Gary and family.*



Stevie Gary - November 23, 2015 at 05:11 PM

VS

“ *Vincent And Karen Savage lit a candle in memory of Russell Vernon Williams Jr.*



Vincent and Karen Savage - November 23, 2015 at 02:50 PM