





Acknowledgement

The family of Albert sincerely appreciates the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness lifted our hearts and spirit. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to cherish his wonderful memory. As he often testified, he was a very blessed man!



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION for Albert Ellman Williams



Sunrise: March 24, 1929 ~ Sunset: September 22, 2018

Eulogist Pastor Andrew Carey

Brown Grove Baptist Church 12816 Bailey Bridge Rd. Midlothian, VA 23112 Monday, October 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Obituary

Albert Ellman Williams, of Midlothian, VA, quietly departed this life on September 22, 2018 at the age of 89.

He was born on March 24, 1929, and after his father's sudden death, was raised by a hardworking mother in the segregated town of Charlottesville, VA. Albert received a Bachelor of Science in Education from North Carolina Central University in 1950. He continued his education at the University of Virginia and earned a Master's in Education in 1958. Albert touched the lives of thousands of students as he taught high school instrumental music for over 30 years in the Rye Neck, NY school system. He said he never missed a day from work.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean war and played trumpet in the Army band.

Later, while living in White Plains, NY, he was very involved in Bethel Baptist Church and held memberships in several professional music organizations. For several years he was president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He enjoyed daily life with diverse neighbors on Lincoln Avenue and was always available to discuss how to solve the world's problems while sitting on his front porch. In addition, with his brother, Eugene Williams, and their wives, he was a co-founding partner of Dogwood Housing Limited Partnership in Charlottesville, VA which provided quality housing for low income residents for 27 years. The family business received special recognition from the Virginia Assembly in 2015.

Albert was a dignified hardworking man who loved God first and was quick to say he was a blessed man. The second love of his life, Emma, was always his main priority and concern. He also enjoyed good music, good food, and telling stories. As a skilled woodworker he made many unique items in his house and also enjoyed diligently pruning bushes, a skill his father passed on to him. He will be remembered as a strong yet humble Christian man who encouraged all who came across his path. Albert lived by what his mother once told him, "do the best you can with what you got."

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Emma, with whom he claimed to never have had a fight. He also leaves a devoted daughter, Patricia Whitaker (Darnell), grandchildren, Alana, Lauren, Timothy, and Whitney, loving brother Eugene Williams (Lorraine), son, Brian Williams and many family members and friends. He was greatly loved by the staff at Bickford Senior Living of Chesterfield as well.

Memorial gifts may be made to your local Alzheimer's Association in his name.

Order of Service





Presider

Apostle Liz Modeste

Processional

Clergy & Family

Invocation

Pastor Andrew Carey

Musical Selection

Sis. Linda Clark

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Pastor Ricardo Haynes Deacon William Clements

Prayer of Comfort

Apostle Liz Modeste

Musical Selection

Sis. Linda Clark

Acknowledgements

Sis. Mary Cruz

Obituary (Read Silently)

Musical Tribute

Lauren & Alana Whitaker (Granddaughters)

Reflections

Musical Selection

Sis. Linda Clark

Eulogy

Pastor Andrew Carey

Recessional

Clergy, family, friends

Repass at Brown Grove Baptist Church

Interment Amelia Veterans Cemetery

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Blileys Funeral Home 6900 Hull St. Rd. North Chesterfield, VA 23224

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