



Mr. Donovan Blake Williams

February 12, 2003 - August 15, 2022

Words From Donny

All y'all here for me? Wait....Chill!! I know y'all sad, but I'm in Heaven! From my point of view, I've been elevated! Listen, while I tell my story.

While it's hard to say goodbye to those I love, I was blessed to have lived life to the fullest in nineteen short years. My journey began on a wintry afternoon in Lawrenceville, Georgia, February 12, 2003, at 3:19 pm. My parents, Donnie and Tamara Williams, were so happy that I had finally arrived. My maternal grandparents, Ulysses and Johnnie Nelson, and paternal grandparents, Leonard and Bernice Williams, were all happy for my entrance into this wonderful world. A little while after I was born, my parents dedicated me to the Lord with my godparents, Demetrius and Richelle Walker, by their side.

From the moment I was born, my zest for life was apparent through my smile. At ten years old, I was baptized at Friendship Baptist Church, and I learned the importance of having God in my life. Throughout my years of schooling, I earned several academic and athletic awards and graduated from Dacula High School in 2021. Recently, I had just begun my sophomore year at Kennesaw State University, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Forensics.

As long as I can remember, sports were a huge part of my life. Credit my dad for that! He was my coach, my teacher, my mentor, my best friend. I was in every sport I thought I wanted to play from football, to lacrosse, to track, to cross country, to wrestling. I even earned my black belt in TaeKwondo. He trained and taught me everything I needed to know to be a good athlete and a strong man. I remember running uphill sprints in the driveway. He even bought cones to put in the backyard so I could do drills. Dad always told me, "Hard work outperforms talent when talent does not want to work hard." He instilled core values of life and taught me to remain true to myself. I knew he had my back and wanted the best for me. Dad, I will always be your "little buddy." "Go Canes!"

As I matured into a young man, I was known for my kind spirit and calm demeanor. I've been described as having a generous heart, a good nature, and just a pleasure to be around. I was told I had a kilo-watt smile and infectious laugh that I want y'all to always remember.

Since I'm on the subject of me, let me tell you that I was also a sharp dresser with designer style! My hair was always on point too! Credit my mama for my fantastic fashion sense! For as long as I can remember, I was her mini-size mannequin to style. Some of my friends might have even joked and called me, "bougie." Wait...What!!! I'm the angel with the tightest fit and cleanest drip in heaven! Yessirr! Mama taught me so much about the art of carrying myself with grace and looking good at the same time. I know I could never go anywhere that her love could not reach me. She taught me that the favor of God was on my heart and to fly and soar into life. Be comforted in knowing that I am now flying and soaring with the angels. I will always be your "pumpkin pie."

My parents were so precious to me. It was always just the three of us. Friday night family time watching movies to Saturday morning breakfast with French

toast and cheese eggs. No matter what game, event, or ceremony I was a part of, I knew my parents were in the crowd. They ingrained in me a strong work ethic, to have hands of service, and a charitable heart for others. The example my parents provided guided me through life. I'm their only child and they poured everything they had into me.

My friends are truly the best! From before elementary school all the way to college, strong friendships were developed that had unbreakable bonds. We traveled together. The beach and mountains were two of our favorite places to go. We hung out together. We played sports together. We fished together. We laughed together. We cried together. Sometimes, we would just "kickback" at somebody's house, listen to music, freestyle rap, video blog, watch sports, or play PlayStation. We were just together. That's what friends do. Of course, we talked about everything, and I mean everything...You Knowww!!!! No matter what though, through everything we did together, I always "held my friends down."

Please remember the things that make you happy. Even things that might seem insignificant like eating Apple Jacks out of the box, licking all of the red stuff off your fingers when you eat Hot Fries, buying a frozen horchata from QT, eating Cookie Crisps with or without milk, going to Chipotle, my favorite restaurant, buying a Yoohoo chocolate milk, Sour Patch Kids' Watermelon, eating ranch sunflower seeds, or ordering Hibachi chicken with carrots only. Take time to enjoy the little things and live life to the fullest

I lived my best life!!!!

To the most loving and supportive parents in the world, Donnie and Tamara Williams, please know that I loved you with my whole heart. Please love and take care of each other. You did a great job raising me.

To my grandparents, Granddaddy, Mama J, Papi, and Nana, I appreciate the devotion and guidance that you provided. You showered me with love, compassion, squeeze hugs, and the knowledge that God was with me. The greatest gift that you gave me were your continuous prayers that kept me through the years. I was truly blessed to have grandparents like you. I love you.

To my uncles, Tyrone (Desmona) and Jonard thank you for your support and for being a part of my life. To my aunt, Jonee (Lonnie), you were a positive influence on me my whole life. I remember all of the fun we had together. You told me to, "Do my best and God will do the rest." The angel rock you gave me stayed with me all the time. You will always be my "Nae-Nae!"

There are so many family, friends, and mentors that made an impact on my life. I appreciate each and everyone of you for being my village. There is no doubt in my mind that I was fiercely loved.

Though my earthly time has come to an end, I encourage my family and friends to enjoy life. Love each other. Be kind to each other. Make each moment count. Life is truly a gift, and now it's time

for me to give it back. Find comfort in knowing that I am resting in the arms of Jesus, and He's a really cool guy.

Service entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory;
Lawrenceville 770.338.5558

Cemetery Details

Whites Chapel Memorial Gardens

1832 Pleasant Hill Road
Duluth, GA 30096

Previous Events

Visitation (Mask Required)

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Carl House
1176 Atlanta Hwy
Auburn, GA 30011
<https://carlhouse.com/>

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Dearest Donnie and Tamara, Leonard and Bernice and Family, Our hearts bleed for you in the loss of Donovan! You are not alone in your pain, but neither are you alone in believing in God's promise that you will see him again one day in the land of no more sorrow... Please reach out to us if we can be of help in any way! Love always! Bartow and Marva Duhart and family; In Memoriam bequest made.

Bartow Duhart & Marva (Pieze) Duhart - September 08, 2022 at 05:13 PM

LC

“ We will miss you dearly Donovan. Our love is with you always. May you rest peacefully in God's loving arms.

Donnie and Tamara, we will always be here for you.

Always in our hearts, 

Uncle Lonnie

Tee Nae Nae

Lily, Lola, Bennett

Lonnie Chestnut - August 27, 2022 at 02:16 PM



Missing that smile. And how Donovan always lit up seeing Johnnie. I will miss my Christmas cards. I have kept every picture. Tam. I wish I could hug you! My prayers and my church and pastor prayed for you. Hold on tight to God and seek his strength, love you much. Aunt Gwen. Uncle Rudy and Taneka and Tanya.

Gwen Smith - August 27, 2022 at 03:32 PM

AH

Sending love and prayers during this difficult time. Tamara, I pray that you and Donnie can feel the love of so many who are lifting you up in our prayers continuously. My family and the members of Trinity Baptist Church are all praying for you and all who love Donovan!

Anissia Hatcher - August 27, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TN

My sympathy and prayers go out to you both, Tamara and Donnie. May the Lord bless and keep you. I'm praying for you and your family. Love you cousin 🙏🙏🙏

Tyrick Nelson - August 27, 2022 at 10:24 PM

FW

Sending prayers up for the Family. Rest in Peace 🙏

Flo Woodard - August 28, 2022 at 05:23 AM

GN

Deepest, deepest sympathy Tamara and Donnie. Trust in God, and continue one day at a time. Love you cousin

Gerrick Nelson - August 28, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BW



Betty Williams - August 30, 2022 at 06:38 PM

LP

“ Words are never adequate in moments like these. I will say though, that our heartfelt prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. We're wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you. We send you thoughts of much love, peace and courage.

*We love you,
Tee Lois, Shemica and Justin Patterson*

Lois Patterson - August 27, 2022 at 12:16 PM

LB

“ We pray God wrap His loving arms around Tamara, Donnie and the entire family. Love, Darryl & Lawarner Benard

Lawarner Benard - August 27, 2022 at 11:31 AM

DL

“ The Gethers' family sends their deepest condolences. We pray that God continues to surround you with love and blesses you with strength.

Lezia and David

David abr Lezia - August 26, 2022 at 09:33 PM

NJ

“ We express our heartfelt condolences to Donovan's parents, grandparents, and other loved ones and friends. We are holding you close at heart in thought and prayer, and asking the Lord to bring comfort, peace, and strength for each need you face during this difficult time. May God continue to keep and bless you always.



*With Deepest Sympathy,
Nellye Ruth and Zollie Harris, Jr.
Montgomery, Alabama*

Nellye and Zollie Harris Jr - August 26, 2022 at 07:04 PM

KC

“ Kineya And K'mon Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams



Kineya and K'mon Carr - August 26, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams.



August 26, 2022 at 08:07 AM

GJ

“ To the Williams, Nelson, and Chestnut family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

George and Rochelle Windley Jr

George Windley Jr - August 26, 2022 at 07:25 AM

AT

“ We are asking God to comfort you in this most heartbreaking season. His peace will sustain you especially when no reason will ever be good enough. Please continue to let the Holy Spirit hold you tightly and remind you that your are loved. We love you and God bless. Airy, TaShawna, Jameson, Khloe and Kai Stokes

Airy Thomas - August 25, 2022 at 10:49 PM

KS

“ Keith and Veronica Strother purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams.



Keith and Veronica Strother - August 25, 2022 at 10:11 PM

MK

“ Our heart breaks in the loss of Donovan. We are sending out heartfelt love, hugs, and prayers to you all, Donnie and Tam. We are Always here and will continue to keep you lifted in prayer for understanding and comfort during this dark hour and the days head. Our condolences, Broderick & Mirenda Kirksey

Mirenda Robertson Kirksey - August 25, 2022 at 07:12 PM

LF

“ *Laura Knauss & Family purchased the Sweet Tra
nquility Basket for the family of Mr. Donovan
Blake Williams.*



Laura Knauss & Family - August 25, 2022 at 07:10 PM

WM

“ *William E. Maben lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



William E. Maben - August 25, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams.*



August 25, 2022 at 09:03 AM

RF

“ *Keeping you and your family in our prayers.
Rickey and Vanessa Felton*



Rickey Felton - August 25, 2022 at 08:23 AM

WF

“ *With Love, Willie Anderson & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams.*



With Love, Willie Anderson & Family - August 24, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams.*



August 24, 2022 at 07:47 AM

BM

“ *BARBARA MILLER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



BARBARA MILLER - August 23, 2022 at 05:06 PM

GM

“ *Greta Morris McGowan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



Greta Morris McGowan - August 23, 2022 at 11:58 AM

GM

My prayers for you and your family during this terrible loss. I am praying for you all.

Greta Morris McGowan - August 23, 2022 at 11:59 AM

SP

“ *Sorry for your loss. I am sending prayers your way for strength, easement, and understanding.*

Shayla Patillo - August 23, 2022 at 10:37 AM

CJ

“ *Donnatelo! 🙏🥹🙏
Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you Donnie & Tam!
Most sincerely,
Clarence (Jr) & Monita Outland and Family*

Clarence Outland Jr - August 22, 2022 at 10:29 PM

PW

“ *Patrice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



Patrice Williams - August 22, 2022 at 02:27 PM

RT

“ *I know that no words can express what you're going through right now, much less ease the pain. Along with multitudes of others, we are lifting you and Tamara up in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rock Taber - August 22, 2022 at 11:26 AM

TM

“ *Tina Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



Tina Martin - August 22, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ *Tracy Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



Tracy Martin - August 22, 2022 at 06:24 AM



My deepest condolences to you and your family. May God continue to keep you in his arms of comfort and peace.

Tracy Martin - August 22, 2022 at 06:26 AM

MG

“ *Words cannot express..... Me and the rest of the Gipson family are extremely sorry...With heavy hearts we will keep you in our prayers.....Mark*

Mark Gipson - August 20, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Donovan Blake Williams*



Michelle Boyd - August 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM