



## James Lawrence Williams Jr.

April 19, 1971 - October 12, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James Lawrence Williams, Jr. James passed away at home, in his sleep, on October 12, 2023. He was 52 years old.

Born on April 19, 1971, James was born in Fort Dix, New Jersey. The son of James Sr. and Gail Williams, he grew up alongside his sister, Latanya. As they moved around the U.S. and Germany the family shared countless cherished memories together and James began gathering and nurturing friendships that would last his lifetime.

He graduated from Ballard High School in Louisville, KY and went on to study at Morehead State University in Morehead, KY. He later rejoined the family in Virginia where he started his lifelong career in the restaurant industry. Starting out in popular chain restaurants he moved into fine dining for the majority of his career and recently joined the Hudson Grille team as General Manager of them in Sandy Springs, GA location.

His greatest joy was the birth of his daughter, Aubrey. There are no words for how much she and her future meant to him.

He was a foodie who loved sports, animals and most important to him was his love of people. James had the gift of making everyone he met feel special. His infectious laugh endeared you to him instantly. If you were his friend, you became family and, if you were family, he was your biggest cheerleader.

James is survived by his daughter, Aubrey Williams, father, James Williams, Sr., and sister, Latanya Williams-Ibanez. He will be dearly missed by all who

knew him, and his memory will forever live on in our hearts. James Lawrence Williams, Jr. 52, of Stone Mountain, GA passed away on October 12, 2023. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on October 28, 2023, 3:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy. Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770) 338-5558.


# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location  
914 Scenic Highway South  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

# Tribute Wall

 Frank  
Cooper

“ *One of the most caring, genuine and hardworking people I’ve ever known. I’m going to miss our long talks and laughs. So grateful our paths crossed and we had the chance to become friends. You will be greatly missed.*

*Frank Cooper  
President of Arrowhead South Georgia Chapter*



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**Frank Cooper** - October 28, 2023 at 02:47 PM

RS

“ *James, even though we had not seen each other for a long time but our memories together are still freshen my mind. You were certainly one of a kind, a true friend who was always available when needed. I have very fond memories of us working together and being roomies, you always had a smile on your face and who can forget that laugh. My sincere condolences to the Williams family, James will be missed by so many that he came in contact with. May your soul Rest In Peace my friend!!*

*Romie*

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**Romie Sahi** - October 28, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..*



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October 28, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *James,*

*You will always be one of my favorite managers. I loved coming into work at Tiny Lou's and seeing you there. You always knew how to put a smile on everyone's face. I am going to miss you. Prayers to your family during this difficult time.*

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**Sarah Runager** - October 28, 2023 at 12:39 AM

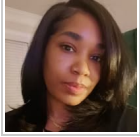


“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..*



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October 27, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ To my big cousin Jimmy:  
You never knew this but I have looked up to you ever since we went to visit you on campus at Morehead...you took me to the book store and got me a Morehead flag that I kept for YEARS. I'm so sorry that you left us so soon and I hate that I waited until now to outwardly express the love that I have always had for you... Your thousand watt smile and your million dollar laugh will be forever missed. I love you!!!💕💕💕

-Angela



Angela Jordan - October 27, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ Our prayers are with all of those who loved James, and James himself that he rest in the Lord's peace. James's laugh and smile punctuated so many of my memories from HS to my Wedding to our youngest son. He was a spark of light in my life.



Patrick O'Meara - October 26, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..



October 26, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..*



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October 25, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ *Our Deepest Condolences go out to the Williams Family during this difficult time. James and I share many fond memories from our days of working together and living in the same house back in Springfield, VA. We remained close through all these years and made sure we stayed in contact with each no matter the distance. Our friendship was full of fun and laughter each time whenever we saw or spoke to each other. A big smile was always on our faces when we spent time catching up. I will truly miss you my friend! You will be forever in our hearts! Reggie*



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**Reggie** - October 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *James was one of a kind. Big smile and huge heart. I will always cherish my time I spent with him. My heart goes out to the Williams family and all those who loved him.*



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**Andrew Cunningham** - October 25, 2023 at 04:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..



October 24, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Lawrence Williams Jr..

October 24, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Love Reggie, Vie, Sean, Romie, & Deep purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Lawrence Williams Jr..



Love Reggie, Vie, Sean, Romie, & Deep - October 24, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ Love Reggie, Vie, Sean, Romie, & Deep planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Lawrence Williams Jr..

Love Reggie, Vie, Sean, Romie, & Deep - October 24, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MI

“ Dear Williams Family,

*In this time of loss, we offer our deepest condolences. While our interactions with James were limited, his presence left a lasting impression. He carried a unique kindness and energy that touched those he encountered, including us. It's heartwarming to read how others remember him in the same way.*

*In this shared grief, We extend our love and prayers to all who held James close in their hearts. May his memory bring comfort and strength during this challenging period.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Al, Dana, Nico & Mariana*



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**mariana ibanez** - October 24, 2023 at 12:16 AM

EM

“ *With my deepest condolences to the Williams family. Although our interactions were few, James was so kind and had such a sweet energy to him. It's lovely reading others remember him this way as well. Sending my love and prayers to all the love one*

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**edda merciadri** - October 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM

JJ

“ *With Love and sympathy to the Williams Family.*

*James was one of my closest friends; more like a brother. We did lots of things together – we partied together, worked together, and for a short time, lived together. We would often just get up and go on a road trip. I’m really going to miss my brother. I feel like I lost a part of my heart.*

*I love you Brother and always will! Rest in peace, Amen.*

*Jessie and James – Brothers forever!*

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**Jessie Jenkins** - October 23, 2023 at 06:25 PM

JJ

“ My heart is heavy, but I wanted to write something because we loved James. Although he started out being my brother Jessie’s friend, he became a member of our family. My brother, Chris (my son), and I would often see James when we were all in the DC area. We also had the pleasure of meeting his wonderful family.

James had one of the most infectious smiles and laughs. He never had a harsh word to say about anyone and would always try to help others. You could tell he was raised to be good, respectful, and caring. Because of this, people seemed to flock to him. It’s been almost 30 years, but Chris still remembers being in the car with James when he first heard Luchini by Camp Lo – it brings a smile to his face every time.

James was always the first person to call or text me on my birthday; I tried to do the same for him but someone always beat me. When Aubrey was a baby, he and Kim would drop her off to me while they went on their standing date. Knowing how I felt about her, he kept me up-to-date and often sent pictures. It was obvious how proud he was of her.

James, you were a blessing to many people, me included. I am so grateful we had the opportunity to meet you and be a part of your life. Rest in power!

Lovingly, Jackie and Chris Jenkins

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Jackie Jenkins - October 23, 2023 at 06:15 PM