



John Paul Williams

April 12, 1940 - November 30, 2020

John Paul Williams was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma April 12, 1940, at St. John Hospital and died on November 30, 2020, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa from the Covid-19 virus. However, he did suffer from numerous ailments. John was preceded in death by loving parents Nelle and Paul Williams; a sister named Ylene who passed before John's birth. John is survived by his brother, Don Williams, and sister-in-law, Sherry Williams, nephew Jeff Williams, and niece Jeanette Brown.

He was a graduate of Will Rogers High School and received a BS in education from Northeastern State University (NSU). In high school he played trombone in the marching, concert, and jazz bands. John Paul earned enough money by throwing papers to put himself through college. At NSU he sang in the Choir. He taught mathematics in elementary school for 25 years and made many close and dear friends with those he worked

John was a life-long member of University Methodist Church, where he sang many choir solos, using his deep bass voice. In high school he was president of his Methodist Youth Fellowship group. Since 1950 John enjoyed listening to professional, traditional Southern gospel music. He also loved studying the finer points of English grammar and usage.

John Paul was my "buddy" from childhood and we spent a lot of time enjoying the things in our lives, having great competitions in badminton, cards, games of any kind, as well as wrestling around with each other. Our parents took us to church and Sunday school every week, a key part of our upbringing. Most of our close friends also went to church with us - we both noticed that our best friends in life were those with whom we worshiped.

We will miss John Paul so much, but we are thrilled his sufferings have ended. And he is singing today with many of his favorite quartet stars who meant so much to him. Jesus was always in his mind and on his lips; now that is a great legacy.

Viewing, 12-8pm, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial

Chapel, 3612 E 91st St, Tulsa, OK 74137 and there will be a private family funeral service at a later date.

Events

DEC **Viewing** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel
3612 East 91st Street South, Tulsa, OK, US, 74137-3976

Comments



“ Mr. Williams was my 4th grade math teacher at Grissom Elementary School. He was one of the most patient and kind teachers ever

Kristi LaFrance - February 28 at 01:10 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Mr. Williams. He was so kind and truly cared for his students. It was in his class that my love of math began. It is no coincidence that I have spent the better part of my teaching career teaching the same aged children he did. He was a good man.

Lisa Sexton Smith -Grissom Elementary

Lisa Smith - February 26 at 09:52 PM



“ Mr Williams will be fond memory of my childhood for many years to come. His kind and quiet spirit, the way he lived his students well and made us walk in single file line to cafeteria. It's no small dear to have students from over 45 years ago remember him so fondly. My deepest condolences to his family.

Janet Taylor Grissom elementary

Janet Maxey - February 26 at 06:07 PM



“ Rest In Peace John Paul. Your loyal buddy Pail Strokey was waiting for you at the gates of Heaven. One of God's many blessings.

Martha and Harvey Humes



Martha and Harvey Humes - December 05, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ He was the most patient and encouraging teacher. I will never forget his kindness.

Sarah Brown - December 03, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ I still have very fond memories of Mr. Williams as my 4th grade teacher. He was a kind soul. He surely will be missed.

Brett Paschal - December 03, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of John Paul Williams passing. He was a thoughtful and caring person.



Claudia Milligan - December 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Williams. As one of his many students that remember his deep bass voice, his commitment to teaching, and care for his students, he played an important part in so many lives. In fact he possibly saved my life when I started choking on a cinnamon candy in his class. He didn't miss anything. Walked right over, preformed the Heinrich maneuver and out popped the candy. I was lucky to have him as a teacher not only on that day but for life. Rest In Peace Mr. Williams.



Matt Spaugy - December 02, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Heimlich Maneuver

Matt - December 02, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Carol Stevens lit a candle in memory of John Paul Williams



Carol Stevens - December 01, 2020 at 11:28 PM