



Mr. Major Williams

March 3, 1948 - July 23, 2022

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Major Williams was born March 3, 1948 in Helena, Arkansas, county of Phillips, to the late Annie Williams and Rev. Aaron Tillman. He was preceded in death by his parents and 11 siblings- Willie Williams, Amos Tillman, Clinton Tillman, Oscar Lee Tillman, Mildred Sears, Betty Watson, Sally Williams, Lela Mae Tillman, Ollie Tillman, Mary Davis, Christine Tillman.

Major Williams received his formal education in West Helena and was a 1967 Graduating class of Eliza Miller High School. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age. As a young boy Mr. O.D. Lucas would always show him how to build and work on houses, a trade he would never forget.

He was drafted by the U.S. Army for the Vietnam War. After fighting in the War and serving his time as a soldier, he came back to West Helena, Arkansas and married Fannie Mae Dowd Jelks. This union gave him four sons: Lance Jelks, Clinton Jelks, Ike Dewayne Williams and Kenioun Williams. Later in Life Major would get his wish of having a daughter when Anjalah Hughes would come into his life.

His working career included: Hoffinger Industry, he later left that job to do what he truly love and that was being a Carpenter and a Mechanic until his health wouldn't let him. After years of working hard, to make a honest living, he united with the Greater First Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Hughes, Jr. It was there he became a Trustee and devoted member of the church, where he remained a member until his death. Major was a lover of Music. He spent many years collecting Vinyl records, his favorite was Jimi Hendrix.

Major departed this life on Saturday evening, July 23, 2022.

Major Williams leaves to cherish his memories these loved ones: his beloved wife - Fannie Mae Williams of West Helena, AR; one daughter- Anajalah Hughes of Little Rock, AR Four sons-Clinton Jelks of Portland Oregon, MAJ(R) Lance (Lorena) Jelks of San Antonio TX, Dewayne(Jeleita) Williams of St. Louis MO, Kenioun Williams of Hornlake MS; twenty grandchildren; two sisters- Rosie Lee Reed of Dallas TX, Shirley Tillman of West Helena AR, Three brothers—June Williams of Detroit MI., Rev. Moses (Lizzie) Tillman of West Helena AR, Mayso Tillman of Chicago IL, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends, and Greater First Baptist Church family

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

5741 Highway 49
West Helena , AR 72390

Previous Events

Visitation (Final Viewing) with a requirement of a face covering

JUL **29.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Greater First Missionary Baptist Church
122 North Sam Street
Helena- West Helena, AR 72390

Service with a requirement of a face covering

JUL **30.** 2:00 PM (CT)

P.L.M.&D. District Center
154 Highway 20
West Helena , AR 72342

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Praying for the entire family. Soror Jelita, my thoughts are with you during this time of grief. Soror Mica Ike, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Delta Omega Chapter, East St. Louis, IL.

Mica Ike - July 31, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ Major was my brother-in-law who love and took care of me like a father. He was a man with knowledge that could fix and create things with his magical hands. Every-time you see Major he would have a big smile on his face. He would always greet me with a big bear hug. I am truly going to miss my gentle giant. I thank God that he placed Major in my life. I appreciated all the things that he's done for me and my family. May he Rest In Peace!!!

Deloris Shields Cotton - July 29, 2022 at 02:24 PM

PR

“ This is Pearlie Shields Randle
Major was my brother in law. He will be missed very very much. I appreciated all the things that he has done for me anytime I ask him to do something he will always come. Words cannot express all the kindness he showed throughout my lifetime.

Pearlie Shields Randle - July 29, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MC

“ My brother and I would spend many summers over my auntie and uncle’s house as kids. Going on adventures with our cousins and building those amazing memories I will cherish forever. Uncle Major was a kind giant with even a bigger heart. He could build anything and I mean “anything” he would always be working on something.. A house , a car engine whatever it was, if it was broke, he would fix it.. lol A true master of his craft. I’m going to miss his crazy stories ,that crazy laugh and his big personality . Thanks for the love you shared with me and to others. Thanks for the lessons, the laughs, and just for being YOU. I love you Unk! ❤️ -Malcolm-

Malcolm Cotton - July 29, 2022 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ To the family of Major Williams, Joseph and Shirley Banks send our condolence to his family for he will be truly be missed. Major and my husband Joseph has been really good friends down through the years. Major has done a lot of work for us and has taught my husband how to work on many things. His knowledge as a carpenter was spot on. Rest on Major we will miss you dearly.



Joseph and Shirley Banks - July 29, 2022 at 11:18 AM

MA

To the family of Major Williams it truly sadden me to learn of the passing of Mr Major..He was very knowledgeable and auto repair house repair plumbing and you name it. He could figure out almost anything. He was a man a many talents. One thing that I love most about him that he would share his knowledge with you and talk to you and walk you through certain problems. If you were willing to try to work on a project, Major was not selfish at all. He always was there to give me a helping hand. Even from my childhood I remember him repairing some things for my mother and my father Major. You will be greatly missed but sleep on my friend.

Mr Gary W Augustus - July 29, 2022 at 07:41 PM

SC

“ *May God continue to fortify the Williams family with strength and peace, grace and love during this difficult time of sorrow and grief our prayers and thoughts are always with you Heart felt thoughts of Sympathy.*



Shelia Carter - July 28, 2022 at 09:47 PM

ND

“ *Uncle although I didn't grow up being around you when I was a kid because we live a far distance I will truly miss you. Praying for our family that God gives us the strength we need.*



Nia/ Dianna - July 26, 2022 at 06:24 AM

EG

We're praying for the family of our classmate . The class of 1967, Eliza Miller High School.

Earl Gilcreast - July 26, 2022 at 06:36 AM

SM

Ike,

While I have never met your father, Major Williams, I believe I can call his son, Ike, my friend. It is from fathers, that sons are formed, like a potter with clay. We are all the work of our father's hands.

Ike, you are a remarkably formed vessel. If you are anything like your father, he must have been a remarkable man. There are no words that can express the loss of a father. Just know that I and all your coworkers offer our prayers and condolences at this difficult time for you, your mom, and the rest of your family.

Shalom

Steve Moeller, Scott Lumsden, all the TAGgers and the rest of the Clayco family.

Steve Moeller - July 27, 2022 at 01:14 PM