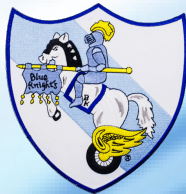


*In Loving Memory of
Fernard M. Williams, Jr.*



Sunrise
February 15, 1963



Sunset
September 13, 2017

Friday, September 22, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

771 Somerset Street

Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Senior Pastor





Obituary



Fernard Maurice Williams Jr. was born on February 15th, 1963 in Orange, New Jersey. God called him home to eternal rest on September 13, 2017.

Fernard Jr. also known as “Jay” was the first child of Fernard Sr. & Shirley Williams. At an early age he was outgoing, assertive and had a very vibrant personality. He was passionate about all sports and he played baseball, football and tennis. He played the French horn and mastered chess at the age of eight.

He was a member of the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts organization where he earned many merit awards and badges. He also loved the weekend camping trips and outdoor events.

In 1982, Fernard Jr. accepted Christ and was baptized at Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

Fernard Jr. was educated in the East Orange School system through eighth grade, graduating from St. Benedict’s Preparatory High School in Newark, NJ in 1981. He continued his education at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. During his college career at Rutgers he played football and was a member of the Scarlet Knights Marching Band.

In the summer of 1982, Fernard “Mr. Tingles” #4 pledged Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. This was the first Charter Line “New Breed” at NJIT, XI THETA/ MU ZETA Chapter. He later transferred to Chi Sigma Chapter where he held various positions.

On August 19, 1989, he married the love of his life, Lisa A. Mitchell. Out of that union came one beautiful daughter Jada N. Williams. Jada

was “Daddy’s Little Princess”. Fernard Jr. was a loyal and dedicated husband and father.

Fernard Jr. started his career at Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company. Soon after he pursued his true life’s passion to protect and serve. March 6, 1995, he joined the Essex County Prosecutors Office. He excelled in his 18-year career serving in numerous units: Court Squad, Internal Affairs, Polygraph Unit and Crime Scene Unit. He was also a member of the Honor Guards. He also served as a member of the PBA local 105 and Retired Badge # 42. He was also a first responder of 9/11.

On June 3, 2006, Fernard Jr. received his Master Mason Degree from Sampson Lodge #66, P. H. A. He was also a member of the Holy Royal Arch Masons and of the Sardonias Consistory #41. He furthered his Masonic Career Royal Arch Degree and his 32nd Degree.

Fernard Jr. was a passionate fan of the Miami Dolphins and NY Mets. He was a motorcycle enthusiast who loved everything about riding. He was a member of the Blue Knights of Newark, NJ. He also participated in fund raisers throughout the state of New Jersey along with other organizations.

Fernard Jr. touched the lives of many and left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He was a family man and enjoyed hosting gatherings for family and friends. He was a Big Man with a Very Big Heart! Gone too soon and will be missed by all.

Fernard Jr. leaves to celebrate his life his devoted and loving Wife Lisa A. Williams and his Princess Jada N. Williams, Shirley Williams (Mother), Fernard Williams Sr. (Father) and Cheryl Williams (Step Mother), Sisters - Taryn Williams Walker, (Willie), Latonya R. Joyner, (Courtney), Nikeysha S. Neal, (Jamar), Brothers - DuJuan D. Williams, (Tamar), Kyle Dargan, Fiona Wilson (Aunt), Ronald Armstead (Cousin), Nieces - Leilani Z. Joyner: Shamida L. Joyner: Nyla J Neal: Avery M. Williams: Kaede Dargan. Nephews - Chase Neal: Noah Neal: DuJuan D. Williams Jr: Kwame’ R. Joyner: Rahmaan K. Joyner. Great Nephew Jihad N Majette and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Presiding – Rev. Deborah L Stapleton, Associate Pastor
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

MUSICAL PRELUDE Lawrence Allen

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN.....“Blessed Assurance”

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament..... 1 Corinthians: 15:50-57

PRAYER FOR COMFORT.....Rev. Deborah L Stapleton

SELECTION.....“Father, Can You Hear Me”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & EXPRESSIONS

Cynthia Samuels

READING OF OBITUARY

Devona McReynolds

REMARKS.....Masonic Lodge

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Childhood Friend

Poem by Siblings

Letter to Dad

SELECTION

EULOGY.....Rev. Kenneth Simon, Pastor

New Bethel Baptist Church

Youngstown, OH

RECESSIONAL.....“I Feel Like Going On”

Interment

Glendale Cemetery

28 Hoover Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ

From your loving wife

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you and whispered
“Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes I watched you, slowly fade away,
Although I loved you dearly, I would not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove to me,
He only takes the best.



Dear Dad,

You recently went on into the bright sky to rest in peace. I know you are flying everywhere with your amazing wings. You now feel no more pain, you are happy, and your spirit is filled with happiness and joy.

Now you watch over me forever to see me in everything that I do. You will proudly see me graduate middle school, high school and you will also watch over me when I go to your Alumni college RU and graduate. You will watch over me forever. You are my biggest guardian angel and I want to make you proud. Dad, when the sun gets brighter I know it's you saying "I love you" or "i am doing great in the beautiful sky".

I miss you so much, but it's okay because I know your spirit is with me everyday, every minute and forever.

I will always love you until infinity and beyond Dad; forever and always.

Love,
Your Princess
Jada





"My Words for You"

God saw I was getting tired.
And relief was not to be.
So he gently closed these heavy eyes,
and whispered come to me.
I know it may seem I've lost the fight.
But yet, indeed I have won.
Assured by God that all is well.
And my journey here is done.
No farewell words were spoken.
No time to say "Goodbye"
I was gone before we knew it.
And only God knows why.
Mourn for me a little while.
Keeping good memories in your heart.
For I'll have a reason to smile.
When we meet in Heaven, no longer apart.



Pallbearers

Anthony Register	Douglas McCall
Kevin Davis	Brian Mitchell
Garcia Murray	John Lee

Acknowledgement

The Family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. God bless each of you.

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