



Devin McDowell Williams

September 4, 1994 - March 4, 2021

Devin McDowell Williams, age 26, of Huntersville, NC departed this life on Thursday, March 4, 2021 for his Eternal Home. He was born on a Sunday, Labor Day weekend September 4, 1994, in Evanston, Illinois to his father, Vernion Talmadge Williams, II and his mother, Dianna Langston Williams.

Devin attended Huntersville Elementary School, Francis Bradley Middle School and Marie G. Davis Military & Global Leadership Academy. Upon early graduation from High School at MGLA he joined the Marines, and attended the Citadel Military Academy in Charleston, SC for a period after joining the Marine Corps. While in the Marine Corps he attained the rank of Sergeant before his honorable discharge. He later transferred to the Universal Technical Institute where he completed his studies in Mechanics, eventually becoming a Master Technician. Devin was a valued member, worker, and leader in his workplaces, and in every environment he found himself in. He loved working on cars, and driving them too, and trucks and motorcycles (anything with wheels and an engine), and had many interests and talents outside of that including music, solving Rubik's Cubes, and being there for people in his life- whether he had known you for years, or just met you. A life-long learner, he was always studying something new, and could always tell you something you didn't know. He especially enjoyed the challenge of taking things apart and then putting them back together, better than before. He was an authentic soul, and people were just drawn to him.

In addition to his Parents mentioned above, Devin is survived by his son, Jaden Christopher Williams (Mother Jemea Woods); Sister, Kellie Williams; his Stepfather, Kenneth Strother; his Grandmother, Gladys Howard Pettiford (Joseph Pettiford, Sr); his 2 Stepsisters, Andrea Wolfe and Brittany Stone (Rob Schnabel); Uncles from both sides, Joseph Pettiford, Jr (Kimberly), Robert Pettiford (Antoinette), recently deceased; Addison Williams, Jr; Christian Williams; Daniel Williams; Eric "Gus" Williams; his lifelong friend and "Brother from another Mother," Chase Eklund, and a large host of cousins and other relatives and friends from all over.

He liked this poem by Lord Byron, When We Two Parted

“When we two parted^{[[SEP]]}In silence and tears,^{[[SEP]]}Half broken-hearted^{[[SEP]]}To sever for years,^{[[SEP]]}
Pale grew thy cheek and cold,^{[[SEP]]}Colder thy kiss;^{[[SEP]]}Truly that hour foretold^{[[SEP]]}Sorrow to this
...”

The funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM, at James Funeral Home in Huntersville. The visitation will be held on Saturday, March 13, 6:00-8:00 PM, at the same location. Interment will be at St. Phillip Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Huntersville with military honors following the funeral.

This obituary was lovingly written by his family.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family.

Cemetery

**St. Phillip Missionary Baptist
Church Cemetery**
524 Dellwood Drive
Huntersville, NC, 28078

Events

MAR 13	Visitation	06:00PM - 08:00PM
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	James Funeral Home 10520 Arahova Dr P.O. Box 3434, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078	
MAR 14	Funeral Service	02:00PM
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Comments



“ still praying ☐☐



vella - June 15 at 03:40 AM



“ Maurvella lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Maurvella - March 24 at 06:06 PM



“ Curtis Askew lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Curtis Askew - March 15 at 09:19 PM



“ To my nephew Devin; I remember you as a beautiful child and I've seen the wonderful son and father you grew to be. My heart is broken by your sudden passing. I will miss you terribly and love you always.
-Tangee-



Tangee Williams - March 13 at 10:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 13 at 11:43 AM



“ The Dugan Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



The Dugan Family - March 13 at 09:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 12 at 06:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 12 at 04:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 12 at 01:27 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 12 at 12:05 PM



“ Your Honest-1 Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Your Honest-1 Family - March 12 at 11:57 AM



“ Love - Jayne, Nana, and Papa ("The Old Fart") purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Jayne Williams - March 12 at 10:03 AM



“ Sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Devin McDowell Wiiiams. May God give you peace and love at this difficult time. Our hearts are broken at his passing. Our love to you.
Aunt Muriel and Theodore Seabrook
Brookhaven, PA.



Muriel Seabrook - March 11 at 10:51 PM



“ The Boys of Wynfield Creeke; Chase, Devin, and Donnie



Ginger Eklund - March 11 at 06:44 PM



“ So thankful for the friendship between Devin and Chase.



Ginger Eklund - March 11 at 06:40 PM



“ Devin was a very kind, gentle and talented soul! He was truly a gift. I enjoyed working with him and will always remember his warm smile.
Sincerely,
Janice Davidson

Janice Davidson - March 11 at 05:12 PM



“ Janice, Thank you for the kind remarks, he loved music and participated for 10+ years of his short life as my beloved drummer. Whenever we needed him, he went!

Dianna - March 11 at 06:16 PM



“ The Crump Family: Paul, Tina, Tyson & Faith purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



The Crump Family: Paul, Tina, Tyson & Faith - March 11 at 05:02 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 11 at 04:47 PM



“ With sympathy from everyone at Autobell A15 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



With sympathy from everyone at Autobell A15 - March 11 at 02:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 11 at 10:30 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 11 at 08:03 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 10 at 07:26 PM



“ Love, Paul, Chase, and Ginger Eklund purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



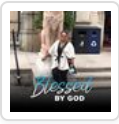
Love, Paul, Chase, and Ginger Eklund - March 10 at 12:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



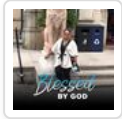
March 09 at 11:45 PM



“ Debbie Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Debbie Ruffin - March 09 at 09:56 PM



“ There are really no words that can describe the depth of our condolences. May GOD's strength be your strength.

Debbie - March 09 at 10:08 PM



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First i would like to say Thank you to Devin's mother & father for creating a legend. Respectfully.

prayers & respect to the man. we had our moments in time that will forever be apart of us! & for this knowing i am eternally grateful to have known him & to have shown you the patience enough to 'hash it out like a couple of grown-ups' music vibin with Devin was amazing. the first drink we had together was some MD 2020 peaches & cream with a hand dipped milkshake MRE(lol) & our last was drinking Tito's vodka out the bottle w/ a sprite to chase! God knows i loved this man very much. So much that my family would always ask about him & his well being. im happy i put down my ego that last day we looked into one another's eyes.. #Chicagofreestyle ☺
#GodSpeed 📺 📺 #BlastiT



Maurvella Rose Fuller - March 09 at 09:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 09 at 01:50 PM



“ Hope Eley lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Hope Eley - March 09 at 12:45 PM



“ Eric and Sharon May purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Eric and Sharon May - March 09 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 09 at 09:23 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 08 at 10:40 PM



“ Our deepest condolences Vernon and family on the loss of your dear son. Pray your memories provide you comfort at this very difficult time.
Much love , Lisa Simmons Mikell & family



Lisa Simmons Mikell - March 08 at 09:22 PM



“ Love, Jarvia Jones Newsome purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Love, Jarvia Jones Newsome - March 08 at 05:53 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Marshall McMillan lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Mr. & Mrs. Marshall McMillan - March 08 at 05:25 PM



“ To: Dianna Williams & Williams Family

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this most difficult time. My Wife and I Pray your Strength in the Lord.

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall McMillan

Greenville, South Carolina

Grandparents of Addison McDowell Williams, III

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall McMillan - March 08 at 05:29 PM



“ Thank you so much Mr. & Mrs. McMillan! We appreciate your sentiments.

Dianna - March 08 at 06:50 PM



“ Kay James & Curt Flood purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Kay James & Curt Flood - March 08 at 01:51 PM



“ The JLL BMW Account Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



The JLL BMW Account Team - March 08 at 11:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dad - March 08 at 10:19 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dianna Williams - March 08 at 09:48 AM



“ Samantha Shaver Phillips lit a candle in memory of Devin McDowell Williams



Samantha Shaver Phillips - March 08 at 08:51 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 08 at 08:23 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 07 at 10:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 07 at 09:50 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jemea Woods - March 07 at 09:25 PM



“ Mom, Kellie & Clean purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Dianna Williams - March 07 at 09:24 PM



“ No parent should have to do this. Cindy and I have learned it is called ‘sitting in the mud’ .. and it is OKAY. Just to sit.....

I’ll be honored to ‘sit with you Vern.” Fond memories of Devin on our TV show. Masons sold you popcorn for scouts and thought you looked like Gregory Hines.

Your loving team mate and fellow dad with ‘empty arms’...
Ed Gash 9802079838



Ed Gash - March 07 at 07:46 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Dianna Williams - March 07 at 05:52 PM



“ These were my Favorite Mommie-Son riding days!

Dianna - March 07 at 05:55 PM



“ I have no words that could tell what is in my heart this moment. Dianna, thank you for the gift of Devin. He came into my son's life (your other son) when fitting in and finding his way was very difficult. He and Steph always kept us laughing and their friendship for me was an answer to my prayers. Just like anyone who knew Devin, I loved him SO. Devin had such a servants heart and was always humble and kind. He had such a gift that could put anyone at ease. Rob and I were so proud when we took our car into his job for service and EVERYONE spoke so well of him. Know that you and your family are in our prayers and that from one mother who loves her son to another...know that I am praying continually for you asking God to give you total peace and grace to breath and walk through this journey. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything. May Gods hand keep and guide you.

Love,

the David family (Steph's mom)

shana david - March 07 at 09:21 PM



“ Dianna - What a Beautiful Picture of You & Devin.

You raised a Champ who Loved and Respected you and who was Loved and Respected by all. I Pray your Peace in the Days, Weeks, & Years ahead as you look back and reflect on what God gave you the Strength and Joy to accomplish in such a short time. Only the LORD and a VIRTIOUS WOMAN could have accomplished this with such success.

Remember to Look to the Hills from where your Strength will continue to come from. God does not take you to anything He can't take you through.

Hold your Head High and continue to walk in your Faith with your Hand in God's Hand!

Ms. Marilyn M. Williams - March 07 at 09:31 PM



“ Thank you all for the beautiful sentiments, and I give all the glory to God who kept us as a family together and who will continue to keep us as we adjust to our loved one gone home.

Dianna - March 07 at 10:48 PM



“ DeeDee and Vern--

He was not here long enough, but his impact will last forever. He left behind people who will always love and miss him. He left a son who must rely on those who remain to help him remember his father and to guide him toward becoming the kind of man Devin would have wanted.

Eric and Sharon May

V. Eric W. May, Sr. - March 09 at 12:06 PM



“ Sweet Williams Family:

You know our hearts for Devin - always. Thank you for sharing him with us; for opening your lives up to this family 'down the road' when the boys were just tykes. For being OK with them being either at your house, or ours. Encouraging them to stick together, through thick and thin...always looking out for one another. Whether it was in your garage or ours, being ok with those boys tearing apart, just to put back together again.

How blessed we have been. And how remarkable for Chase and Devin to have had such deep care and love for one another... for so many years. It's a rare thing, these days.

We have so many memories of Devin and how he was woven into our family.. and we will have to lean into them, often, to heal our hearts.

Devin is in our fiber, now. That wont unravel, and we are thankful for it. We praise God for the eternal love that will just continue in the new home Devin is in now and for us, remaining behind.

Ginger, Paul, and Chase

Ginger Eklund - March 10 at 12:33 PM



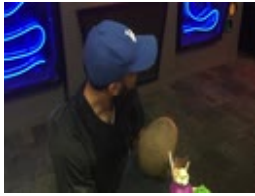
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



March 07 at 04:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Vern - March 07 at 01:46 PM



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Vern - March 07 at 01:41 PM



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Vern - March 07 at 01:37 PM



“ I would like to express my love and gratitude to Devin’s stepmother (Jayne Williams) and her parents (Ben and Betty Fortner) for all of the love and support they provided to Devin during his time on this Earth. They loved him as if he were their own, and he loved them in return, and for that I will always be grateful.
Vern

Vern - March 07 at 11:17 AM



“ Thank you Vern....Devin was a very special person in our lives. He will be greatly missed. I don’t know who will keep “Old Fart’s” red truck going. When he and Chase would come to help break down our quilt booths with such zest, and help hang the high stuff in our home when we moved over here. He was just so special!!!! We are going to miss his special way and that infectious smile and laugh! May the Lord give you and your family that peace that pass all understanding.

Betty Fortner - March 07 at 12:44 PM



“ Thank you, Vern, for sharing your son’s life with me. He was (and will always be) my bonus son. We all have such great and treasured memories.

I will forever be grateful for Devin’s kind, gentle, goofy, smart, and generous soul.

He will remain a light and reminder of love.

Jayne

Jayne Williams - March 12 at 02:17 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Dad - March 07 at 09:45 AM



“ Every now and then Devin would just stop by, usually with the most recent car or truck that he had been working on, to show off his new work of art. He was an artist in a sense when it came to motors, cars and trucks. He paid attention to detail and was proud of his work, as he should have been. Often, his co pilot was Jaden and they'd stay for just awhile. He would somehow entertain Jaden, with the patience of a good father, and still have an adult visit with Vern and me. They came for a visit one day when it was super hot out, so I offered them some fruit. I can still see his smile when he answered who can say no to fruit ma'am. ..Sure....He was a fine, hard working, gentle man, well mannered, respectful, sweet, smart and please let's not forget how handsome. He always made his dad proud and life without him will not be same. Gone to soon, may you Rest In Peace Devin.

ANNA MARIE FALZO - March 07 at 08:56 AM



“ Libbie & Jerry Johnson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Devin McDowell Williams.



Libbie & Jerry Johnson - March 06 at 08:50 PM



“ I saw him last on Saturday February 27th. He was so happy with his life. Little did either of know this would be our last face to face conversation. We talked about work, family, his future...his love of anything with an engine and 2 or more wheels...and of course his son Jaden. He loved his son more than life itself. Devin was such a wonderful son - smart, respectful, kind. I'll miss him so much! Thank you for sharing your life with me, Devin. You will always be in my heart!
Dad

Vern Williams - March 06 at 06:54 PM