



## Bert Williams

February 17, 1969 - August 2, 2021

The services will be live streamed <https://vimeo.com/582989109/b67897f6f8>

A celebration of the life of Coach Bert Williams will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 2 P.M. in Northridge Christian Church with Rev. Mac Enfinger and Rev. Stephanie Caldwell officiating.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church at 306 Log Cabin Road. Milledgeville.

Herbert Pierce "Bert" Williams age 52 passed away on August 2, 2021. He was a native of Augusta and had made his home in Milledgeville for the past 23 years and served as Head Coach at Georgia Military College for over 20 years.

He was a member of the Milledgeville First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Coffman Williams; sons, Parker Williams and Zach Williams all of Milledgeville.

his parents, Pete and Cathy Williams of Augusta and his brother, Brian Williams and wife Jenny Snead of Miami, FL; a number of other relatives also

survive.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to the Bert and Cathy Williams Scholarship fund c/o Georgia Military College 201 E. Greene St. Milledgeville, GA 31061

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Milledgeville  
366 Log Cabin Drive  
Milledgeville, GA

## Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northridge Christian Church  
321 Log Cabin Road NE  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
<http://www.northridge.online>

# Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bert Williams



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - August 06, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JP

Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about Bert. I treasure the times that I got to spend with your family. I know God will bless you and your family. Jim Porch

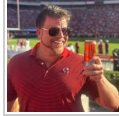
Jim Porch - August 11, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Bert Williams



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - August 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM



*Coach Williams was the man. I realized over the years that he was so much more than a football coach. He genuinely cared about people and always put people first. Super smart and always interesting to talk to, also. I just hope that Mrs. Williams and the family are hanging in there and realize how many people around here thought so highly of Coach and will miss him!!!*

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**Chris McKearney** - August 05, 2021 at 11:14 AM

CM

*PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVE ONE.*

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**COACH JAMES MCRAE** - August 05, 2021 at 02:49 PM

LS

*The service was a moving tribute a special man who was larger than life, touched so, so many lives and was a wonderful son, brother, husband and father. His legacy will continue thru his sons. Keeping His family in our thoughts, prayers and hearts. Much love, Linda and Greg*

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**Linda Stephens** - August 06, 2021 at 03:26 PM

CB

*We are saddened to hear of Bert's passing. Please know that our love and prayers are with you.*

*Dave and Carleen Benjamin*

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**Carleen Benjamin** - August 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MM

“ *To the family of Bert Williams.  
It was only today that I learned of Bert's passing, when I saw that he has been inducted posthumously in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. I am so sad about this for him and for all of you. I met Bert and Mrs. Williams at Emory University Hospital where he had been admitted to start an experimental treatment. I was there for a bone marrow transplant. I had agreed to take the experimental treatment but didn't qualify. I was on one of my many walks about the unit when Bert went home. As he was being wheeled away he raised his fist and said "Go for the Win!" I hope that you all have been consoled with your happy memories and by knowing what a fine man Bert was. God bless you all.  
From Mike Gordon, michaelcowlgordon@gmail.com*

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**MICHAEL Cowl. GORDON, MD** - February 25, 2023 at 03:23 PM

PF

“ *Pat And Jenny Ford lit a candle in memory of Bert Williams*



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**Pat and Jenny Ford** - August 10, 2021 at 05:09 PM

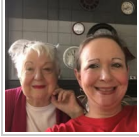
RD

“ *Ray Diamond lit a candle in memory of Bert Williams*



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**Ray Diamond** - August 09, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *My heart breaks for you and your family. My god give you strength*



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**Julie Deason** - August 08, 2021 at 02:07 PM

BS

“ *It is so hard to believe Bert has passed on to heaven. Cathy, Parker, Zach and Family please know that we are here for you just a phone call away. May God bring each of you healing and peace. Bert will always be with us in Spirit. So many fond memories. He was a gentle giant. He touched so many lives in many positive ways. Love and hugs to all of you. God Bless each of you. Terry and Bonnie Schubert*

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**Bonnie Schubert** - August 07, 2021 at 12:16 AM

CL

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear Bert had passed, we had a great friendship in high school. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to his family.*

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**Clifton Loo** - August 06, 2021 at 01:08 PM

KJ

“ *I'm am so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. I know his fight has been a long one, but this is still a shock. Bert was such a larger than life man and a joy to know. I pray you, the boys, and his parents find peace in knowing how much Bert was respected and loved in this community. He will be missed by so many.*

*Kelly and Bob Jaworski*

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**Kelly Jaworski** - August 05, 2021 at 06:49 PM

XC

“ Bert was a kind, generous soul. He could make everyone smile, even in the darkest hours. And made the best cheese straws around !

*Xaviere Chatagnier*

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**xaviere chatagnier** - August 05, 2021 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ COACH JAMES MCRAE lit a candle in memory of Bert Williams



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**COACH JAMES MCRAE** - August 05, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CS

“ Dear Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
May the Lord hold you all in His Arms and bring you peace and comfort.



*Dick and Cheryl Swan*

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**Cheryl Swan** - August 05, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MJ

“ I, along with the rest of the corporate strategy team at Baptist Health South Florida extend our deepest sympathy to you during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you strength and peace during this hard time.

*Mark Jannone*

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**Mark Jannone** - August 05, 2021 at 09:01 AM


BS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bert's family and Pete and Cathy! Prayers for comfort and peace!

*Bobby Saul*

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**Bobby Saul** - August 05, 2021 at 08:20 AM

MW

My heart  breaks for the Williams family. God is with you as you walk through this valley of the shadow of death. Know that you are being prayed for by hundreds of people that love you.

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**Melanie Wallace** - August 05, 2021 at 03:15 PM

OW

Sorrow for your loss may God comfort you all in a time of need

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**Ola walls** - August 06, 2021 at 04:11 AM


CH

“ Godspeed to the family and friends in these times. A fine man, a developer of young men, a mentor, a Christian and a friend.

*Calvin*

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**calvin huggins** - August 05, 2021 at 07:15 AM

KP

“ The BEST of the best!!! Our guardian Angel!!!

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**Kay Penter** - August 05, 2021 at 06:57 AM

KW

“ I am sorry for your loss. I am praying for peace for your family.

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**Kelly Weems** - August 04, 2021 at 09:02 PM

BT

“ We were so very sorry to hear about Bert ,He was a remarkable person and leaves us with many happy memories. Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family.  
Bob and Marion Tolson  
Aiken, SC.

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**Bob Tolson** - August 04, 2021 at 05:59 PM

TF

“ We're so sorry to hear about the passing of Coach Williams. It broke our hearts. What an awesome, kindhearted person. Words fail to express our sincerest condolences. He will truly be missed. Sending you and the family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I pray that God will grant you the strength and comfort you and the family will need to get through this difficult time. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace and hope. We are holding your family in our hearts and lifting you in prayer. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. His legacy will live on!!!!  
Love, The Pam Family - Columbia SC

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**The Pam Family** - August 04, 2021 at 02:52 PM

VA

*My deepest sympathy for coach Williams passing.I respected him very much.Cathy,Zack and Parker, you are in my prayers..Valerie O*

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**Valerie** - August 05, 2021 at 08:34 AM

SH

“ Bert and the Williams Family have inspired so many lives. Heartfelt condolences to your family for this great loss. May God's promise of eternal peace and your fond memories bring you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Sending love and prayers.



Sherry Hajec - August 04, 2021 at 02:43 PM

CB

“ Bert, you will be sorely missed my friend. You left a great legacy and that is something you can be proud of. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cathy and the boys and your extended family. God Bless!

Craig Beard - August 04, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MD

“ I remember Bert as a little boy. As cousin and next-door neighbor where his mom grew up, I hung around some with Leigh, Bert's aunt. As a result, I remember Bert as a little boy when I was about 12 or so. Loved him then! And I have kept up with his life through Leigh. I have been so impressed with the man that he became. He walked a good walk and fought the good fight. Love, Merry M. Dirksen

Merry M. Dirksen - August 04, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SD

“ We loved stopping by the dock and enjoying time together with you and Bert and always loved seeing you guys drive up to ours. We are holding you all in our arms with love. May your wonderful memories of Bert comfort you at this tune. We know he is loved and cared for by Jesus and is no longer suffering.

Shari Donatell - August 04, 2021 at 09:07 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



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**LUTHER G MINOR** - August 04, 2021 at 09:05 AM

TG

“ *My sincerest condolences for your loss. Bert was a special man, a great teammate and friend. He was loved and he will be missed.  
Ted Graser, Augusta*

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**Ted Graser** - August 04, 2021 at 08:00 AM

GS

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to Cathy and the entire family. Bert was a special man and seeing all the tributes pouring in is fitting. God bless the Williams family and the Coffman family. - Greg and Lisa Swayne*

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**Gregory M Swayne** - August 04, 2021 at 05:48 AM

JL

“ *Cathy, Parker, and Zach: You all fought the good fight with Bert. You can be proud of the fine husband and father he always was. Love and prayers to you.*

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**John and Cissy Lane** - August 03, 2021 at 09:35 PM

EH

“ Man where do I start? Talked to some old teammates Derick Collier, Jerry Beard and Major Ryan. And Major reminded me that them years down there with Coach Williams and Coach Nunn made us the men we are today. If you were able to make it at GMC you coii yo kid make it anywhere. Because when we where down there Milledgeville was not a big place. Coach Williams and Nunn was a big part of our mental toughness. And on Offense COACH WILLIAMS was a real beast! Coach Williams I love you. We love you.

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**Ezzard (Big Swole) Horn** - August 03, 2021 at 09:27 PM

RK

“ Served with Bert over the last year trying to coordinate our football teams while developing a new football conference. Always appreciated his insight and determination to get our schools aligned to all work together. He was very close with my retired head football coach Matt Foster. All of the football staff and myself mourn the passing of our peer and counterpart. Ryan Kaiser. Director of Athletics. College of DuPage.

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**Ryan Kaiser** - August 03, 2021 at 09:06 PM

BJ

“ Coach Williams, was a special man because of the “second chance” his program was able to bless athletes like myself with. He was able to take someone on a destructive path and turn them into an all American athlete with a college degree and an opportunity in life. Bert changed life’s daily on that football field. Doing Gods work daily, loving husband, dedicated father, a great friend, mentor to hundreds, and a man I will always and forever want to model myself after.

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**Barry Davis Jr** - August 03, 2021 at 08:15 PM

FC

“ Our deepest condolences to Cathy and the boys. Bert’s legacy of love, caring and professional excellence will last for generations as all of those whom he touched celebrate his life and incorporate his character traits into their own walk of life. He will be missed but we believe that he is rejoicing in the presence of our Savior! Hallelujah!

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**Friends at Total Courage** - August 03, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BM

“ Coach William’s was the guy you wanted to play for. Always motivating and believing in his players. Coach made you feel like a winner even when you messed up. He would get on you but build you up at the same time because he knew that you were capable of much more and he believed in you. Thank you coach for all that you did for all of us. To the Williams family my love and prayers are with you.

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**Beau McGee** - August 03, 2021 at 04:56 PM

AB

“ Will always be thankful for the opportunity he gave me when he hired me at GMC. His mentorship and friendship will be cherished forever! Prayers to his family, for comfort and peace!

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**Ashley Bunn** - August 03, 2021 at 04:05 PM

MR

“ Sending love and sympathy to family and friends. Coach Williams was an asset to GMC and Milledgeville.

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**Marion Robinson** - August 03, 2021 at 03:20 PM

KF

*You meant more to me than a lot of people will ever know my father told me in life i will meet a lot of people but only a few will stay in your heart I will never forget you friend and will miss arguing with you about the fields rest easy big guy*

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**Ken Franks** - August 03, 2021 at 06:53 PM

PS

*Sending all my love to Cathy, Pete & Family. You have been in my thoughts.*

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**Page Simpson** - August 11, 2021 at 12:04 PM