



## Simuel Williams

February 8, 1939 - April 22, 2021

Mr. Simuel Williams, 82, peacefully entered the sunset of life at his home on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in Sumter, South Carolina. Born in Hampton Florida, he was a son of the late Dewitt Williams and Addie Wells Williams. For over 54 years, “Simmie” was the beloved husband of Mary McGriff Williams.

Mr. Williams grew up in Palatka, Florida where he graduated from Central High School. He went on to attend Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida and was a graduate of Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina. He also completed studies at the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Williams was a veteran of the United States Army and a mason of the St. Paul #8 Masonic Lodge. He was employed as an educator by Sumter School District #17 for 28 years. He was known as “Coach Williams” by Sumter High School’s B-team football and by the varsity football team, where he served as an assistant coach. He was a die-hard fan of the USC Gamecocks, Florida Gators, Pittsburg Steelers, and San Francisco 49ers football teams. He also loved vegetable gardening, fishing and he loved his family.

The most defining chapter of his life was his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized at an early age and was a faithful member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Sumter, South Carolina, having served in many capacities including, the Trustee Board, Sunday School, Usher Board, Men’s Choir and Senior Choir.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, John Williams, Clara Wright, Ivory Williams, Donald Williams, Lonza Dewitt Williams, Willie T. Williams and Jimmie Lee Williams.

Survivors left to cherish precious memories are his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Mary McGriff Williams of the home; dedicated daughters: Simeatrice Williams of Myrtle Beach, SC and Camille Williams-Shaw of Sumter, SC; loving grandsons, Stacey Tirrell Shaw, II and William Tirrell Shaw of Conway, SC; sister, Deloris Purdy of Palatka, Florida and brother, Robert James Williams of Oakland, California; sister-in-law, Walter McGriff Tillman of Lancaster, SC and brother-in-law, Robert McGriff, Sr. of Lancaster, SC; special friends, Stacey T. Shaw, Sr. and Sherard Shaw; a host of nieces and nephews of which all were his favorites; cousins, friends and associates.

Services will be Livestreamed at 12:00 noon on Facebook - Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

Per the family, social distancing and masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to:  
Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Building Fund, P. O. Box 3032,  
Sumter, SC 29151

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Lying in Repose

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Burial

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MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simuel Williams*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Roslyn Mixon lit a candle in memory of Simuel Williams*



**Roslyn Mixon** - May 03, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to the Williams family. We're praying that the peace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit will strengthen you during this difficult time. We're praying that your hearts will soon be uplifted and filled with wonderful memories of happy times together with Bro. Simmie. We're praying that God will wipe away your tears and give you his peace. Just know that we're praying for you.*

*~ Love & Prayers, Tony and Sophia Vickers*

**Sophia Vickers** - May 02, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Mrs. Williams and family,  
Praying for your strength during this time and days to come. May the God whom we serve embrace you with peace and love.*

*Jennifer Battles Jackson*

**Jennifer Battles Jackson** - April 29, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ *Patricia Jackson McCray sent a virtual gift in memory of Simuel Williams*



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**Patricia Jackson McCray** - April 28, 2021 at 07:25 PM

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“ *I have wonderful memories of Simuel at Central Academy in Palatka, Fla., and at Morris College playing football with him. He was like a father to the young guys on the team.*

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**Theartice Strickland** - April 28, 2021 at 05:02 PM