



Jonathan Roy Williams

January 1, 1953 - October 31, 2009

Jonathan Roy Williams Jennings: A memorial service honoring the life of Jonathan Roy Williams, 57, will be held at Hubbard United Church of Christ in Gueydan, La on Saturday, October 31, 2009 @1:00 PM with Rev. Leifer Johnson & Rev. John Allen officiating. Mr. Williams passed away peacefully Sunday evening after fighting a courageous battle against cancer. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Friday, October 30th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and will resume on Saturday, October 31st at Hubbard United Church of Christ at 11:00 AM until the time of his memorial service. Mr. Williams will be laid to rest in the Gueydan Cemetery. Jonathan Roy was born in Gueydan, La to the late Leroy & Helen Maxile Williams in March of 1952. He was an employee of the Vermilion Parish School Board for 34 years and the principal at Jesse Owens. He had a passion for teaching our community's young people and guiding them to a brighter and successful future. He will be greatly missed by everyone whom lives he touched. Leaving behind to cherish his memory is his beloved wife and best friend of 36 years, Althea Beasley Williams of Jennings; one son, Jermaine Williams and his wife Mie of Pearland, TX; one daughter, Brooke and her husband Dwayne Mitchell, Sr. of Holon, Israel; two brothers, Harvey Williams, Sr. and his wife Ada of Jennings and Stuart Williams and his wife Adie of Lafayette; three sisters, Helena and her husband Clarence Williams, Jr. of California, Viola Hope Williams of Baytown, TX, and Constance and her husband Thomas Williams, Sr. also of Baytown, TX; two aunts, Maebelle Maxie of Gueydan and Esther

and her husband James Chavis, Sr. of Austin, TX; and his four beautiful grandchildren, Kaleb & Jordan Williams and Kennedy & Dwayne Mitchell, Jr. Preceded in death by his beloved parents, Leroy & Helen Maxile Williams; one brother, Howard Clayton; and his step-father, Whitney Broussard. Carrying Mr. Williams to his final resting place will be Harvey Williams, Jr., Christopher Williams, Stanley Mills, Jr., John Paul Johnson, Gerard Moore, & Sterling Beasley. Honorary pallbearers will include Jermaine Williams, Dwayne Mitchell, Sr., James Chavis, Jr., Carl Beasley, Charles Beasley, Sr., Spencer Beasley, Harvey Williams, Sr., Stuart Williams, Daniel Johnson, Thomas Williams, Sr., Clarence Williams, Jr., Stanford Beasley, Sr., Charles Beasley, Jr., Murray Mitchell & Ralph Shaffie.

Tribute Wall



“ Jonathan Roy Williams

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Dear Althea, Jermaine, Brooke, Mama Hope, Connie and the entire Williams family..... Words cannot express the shock and sadness I felt in hearing of the death of Johnny. Please find comfort in this poem. May it help to ease the pain as days go by and lighten your heavy hearts.

My Sincere Sympathy and Love,
RL

IF YOU COULD SEE ME NOW

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer There.
Remember my spirit that is the real me Because I am still very much
alive, I've just Been set free, oh if you could only see!
I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched My Savior's hand.
All of Heaven's angels rejoiced As I entered the promised land.
Beyond the gates Of pearl I've walked the golden streets. I've
Touched the walls of Jasper and dipped my foot in The Crystal Sea.
The beauty is beyond words and Nothing could compare, I've even
seen your Mansion and someday I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be
your guide because His word will show You the way! So please
don't cry because we will Meet again someday.*

RL Lopez - October 31, 2009 at 04:18 PM

TH

“ Mrs. Althea, Jermaine, and Brook--Words cannot even express the sadness felt by the loss of Coach Williams. He was, and forever will be, an extraordinary man. He has often times come up in conversation because of his character, strength, and sense of humor. He will continually be an inspiration to all whose lives he has touched, including my own. I vividly remember the days of sitting in his language/spelling class in junior high, scrimmaging the boys on the court, and watching him coach when Jermaine was slam dunking the ball...so many fun times. His voice, words, and smile are emblazoned in my heart and memory. We are all better people to have known him. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in knowing that he is loved by so many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, Tanna

Tanna Harrington - October 31, 2009 at 10:23 AM

EJ

“ Louise, Hope, Connie and Mrs. Johnny R. Williams, My condolence go out to you and all of the Williams family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. EVELYN DEROUEN JONES//

EVELYN DEROUEN JONES - October 30, 2009 at 10:05 PM

TT

“ *Mrs. Althea, Jermaine, Brooke, and the entire Williams Family:*

Coach Williams will always be remembered. As you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant to everyone, may you find comfort.

Throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and your entire family.

The Ward Family

The Wards (Billy, Shemeka, & Tiffany) - October 30, 2009 at 07:15 PM

RR

“ *Althea, Jermaine and Brooke, our condolences go out to you and the rest of the Williams family. Two Generations of the Reed family had the honor of being molded by Johnny. He will be greatly missed, not only by you but by all that came in contact with him. He will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. Reggie, Jordan, Casin and Kirsten Reed.*

Reginald Reed - October 30, 2009 at 03:39 PM

TF

“ Mrs. Althia, Jermaine (Mia)Brooke (Dwayne,
I have not met Mr. Johnny, but your loss is my loss because I share
the pain from experience. From being close to Jermaine as a
brother. I could honestly say from all that is being said & heard, from
teachers, TV, friends you guys are and will always be truly
blessed. Time heals all and the pain gets easier as time passes. But
he will always be there. He left behind much great love & memories
of his life that will be cherished by many.
Jermaine I was just told by Sis Phyllis from Lake Charles (
remember her you picked up Jardin for me)she worked under your
Dad at Herod School. She Praise him and said he was a very FAIR
MAN. I know now why you are so fair and not quick to judge and
always give someone a chance. You seem to be just like your DAD.
Be blessed and I Love ya guys. He done a great job with his family
because his light shines on all his accomplishments. He was a
legend in his own time from all I see and hear. GOD BLESS YOU
ALL.

Thompson Family - October 30, 2009 at 01:48 PM

NO

“ Forever my coach, teacher, friend andcommunity leader. My life will
forever be impacted by"coach Will". I have benefitted greatly by
your persistence on higher learning. God gave your life a mission
and I thank you for allowing my life to be a part of it. The Senior
Class of 1982 is saying with honor, we love and miss you dearly..

Noel - October 30, 2009 at 01:00 PM

DD

“*Connie, Hope, Stewart, Louise, Harvey and the rest of the Williams family. It has been a long time since I've seen you, however, I have very fond memories of when we were together. Johnny was a great friend and classmate when we were growing up in Gueydan. I will forever remember his smile. May God grant you all the peace and comfort. My love and prayers will always be with you. Rest in peace dear Johnny. Love Diane*

Diane Jones Dorsey - October 30, 2009 at 11:51 AM

CG

“*Althea ,Jermaine and Brook, i am so sorry for your lost word cannot express the way i feel. You know how we all felt and still feel about B i will turly miss him all that comes back to me is the song that he use to sing to a lot of us (you gonna look like a monkey when you get old). Be strong my prays are with you all. love you. carrie faren brittney*

carolyn guilbeaux - October 30, 2009 at 08:39 AM

BP

“*To the Williams family, a memory to share with you. I had the honor of teaching at Herod Elementary(East Abbeville Elementary)while Johnathan was prinicipal. Our sign in sheet gave daily updates and reminders and they always ended with "Make it a great one!" This sums up Johnathan's philosophy of life and the way he lived.....He made it a great one! His influence has had a profound impact on many people....my answering machine now carries his token phrase..."Make it a great day!" The world is a better place because of Mr. Williams.*

Brenda Prejean - October 30, 2009 at 08:25 AM

CD

“ With our deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one and may your faith in God sustain you at this time.

Cheryl and Donald DeRouen - October 30, 2009 at 08:17 AM

BD

“ Althea, Jermaine, Brooke and the entire Williams Family words cannot explain how our hearts feel at this time your hurt and loss is ours too..We grew up together and went to church together as family now it's time to say goodbye to a dear friend we all loved so much.Our only Deacon left in the church now what?Rest in Peace Johnny because the work you've done here has spoken for you all the lives you touched and the people you loved and was so kind too..We will miss you so much..Rest on my friend we surely will meet again on the other side..”Weeping edures for a night but surely Joy will come in the morning”. love you all and praying for the strength for everyone. The children at Jesse Owens Elementary this has put a hurt on their hearts too and I pray that they understand God only takes the Best..we love you always[Bridgette, Elridge,Shonda, Kyjah and Jyri] By the way your birthday will never be forgotten Kyjah shares the same day what a blessing.....

Bridgette Woods Dartez - October 30, 2009 at 12:08 AM

PV

“ Mr. Williams once told me the choices we make in life dictact the life we lead, but that each choice we make has a consequence to it either good or bad. I have taught that to my children, and those words have seen me through so much. Jermaine I am so sorry for your loss your dad was and will always be a great man. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers.

Pamela Vincent - October 29, 2009 at 05:12 PM

RB

“ My deepest resoect and love for the family as you seek the face of God and the peace that only God can give at a time like this. Remember the promise, Lo I am with you always even until the end of the age. God can go where we cannot at this time.

Rev. Florine Bristo - October 29, 2009 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ I do know Mr. Harvey Williams and I know if his brother was anything like him he was a good and decent man.They seem like a family that cared much more for others than for their own concerns and heaven has received another guest. My deepest sympathy to the family.

May Rose Bourgeois - October 29, 2009 at 11:25 AM

LB

“ Althea,Jermaine & Brook,you have our deepest sympathy.Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I (Linda) have had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Harvey Williams through where I work,(ASSIST AGENCY)and he is a really great person also, like his brother Johnny. GOD Bless and Keep You All, Love & Prayers, Linda Benoit

Linda & Renee' Benoit - October 29, 2009 at 11:23 AM

MG

“ To the Williams Family, I didn't know or set my eyes on Johnny before, but I do know Harvey whom i met in Ghana, West Africa my Home Country about 2 years ago, and if he's anything like his brother I know he was loved and cherished by many. Just know that God is in control and let Him be your Counselor. May He bring you peace and tranquility always. With much love,

Michael Glover - October 29, 2009 at 10:43 AM

SC

“ To the Williams Family,

I didn't know Johnny, but I do know Harvey, and if he's anything like his brother I know he was loved and cherished by many. Just know that God is in control and let Him be your Counselor, your consoler. May He bring you peace and tranquility always. With much love,

Sharon Clement - October 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM

LA

“ Coach, you were, and still are, a great inspiration to me. If only we could all live by the principles that you taught to me, on the field and in the classroom.

Thoughts and prayers are with your Family.

Lorne Abshire - October 29, 2009 at 08:08 AM

MJ

“ My deepest condolence. Coach Williams enriched my life and I am forever thankful to have known him. I pray the Holy Spirit comforts the hearts of all.

Murray P. Mitchell Jr. - October 28, 2009 at 07:59 PM

TW

“ With deepest sympathy. He will be missed. May god bless you and your family

Tony&lantha Woods - October 28, 2009 at 04:19 PM

DT

“ *Connie & Hope..I didn't know your brother that well, but I know that your loss is mine also. Because we are so close, my heart aches with yours. I love you.*

Delores Turner - October 28, 2009 at 02:44 PM

DT

“ *It must be true, I guess..God takes only the best.*

Delores Turner - October 28, 2009 at 02:38 PM

WA

“ *Having the privelege to grow up in the company of such a great guy,words cannot express our loss. I'm saying our because he touched each and everyone of our lives that he came in contact with.Johnny always had a smile and I've never heard him say a harsh word to anyone.Whether I saw him on the street or at church my name was wonderful. I've never heard him say wanda.The GOD we serve is AWESOME and he doesn't make mistakes.Rest on Johnny and we'll all meet again.Our prayers are with you.*

Wanda Woods Achane - October 28, 2009 at 02:12 PM

LI

“ *To Althea, Brook and Jermaine.*

We know on earth how much Johnny was loved by many but know how much God and all of his Holy Angels loved him more than we could ever imagine. Yes, he will be missed by many but our comfort comes when we know that the souls lives on it never dies. I love you all and we will continue to pray Gods strength and Peace to be with each of you.

Aunt Lil.

Lil - October 28, 2009 at 01:27 PM

DC

“*Feel no guilt in laughter, they know how much you care. Feel no sorrow in a smile, they're not here to share. You cannot grieve for ever, they would not want you to. They'd hope that you would carry on, the way you always do. So talk about the good times, and the ways you showed you cared. The days spent together, all the happiness you shared. Let the memories surround you, a word someone may say, will suddenly recapture, a time, an hour, a day that brings them back so clearly, as though they were still here and fills you with all the feelings, that they are always near for if you keep those moments, you will never be apart and they will live forever, locked safe within your heart. This wonderful man will be missed by many. My prayers are with his family.*

Doris Campbell - October 28, 2009 at 10:28 AM

CD

“*Althea, Jermaine & Brook, you guys have our deepest sympathy. You guys will be in our thought and prayers. B as we call him was a great guy and good friend will be dearly missed. He was a great guy and always had a smile on his face.*

Carl, Claudette, Damone, Quentin & Kasha

Carl DeRouen - October 28, 2009 at 12:49 AM

SB

“ I pray that the Lord’s peace comfort and strengthen The Williams family during your time of bereavement. I know that I, along with hundreds of other young people who were privilege to have Coach Williams in our midst at Gueydan High School are grateful and thankful for having the opportunity to know this wonderful man; a man who was instrumental in forming our young and impressionable minds into the people we are today. His warm smile and words of wisdom will forever live in our hearts.

Stephanie Mitchell Bernard - October 27, 2009 at 03:40 PM

CA

“ To a great teacher, coach, and friend....whose smile was contagious....Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.

God Bless

Chris David Arenth and Family

Chris David Arenth - October 26, 2009 at 08:24 PM

BS

“ Rest in Peace, Coach. I will always remember my time on the basketball court under your guidance. Our prayers are with your family.

Bennett Sabatier - October 26, 2009 at 08:10 PM

LW

“ "Some people make a difference just by who they are." Our prayers are with you during this sad time. Please know that Jonathan's spirit lives on through the many young lives he touched. His warm smile and words of wisdom will be missed. May God continue to bless you and keep you strong through this difficult time.

Larry and Bridget Winters - October 26, 2009 at 05:56 PM

AH

“ We will miss you Mr. Williams, you was a wonderful principal and friend. We will keep your family in our prays, you will always be in our thoughts

Ashley hebert - October 26, 2009 at 04:50 PM

MR

“ Love, condolences and prayers in your time of grief and loss,

Mike Rizzuto and family (Sharon, Cassie and Katrina Rizzuto)

Mike Rizzuto - October 26, 2009 at 04:16 PM

MR

“ To one of the best student-athletes ever from Gueydan High School and an outstanding principal. Rest in Peace.

*A loyal basketball teammate and friend,
Michael Rizzuto,
Wife Sharon Rizzuto
Daughters Cassie and Katrina Rizzuto*

Mike Rizzuto - October 26, 2009 at 04:13 PM