



## Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams

December 9, 1946 - February 11, 2021

Mr. Cary “Sylvester” Williams transitioned on Thursday, February 11, 2021, after a brief illness. Born in Harnett County, North Carolina, he was the fifth child of the late Mr. William Herman Williams and Mrs. Polly Williams.

The family moved to Durham while he was in elementary school where he attended East End Elementary, then Whitted Junior High School and then moved on to Hillside High School where he had a stellar career as an athlete. He lettered in three sports...football, basketball and track. He was the starting quarterback his 11th and 12th grade years and local pundits have consistently put him in the top ten quarterbacks in Hillside history. He was most famous for his “jump pass” and the Durham pundits ranked him #1 in that category.

Sylvester was the backup point guard on the 1965 State Championship Basketball team and on the march to the State Championship he hit two free throws in the final seconds of the game that sent the team to the State Finals. At 5 ft. 5 inches tall, he was also a hurdler on the track team and he qualified to go to the State Championship in track.

Also, while at Hillside High, Sylvester took drama under the legendary John Gattis, who bestowed upon him the name “Sunshine” (for his infectious smile) which followed him throughout his high school career. Sylvester was a proud graduate of the best class in school history, Class of 1965. He went on to

attend North Carolina Central University and earned a B. S. degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting (1969). While at NCCU, Sylvester pledged the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Upon graduation, Sylvester taught school, as well as worked in the Accounting field for a while. He had a real love for writing and music and even published a song entitled, "Forever Love" sung by Janice Love which hit the airways in 1971.

Sylvester was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Dr. James H. Williams, his wife Hazel still resides Washington, DC.

He leaves behind to remember him, his brother, Clifton Williams of Bogota, New Jersey, brother, Amos Williams (Seret Scott) of Teaneck, New Jersey and his youngest brother Ron Williams of Graham, North Carolina; and one sister, Mildred Williams Smith (Raymond) of Teaneck, New Jersey. He will also be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and many, many cousins. Sylvester was beloved by all of his family.

A special acknowledgement to the Hillside High School Class of 1965, you guys and gals are the best!!

Funeral services are incomplete at this time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Family, I extend my heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and will continue to have you in my thoughts. Sylvester will always be fondly remembered for his warm personality and smile. The loving grace of our Lord and Savior is your continual comfort and strength.*

**Ann Williams** - February 27, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Williams family! Cary will definitely be missed!!*



**Erica** - February 20, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Thomas Hawk Long lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*



**Thomas Hawk Long** - February 20, 2021 at 04:26 AM

PD

“ *I wish that I had known you better but the memories that you have left me with are more than enough and for that you are truly everlasting. Rest in power to my GREAT uncle.*

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**Philip Andrew Daniels** - February 19, 2021 at 10:59 PM

JH

“ *John "Sonny" Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*



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**John "Sonny" Hughes** - February 17, 2021 at 01:00 PM

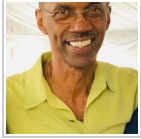
LW

“ *Lewis Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*



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**Lewis Williams** - February 15, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Syl's death. Having known him as a close friend through high school and college was a blessing. The William's friendly home on Cecil street welcomed all of his many friends. We shared many, many Happy experiences and daring adventures. He was always level headed and often the one friend who guided us away from some negative adventures. Syl was a natural athlete who was a member of Hillside's Varsity Football Team , Basketball Team & Track Team. Never one to boast of his abilities but always kind and supportive of his teammates.  
God's Speed, Mike Spears



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**Mike Spears** - February 15, 2021 at 02:36 PM

CK

*Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams will be miss where he spent his last years of life at long leave medical neuro medical center God bless and strengthen then family in these time Curtina king aka Tina.*

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**Curtina king** - February 20, 2021 at 07:56 PM

PN

*Uncle Syl, wonderful memories I hold with you, your parents and extended family. You are missed by all. PRAYING for everyone already gone and still on earth. Until we all meet again, farewell.*

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**Phyllis Greene Daniels, Niece** - February 25, 2021 at 01:17 PM

TC

“ Tamara Cameron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams



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**Tamara Cameron** - February 15, 2021 at 12:52 AM

SM

“ I’m grateful I had a chance to be one of Mr. Williams nurse for many years and can say it has been a pleasure to serve such a wonderful person. Mr. Williams will be truly missed here at LNMTTC. My condolences to the family. May God comfort you all now and to weeks to come. “Rest in Peace Mr.Cary” from S.McCoy.



S. McCoy - February 14, 2021 at 06:25 PM

MS

“ Uncle Syl, at 74 years of age, was called by our Heavenly Father GOD to come home and rest in heaven. We love him and miss him, but JESUS knows best. Tell all our forefathers and fore mothers hello and that we will all meet again by and by. Look in on all of us from time to time.

Mrs Deryle A (Phyllis G) Daniels, Sr. - February 14, 2021 at 04:28 PM

SW

“ I was one of Mr. Williams nurses. Mr. Williams was a wonderful man that will be missed at Longleaf Neuro Medical Treatment Center. My condolences to the family.



S. Ward - February 14, 2021 at 02:00 PM

CF

“ Clyde Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams



Clyde Faulkner - February 13, 2021 at 09:51 PM

HE

“ *There has always been and will always be a special place in my heart for my friend, my "SUNSHINE ", Syl. Rejoice with the ancestors!*



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**Heshima** - February 13, 2021 at 09:48 PM

EH

“ *Ethel Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*



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**Ethel Holloway** - February 13, 2021 at 11:49 AM

MH

“ *Mickey Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cary Sylvester Williams*



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**Mickey Hughes** - February 12, 2021 at 09:21 PM