



Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr.

January 28, 1939 - April 18, 2021

The passing of Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr., age 82, is being announced by his daughter Maria. William departed his earthly walk on Sunday, April 18, 2021, peacefully at his home with his daughter by his side.

William Thomas Small, Jr, affectionately known as "Bill," began his illustrious life on January 28, 1939 in Wilmington, NC as the eldest son of the late William Thomas Small, Sr. and Lila Elizabeth Murphy Small. He was a born leader. His first leadership role was that of big brother and mentor to each of his five siblings. He took this role very seriously and maintained very close relationships with all siblings and their families throughout his life. His outstanding leadership abilities were highly valued and utilized during his distinguished career as well as in his personal life.

Bill graduated from Williston High School (1956) and received his B.S. degree in Chemistry (1960) from North Carolina Central University (NCCU). He was a member of the track team and pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. As a freshman, he met the love of his life, Rosa Mae Williamson. They were united in Holy Matrimony on December 23, 1960.

He received his M.S.P.H. degree (1969) from the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the School of Public Health (SPH) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Now the Gillings

School of Global Health). He subsequently continued work in environmental health through the North Carolina State Board of Health (currently the Department of Health and Human Services), as an occupational health chemist in the Epidemiology Division, Occupational Health Section. A call for increased diversity raised by Black students at UNC, led him back to the university. In 1971, he was recruited to the UNC SPH to increase minority student enrollment in graduate degree programs. Within a year, he more than doubled the number of minority students at UNC SPH. He served as Assistant Dean for Students and then Associate Dean for Students, retiring from the School of Public Health in March 1999 as Associate Dean and Senior Advisor for Multi-cultural Affairs. Upon his retirement, the Minority student caucus annual conference keynote lecture was named in his honor.

During his tenure at UNC-CH, Bill was active in numerous activities and programs with faculty, students and staff and received various awards and recognitions. He was recognized as UNC Student Organization Advisor of the Year (1992-1993), received the Harvey Elliot Beech Award from the UNC Black Alumni (1993) and the award for Outstanding Health Service to the Minority Community (1990) from the National Black Caucus of Health Workers of the American Public Health Association. In 1999 he received the prestigious C. Knox Massey Award, for Unusual, Meritorious, and Superior Service to the University of North Carolina.

Following retirement from UNC, he served as visiting professor at his alma mater NCCU in the Department of Health Education and at St. Augustine's College. At NCCU, he also coordinated the Minority Aging Project and served as assistant golf coach. At St. Augustine, Bill and the late Roamless Hudson, established the first undergraduate program in industrial hygiene and safety at a historically black college/university.

Bill was a relentless advocate for community health. He served as chairperson

of the Durham County Board of Health and on the Board of Housing for New Hope, an organization dedicated to serving homeless individuals and families in Durham County. He was committed to his church family, Abiding Savior Lutheran, and active with the NCCU Alumni Association and James E. Shephard Sertoma Club. He cofounded the Black Men's Prostate Cancer Support group at Lincoln Community Health Center. He held leadership positions in countless nonprofit, community-based organizations.

Bill was passionate about the sea and the woods and enjoyed painting reflections of the natural world. His ideal day was spent outside in the company of his brothers. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed exuberant fellowship with his Boating Club, Fishing Club, Hunting Club and Golf Clubs. In all activities, he was a teacher. He loved to challenge and inspire energetic young minds.

He and Rosa shared a deep commitment to supporting students in a variety of practical ways, including financially, to ensure the achievement of their educational goals. In recognition of their unwavering student support, the Carolina Public Health Magazine (2010) wrote: "Small has never stopped believing in and working for public health initiatives, diversity and educational opportunities for minority students.....he and his wife recently have endowed The William Thomas Small Jr. and Rosa Williamson Small Scholarship." When the Scholarship was announced, they expressed their ongoing commitment in the following way:

"We recognize the importance of instituting a strong financial base as vital to the School's program to attract and train talented minority students. Moreover, a solid, well-defined student financial assistance program is crucial to the School's ability to compete for the best and brightest students.... "We are excited about the potential benefits of this effort and encourage others of like

enthusiasm to join with us in continued support of diversity-enhancing initiatives (Bill and Rosa Small)

Bill is preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, 'Rosa'. He is survived by his daughter, Maria Jacqueline Small, son-in-law, Clarence Glover (Shelia (dec)); "daughter" Gwynn T. Swinson, 'son' Stan Carter; two grandsons, Stephon and Troy Miller (Brianna), granddaughter Laila; Brothers, Joseph L. Small (Thenia), Donald R. Small, Walter D. Small (Scarlett), Julius A. Small (Linda); Sister, Velma Small (Richard); Sisters-in-law; Barbara "Babs" Lula Fryar (Joseph), Mary Alice Watkins (Willie, dec), Mary Williamson (Samuel, dec), 'sister' Almeta 'Toni' Jordan; three aunts, Altheria Smith Patton, Bessie Smith Dozier (Richard); Irene Fullwood; one uncle, Willard Smith, Jr. (Frannie), four godchildren, Akilah Ensley, Samuel Lee Jordan Jr., Audrey Jordan Wiggins, Karen Jordan Jarret and a dear friend, Grace Curtis. 'Uncle Bill', "Uncle Small", 'John bull', 'El Torro', is cherished by a plethora of loving family, friends and students.

In Bill's spirit.....Always go outside. Play. Enjoy nature

Funeral services will be held on the lawn of the Church of the Abiding Savior Lutheran located at 1625 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, NC 27707 on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr. through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88308932127?>

Webinar ID: 883 0893 2127

Passcode: 956914

There will be no public viewing.

All COVID-19 restrictions will be in effect.

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In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to:

~Ivy Community Center, designating the Rosa W. Small Scholarship on the memo line. 4222 Fayetteville Rd. Durham, NC 27713

~The NCCU Foundation, Inc., PO Box 19363, Durham, NC 27707, designating the William T. and Rosa W. Small Endowed Scholarship on the memo line

Online memorial contributions may be provided at <https://www.nccu.edu/donation/>, including the William T. and Rosa W. Small Endowed Scholarship Fund in the additional gift designation box.

~The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health
William Thomas Small Jr. and Rosa Williamson Small Scholarship
PO Box 309
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0309

For online contributions: www.giving.unc.edu

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Abiding Savior
1625 S Alston Ave
Durham, NC 27707
<http://www.abiding-savior-lutheran.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *A very good man, and homeboy. He advocated for me, and helped me during my brief tenure at Chapel Hill. I did not listen to his advice as intently as I should have. I thank him for the man that he was. Love to the family.*
Darrell Coston

Darrell Coston Sr. - May 05, 2021 at 05:51 AM



“ *I am truly blessed to have met Mr. and Mrs. Small. Mrs. Rosa was so instrumental in raising awareness about clinical trials in the African American Community. Mr. Bill was a focus group participant on caregiving that I conducted. The information he shared was invaluable and helped to shape work I did in the community. The community has lost a jewel.*

Valarie Worthy

Valarie Worthy - April 26, 2021 at 01:42 AM



“ *I was raised by a village and one of the Dads of that village was Bill Small. I learned many life lessons from Bill, one being how to get all the good meat out of a crab. I spent as much time at the Smalls house as I did my own. I know he is with Rosa, Sheila, his parents, enjoying eternal life. Peace and Love, Carol Gregory*

Carol Gregory - April 24, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DG

My dearest 'homeboy', who helped me through my freshman year at "dear ole NCCU". He and Rosa were a special part of my college experience.

Deggie M. Galbreath - May 05, 2021 at 09:19 PM

MS

“ I am sorry to learn of the passing of Bill Small, who I remember well from when I was a faculty member. When I came to UNC in 1974 as a junior faculty member, I also became his neighbor in houses we lived in on Hillside Drive in Chapel Hill.

Bill was an inspiration for me in my efforts to recruit black and other minority students from my earliest days as a faculty member, starting with Maurice Knuckles in about 1975. Maurice got an MSPH degree and went on to a distinguished career in public health in Washington, D.C. I remain grateful to Bill for his advocacy for minority student recruitment and support that compelled me to continue to recruit minority students to ESE for my entire academic career.

I wish his family well in this time of loss as I reflect on the legacy of his distinguished career.

With sympathies,

Mark D. Sobsey, PhD

Former Kenan Distinguished Professor and now part-time Research Professor, ESE Department, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC.

Mark D. Sobsey - April 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MR

“ DR. Smalls was my mentor what a loss. He came to my exit presentation at NCCU, oh how he will be missed. Much love to Maria I hope to meet her one day.



Marisa B Ramos-Mason - April 22, 2021 at 08:53 PM

AP

“ *Anja Patton-Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr.*



Anja Patton-Evans - April 22, 2021 at 05:10 PM

LM

I was sitting here in my house thinking about my Chapel Hill days at UNC School of Public Health when I thought about Bill Smalls. I googled his name to see what he was up to and his obituary came up. I am so sad. Bill recruited me from Boston to UNC School of Public Health in the late 70s. He was instrumental in getting me financial aid and getting me through the program. I remember his wife as well. A few times he and his wife sponsored cookouts for the black students in the SPH. The last time I saw Bill was at one of the minority health conferences in the area. I may have seen him one other time at a public health conference. He was such a good man, a good friend, good advocate for black students. I am deeply saddened by his death.
Leslie Morris
SPH - Maternal and Child Health
UNC

Leslie A Morris - May 10, 2021 at 08:40 PM

EL

“ *Dear Maria,*
I am sending you my prayers through this difficult time of loss of your beloved father.
Much Love,
Elizabeth Livingston

Elizabeth Livingston - April 22, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *The Skedge-Carithers Family:
 Sending our condolences, prayers and love
 💕💕 to our family doing these difficult time of
 grief. Uncle Bill was a master of all things, I
 just love his smile and his cooking. He taught
 all of us alot of different things that we still be able to share with
 each other. Dr. Maria hold on to your family and know your dad was
 a great man. Sending love ❤️ love 🙏🙏🙏.*



Irish Sledge-carithers - April 22, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *My everlasting memories of Cousin Small
 was his love for hunting and cooking some
 animals that i have never eaten since 🤓 He
 will be missed. Love you Maria*



Patricia McCullough - April 22, 2021 at 10:38 AM



*Cousin Small played an important role in my life. He was always very
 supportive of my endeavors and gave me encouragement. He will be
 greatly missed.*

Anja Patton- Evans

Anja Patton-Evans - April 22, 2021 at 12:40 PM



*Uncle Small was near and dear to my heart. He always had time to talk
 with me even as a small child in an uplifting and mature manner. He
 made me feel safe and at home in his presence. His big booming voice
 and infectious laugh could always bring a smile to my face and heart. I
 always felt so special and close to him when he called me "Tracy Mae".
 A loving nickname embraced by my family. It was a reminder of our
 unbroken connection as a family. He was such an integral part of my
 childhood and adulthood. He is irreplaceable and will be missed.*

tracy - April 22, 2021 at 12:59 PM

JH

“ To the family of Mr. Small you have my deepest sympathy. Mr. Small was a great person and will truly be miss by a lot of people. He was always smiling and was good to me. May God give all of the family comfort and peace.



James (Rooster) Hawley - April 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM

TW

“ Praying for the family during this time and asking for God to strengthen us and comfort us during this time. Uncle Bill was favorite and he was like my other dad. We shared so many great memories together as he introduced me to golf and fishing at a young age and then brought me into his hunting club as an adult. I enjoyed all the times hunting with him, reunions, family special events, and the list goes on. Uncle Bill was a brilliant man, great sibling, great husband, great father, great brother-in-law, and the greatest uncle to me! He will be truly missed here on earth but I do thank God for allowing Uncle Bill to meet his creator, be with his past loved ones, and granting him his well deserved wings. I'm blessed to know that he will continue to watch over me just like my dad who art in heaven. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU UNCLE BILL. And to Maria, you already know that we are hear for you and for whatever you need let us know. I will cherish all the memories and keep them close to heart. Rest in peace Uncle Bill. Love from your nephew (extra son), Your Troy Boy forever (Troy Williamson)



Troy Williamson - April 22, 2021 at 10:01 AM

AA

“ Aunt Al lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Small, Jr.



Aunt Al - April 22, 2021 at 08:59 AM

KW

“ To the Small family, I send my heartfelt condolences to you. Meeting "Uncle Bill" through my Cousin Scarlett, he opened up his heart and home to my sons and I. May this Proud NCCU Eagle rest in eternal peace.



Katoya Wallace - April 22, 2021 at 08:22 AM

AE

“ I fondly remember the school days at Williston Senior High School in Wilmington, NC and the multiple classes and Home Room I shared with William. He was an outstanding student, smart, considerate, and a friend to everyone through his warm personality, always a true gentleman. May God welcome him with open arms into His kingdom, granting him peace and contentment forever. Blessings to all the family. You have not lost William, because he is a part of you.

Alfred Ennett - April 21, 2021 at 11:11 PM

DJ

My condolences to Dr. Maria Small and family. Your dad was a spiritual and caring person. We have known each others since Jr. High School and always kept in touch as friends. He is now in Heaven to continue to do God's work. To God be the Glory. Love you Bill.

Doris Dixon Jenkins Jones - April 23, 2021 at 10:25 PM

GW

“ *Maria and family, we send our heartfelt condolences to you. We shared many fond memories with your parents...college days, weddings, anniversary celebrations notably our 25th on a cruise to the Bahamas. Bill was in our eyes a trail blazer who could hold his own on many levels, a man of great talents. May God's comforting power strengthen you now and in days to come. Gloria and Rudy Williams*

Gloria & Rudy Williams - April 21, 2021 at 10:18 PM

BT

“ *Dear Maria,*

We are so sorry to hear about your father's death. He (MSPH 1969) and his good friend Otto White (MSPH 1967) integrated our department (Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC). Bill Small spent a considerable portion of his career at Gillings, returning to the school to serve as SPH Coordinator for Minority Affairs (1971) and retiring in 1999 as Associate Dean and Senior Advisor for Multicultural Affairs. He worked hard to make the school an inviting place for BIPOC students, increased minority enrollments, championed the Minority Student Caucus and strengthened Gillings' commitment to health equity. We are grateful also for the student scholarship that your parents started at Gillings, to “enhancing the social, economic, and cultural diversity of the student body”. You can find Bill Small's Southern Oral History Program interview from 1989 here:

<https://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/sohp/id/16649/rec/1>.

Please know that your father is remembered fondly. So sorry to lose him.

Barbara Turpin, Chair Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, UNC

Barbara Turpin - April 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

MA

“ Bill was a wonderful colleague, mentor, counselor, and friend. He will surely be missed but not forgotten. Those of us in Public Health community have a lasting legacy that Bill set for others to follow. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Melvin Alexander, Gillings' SPH alumnus, Greensboro, NC

Melvin Alexander - April 21, 2021 at 05:47 PM

TH

I lived with Bill and Rosa while attending NCCU. They were two great people who treated me as their little brother. Hard working, kind and family loving. They were always there for me and I will miss them both.

Thomas C. Hardin - April 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MR

“ To Maria...my heart goes out to you in the loss of your Father, my former neighbor and wonderful male role model. Mr. Small was a man's man and one of many great men who taught the young men of our community how to carry themselves, speak with dignity and live upright. He and my Father were awesome men to emulate as so many of that neighborhood were. Be well my friend, be steadfast and know that someone thinks you are special and know that you are loved during this time. My best from my wife, my family in Durham and me.

*Prayers to you and your entire family in NC and abroad.
Best regards, Michael (&Tina) Ruffin, Wake Forest, NC*

Michael E Ruffin - April 21, 2021 at 09:10 AM

VS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Victor Schoenbach - April 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

QL

“ Dr. Maria, we were saddened to learn of the passing of your father. He was definitely a good friend to our family. William and William were roommates one year while they attended NCC. May Our Heavenly Father comfort you and keep you in His care.



Queen, William Jr. and Lori Lawrence

Queen, Willie and Lori Lawrence - April 20, 2021 at 10:45 PM

SW

“ Each and every encounter with the Small family at their home or at their wedding anniversary celebrations with my parents, HE along with Rosa, Sheila and Maria ALWAYS had an INFECTIOUS SMILE... My condolences to the family Maria. Keeping you in my prayers. Sylvia Wills - Daughter of Rudolph and Gloria Williams

Sylvia Wills - April 20, 2021 at 03:52 PM

LD

“ Dean Small was a great leader and encourager. He hosted fish fries at his home for minority students. I don't eat catfish so he made sure I had fish I could eat. He helped me get a scholarship so I could stay in school. I would not have been able to chair the Minority Health Conference if not for him.

Lumbe Davis - April 20, 2021 at 02:10 PM

WA

“ I remember coming to the UNC School of Public Health in the summer of 1972 finding myself immersed in a sea of whiteness, as black students were still a rarity at this institution. I remember meeting Bill Small with his mild demeanor and calming words that helped me feel that I did belong here and I could make it as a student. At that time his title was Minority Recruiter, I believe. For all of us coming to the School of Public Health at that time, we will be forever grateful for all his efforts in helping to bring about a more diverse student body at this place.

Walter Weathers

walter - April 20, 2021 at 11:35 AM

LH

"I remember NCCU days with Rosa and Bill. And then the time we spent organizing the Class Reunions. They were such a wonderful couple to work and socialize with.
May God comfort you Maria, as you remember the wide smile and the pleasant times you shared with your father, and my friend!! My thoughts and prayer are with you and family.
Love
Lottie Hayes

Lottie G Hayes - April 21, 2021 at 04:53 PM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to the Small family and to my high school classmate, Luticia Gary. My condolences to you and may you have peace as you face this new life challenge.



Carolyn Mcneil Murrell - April 20, 2021 at 11:07 AM

PG

“ Condolences to the Small family. William and all the Small siblings are fellow Willistonians. My classmate, LUTICIA and the others, heartfelt sympathy to you.



Patricia Davis Green - April 20, 2021 at 10:48 AM

MF

“ All the Smalls loom large in our family lore from our days in Hillcrest housing until now. We send our hugs across the smiles to all remaining family, including my friend and former schoolmate, Luticia Gary. May God grant you peace and wrap you in comfort.
Millicent Brown Fautleroy, Raleigh, NC
Ricard A. Brown, Jr., Wilmington, NC

Millicent Brown Fautleroy - April 20, 2021 at 10:33 AM

AS

I grew up the Small brothers in Hillcrest. Always a very tight and close family. Warm and sincere condolences to all. Abdul

Abdul Rahman Shareef - April 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DC

*I will always treasure the time that William and I spent at NCC. He was a great friend. May he Rest In Peace with Rosa.
Horace Cameron*

Dr. Horace Cameron - April 20, 2021 at 09:09 PM

IR

We were back door neighbors to Bill and constantly went back and forth through the gate to see each other and talk about what we were going to plant during the summer and fall. Of course Bill new quite a bit about gardening and gave us lots of good advice. We shared lots of good memories about our church and our children. He will surely be missed. Our prayers are with the Small family.

Dr. Frank & Mary Reade

Ira Reade - April 21, 2021 at 12:27 PM

LW

“ *One of the best memories I have of Mr Small is his garden. He had one of the best and we would often share items from his garden with us (my mom) and the family as we did the same. Not to mention the man could cook! Professionally he mentored me a lot as I worked in community health and around health issues that affected our community.*

Linda Warren - April 19, 2021 at 10:49 PM

SW

Each and every encounter with Mr.Small on visits to the home or to the wedding anniversary of Mr & Mrs Small with my parents, his smile was infectious... Sylvia Wills, Daughter of Gloria and Rudolph Williams

Sylvia Wills - April 20, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MR

Remembering Small, a 1956 classmate at Williston Sr High School. Prayers are with the family.

Margaret/James Reaves

Durham, NC

Margaret Reaves - April 20, 2021 at 10:08 PM

VS

Dean Small devoted his career to helping others, by making them aware of opportunities and then helping them to realize those opportunities, by encouraging people to develop goals and then helping them to achieve those goals, by helping people to learn, to grow, to solve problems, to overcome obstacles, to collaborate, and to celebrate. He was a master listener, confidant, sounding board, strategist, advisor, facilitator, administrator, and educator. He was wise, trusted, fair, compassionate, and realistic. May he be celebrated forever. Please see <https://go.unc.edu/BillSmall> for my Bill Small collection.

Victor Schoenbach - April 21, 2021 at 12:42 AM

DR

For many public health warriors of color, our entry into the profession began with a call from Dean William "Bill" Small. We were encouraged to make application for the MPH programs at UNC SPH. When we arrived after successful review of our applications, Dean Small held routine meetings with us to assure success. He monitored our progression from start to finish and into careers. Never a more kind and knowing person have I met. When he retired from UNC SPH, we welcomed him as an adjunct professor in the NCCU DPHE. He continued his brand of mentoring with our undergraduate public health students. He saw many of them pursue graduate training and enter careers in the field. As the department chair in this department at that time, I was surrounded by my cadre of mentors from my UNC SPH days serving as adjunct faculty and researchers at NCCU upon retirement from UNC. I consider those my glory days. Bill brought the same esteem and wealth of experience for the field to NCCU that we had experienced when he recruited us for the SPH. The wisdom shared by Bill, John Hatch and Ted Parrish during that time at NCCU was beyond measure. I remained a willing student as they espoused their vision for our program. That vision continues. Our identity was shaped in part by this gentle giant. Thank you Bill. We owe you so very much.

Dr. La Verne Reid - April 21, 2021 at 10:34 AM

CR

I had the pleasure of getting to know Dr. Small as a student at UNC. I received the news of his passing and went to reach out to Shelia. We got to know one another when she worked in Winston Salem. She and your mother helped me each year with the CIAA Basketball Tournament. I was saddened to read about her transition last year, I was not aware. My condolences to you on such heavy losses. Peace be with you. Camille Z. Roddy

Camille Roddy - April 21, 2021 at 03:18 PM

DB

Though we have not met, I share your sadness at "Bill's" passing. We met when I was earning an MPH. I'll never forget his quiet, effective demeanor. May your memories of him sustain you in these dark hours.

Dr. Theodore Brooks - April 22, 2021 at 08:45 AM

DH

Our family is forever grateful for William Small and the life he lived. He showed an interest in our son Morgan and it meant the world to us. When it was time for Morgan's Eagle project, we thought he would unlock the church so the guys could come out of the elements for a lunch break. He was on site from the first nail until the last nail was hammered. I made it a point to tell him how much we appreciated his dedication, every year. He always responded, "That was important." We will miss him!

Dr. Sharron Hunter-Rainey - April 22, 2021 at 10:55 PM

BP

Bill Small was a colleague for the many decades he and i wre together at the SPH. He helped me greatly when i started our Dept's minority recruitment push in the 90's and ran it for a good 0-14 years. He helped us get access to many HBCUs. We tried for several years to set up a linked program with Bennet college with its large dietetics program and Bill helped with that. He was always welcoming, smiling and wise at the same time. I know he played important roles at NCCU later. But certainly he was a pathbreaker for us at the UNC SPH[not called Gillings in those days]. Barry Popkin

barry popkin - April 23, 2021 at 10:21 AM

HJ

My condolences to the Bill Small family. Bill was an active member and supporter of the Prostate and Men's Health Education Support Group at LCHC in Durham NC. For well over a decade, he attended the meetings, helped at the screening, attended the annual Durham Bulls baseball games as well as other events. Bill was determine to make a difference in the lives of African American men and he did. Our group will miss his knowledge and his smile. He was such a great brother.

*Howard T Williams, BSN,RN
Co-facilitator, Prostate Men's Health Education Support Group*

Howard T Williams Jr - April 23, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BC

I am deeply saddened to learn, belatedly, of Bill's passing, and I send my sincere condolences to his family. Bill and I were colleagues and friends at the UNC School of Public Health, during the '80s and '90s, and I had the privilege of working with him and benefiting from his wisdom, as well as his broad knowledge and experience, all of which he freely and willingly shared with others. He helped me in numerous ways: with the recruitment of minority students for the Executive Master's Program in (then) the Department of Health Policy and Administration; with understanding and navigating the university system and its politics, when I was a newcomer to the field of alumni affairs and to the Dean's Office staff; and with his strong support, the viability, growth and visibility of the Annual Minority Health Conference at the SPH. Above all else, he was a kind, compassionate, generous, always smiling and approachable, human being...and one of the "Good Guys", who will be remembered fondly and missed by so many of us, whose lives he touched.

*Barbara O. Chavious, MPH
Retired, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Barbara Chavious - May 03, 2021 at 02:59 PM