



Mr. William Leven Slade

November 29, 1948 - September 8, 2022

Mr. William Leven Slade of Durham, North Carolina transitioned into eternal rest at the age of 73 years old on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

William was born November 29, 1948, in Pinetops, North Carolina to the late Alonzo Leven Slade and Sallie Davis Slade. William and his brothers were raised on a farm by their hardworking and loving parents who instilled values such as a strong work ethic, an unwavering spiritual foundation, personal responsibility and respect.

William attended Edgecombe County Schools and graduated from Phillips High School (Battleboro, North Carolina) in 1967. He continued his educational journey at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. While at NCCU, William was a standout athlete and he also excelled as a student. He was the captain of the NCCU's 1st MEAC Team in 1971-1972 and coached as a Graduate Assistant from 1973-74. He was known to be one of the best basketball players to represent the Eagle legacy. He graduated from the distinguished university in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Heath & Physical Education. William also completed his postgraduate studies there. The pride that William possessed for NCCU was deep in his heart. He was a Life Member of the NCCU Alumni Association and served with distinction. At his 50th Induction Ceremony into the Society of Golden Eagles, he reflected on his fond memories as a proud NCCU Alumni:

"My favorite campus memory is being a member of the North Carolina Central University Basketball team. It gave me great pride to represent my school as we traveled to other colleges and universities. We might not have won every game, but we were competitive."

Reflecting on the values instilled within him as a child, William accepted the charge to become a teacher to make a difference in the lives of youth/young adults. From 1974-2008, William was employed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System serving in various capacities such as: Basketball Coach, Special Populations Coordinator, JTPA Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Driver Education Instructor. His dedicated work among students and colleagues was recognized and he received numerous honors including the Outstanding Teacher Award (Chapel Hill High School) and Distinguished Service Award. He retired after 34 years of devoted service.

William's faith kept him grounded. At an early age, he gave his life to Christ at the United Church of Christ, Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina. He later joined St. Joseph A.M.E. Church in the early 90's and was an active member in good standing. With a desire to continue to serve others, he initially served on the Steward Board and the Kitchen Committee.

William was a devoted family man; he was a loving husband, father, Papa Bill, brother, uncle, Brother In-love and friend. He married his beautiful soul mate Gloria Jones on July 27, 1996, which was a moment in time where he decided to share his life and heart with his true love. Bill and Gloria loved to travel and would frequently attend all the NCCU games and dances where they would dance the night away. He was also a proud father to the late Mark L. Rodgers, Melissa Slade Smith and stepfather to William McGee. William valued education and encouraged his children to do the same. Bill was extremely proud to have two of his children graduate from HBCU's (Mark a graduate of NCCU and Melissa a graduate of NC A&T). Their children were

their absolute joy and they blessed William and Gloria with eight beautiful grandchildren: Donald, Shelby, William, Langston, Jason, China, Qayonnah and Camillia. He especially loved being surrounded by his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alonzo and Sallie Slade, brother Ross D. Slade and son Mark L. Rodgers.

William was very socially active and was deeply involved in his community after retirement. In his community, he served as a sports official for more than 25 years. Bill regularly refereed high school and college basketball and softball games. Additionally, he officiated numerous state playoff and state championship games as well as several Division II and III college competitions, including at the CIAA. His hard work was recognized once again, and he received the Outstanding Service and Dedication to Basketball Officiating Award and the Triangle Officials Association. Moreover, he served as a Mason and rose to Master Mason in 1979.

As a son of landowners, William valued real estate ownership. Bill served as managing partner in ALSR, LLC, which focused on real estate. Bill managed all of the day-to-day concerns of a group of rental houses and dealt the complexities of the rental business.

William was known to be a "Gentle Giant" and a trusted friend to many. There were many days Bill would be found taking a friend to a doctor appointment, fishing with his buddies and brothers, fixing something around the house or vehicle, cooking and entertaining friends and family or advising those when needed. He mentored countless youth and young adults throughout his lifetime and was seen as a second father to many.

He leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 26 years, Gloria Jones Slade; one daughter, Melissa Slade-Smith (Bradley) of Greensboro; daughter in love, Reverend Donna Rodgers of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; stepson, William McGee (Jamee) of Durham, North Carolina; two brothers, Retired Colonel Jimmie Lester Slade (Audrey) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland and Cornell Slade (Bessie) of Wilmington, North Carolina; eight grandchildren; one aunt, Vernice Slade Carney of Silver Spring, Maryland, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and other special people whom he impacted including his God-daughter, Reverend Dr. Patricia Gainer of Greensboro, North Carolina and God-son, Raymond McKoy of Stanford, CA.

Public viewing has been scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. William Leven Slade will take place on Friday, September 16, 2022, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707; Family Visitation 11:00 a.m., Celebration of Life Service 12:00 p.m.

Interment will take place in Markham Memorial Gardens.

The Celebration of Life Service will be streamed live via:

- the St. Joseph AME Church's website at <https://www.stjosephame.org/watch>
- YouTube St Joseph AME Church
- Facebook St Joseph AME Church

In lieu of flowers, the family requests monetary donations to either North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Foundation to benefit basketball operations, or to the Slade Family Scholarship Foundation.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to NCCU Foundation, access this link and follow the instructions: [Giving Online | North Carolina Central University \(nccu.edu\)](#). Or, if you prefer to mail a check, complete the attached form and follow the instructions to mail-in a donation to NCCU Foundation.

You can mail a donation made payable to NCCU Foundation, Inc. OR Slade Family Scholarship Foundation to:

Jimmie Slade
14426 Colonel Fenwick Ct.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Please put in memory of 'William L. Slade' on the memo line.

Please keep William's wife Gloria, and the entire Slade family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Viewing

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Leven Slade*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



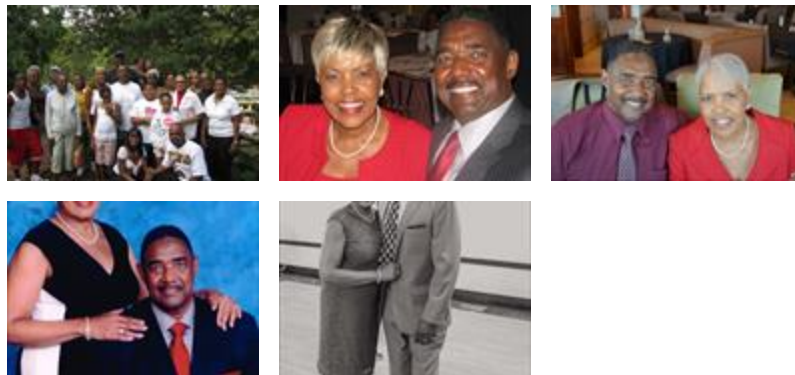
“ *To a life well lived.... a wonderful friend for 54 years.*



Maxine Butler Wall - September 17, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Bill Slade*



Elnora Williams - September 16, 2022 at 07:35 PM



I will miss your wonderful smile and kind manner dear cousin. Rest in peace, and ove always.

Audrey Stephens

Audrey Stephens - September 16, 2022 at 09:10 PM

MP

“ *Marva Peace-Wood lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade*



Marva Peace-Wood - September 16, 2022 at 02:59 PM

JA

“ *Bill will be missed greatly! He was a fantastic neighbor and a great person to speak with. He was always positive and encouraging and could fix anything! Our condolences to his Gloria, his family and friends.*

Jimmie Anderson - September 16, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DA

“ *It was always a pleasure to talk to you. You were a good man and shall continue to be loved and missed. Rest in Him.*



Danielle - September 16, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Bill Slade



Elnora Williams - September 16, 2022 at 08:08 AM

EB

“ Farewell to a wonderful classmate and friend who was the epitome of a kind, loving, caring, and peaceful gentleman. To the entire Slade family: may the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.



Eleanor Battle-Sharpe - September 15, 2022 at 04:30 PM

DF

“ Our Love and Prayers are with you Gloria and Family. We are saddened to hear of William 's passing. William and his Brothers were like Brothers to my husband, their late Cousin, James Davis, Jr., they called him Jr. We are praying for comfort and strength, continue to look to the Lord, he will carry us through. Love, Joan and Children.

Davis Family - September 15, 2022 at 01:28 PM

DN

“ Sincere condolences to Cornell/Bessie Slade and family. Praying for peace, comfort and strength for each of you.



Danyce Dicks/Wilmington, NC - September 15, 2022 at 12:19 AM

RM

“ Rodney Milbourne lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade



Rodney Milbourne - September 14, 2022 at 10:44 PM

RM

My deepest sympathy and prayers are with your family from me and my wife Essie Milbourne, Phillips class of 1967&1971

Rodney Milbourne - September 14, 2022 at 10:46 PM

RM

On behalf of myself Essie Milbourne and my husband Rodney Milbourne and Phillips class of 1971 and 1967 we are sending our condolences and prayers to the Sledge family

Rodney Milbourne - September 14, 2022 at 10:50 PM

RM

Our prayers are with the Slade family from the Davis and Milbourne family

Rodney Milbourne - September 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM

RM

From Annie Davis Titus and Phillips class of 1969 we are sending our heart-felt condolences and prayers

Rodney Milbourne - September 14, 2022 at 10:54 PM

LG

“ Our God so generously shared our loved one’s life with us and yet it’s never understood once life is taken away to be in His glory. We give Thanks and continue to pray with the understanding that God know best. Family it is with my sincere condolences for your untimely loss that I keep you in pray. Gamble Family (Upper Marlboro)

Lay’wan Gamble - September 14, 2022 at 08:42 PM

AN

“ Angela Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade



Angela Nunn - September 14, 2022 at 08:13 PM

DJ

Romans 8: 28
And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and called according to his purpose for them.

Dorothy M.A. Jenkins - September 16, 2022 at 12:29 PM

JW

“ We are so sorry to hear about William's passing. Our condolences and prayers to Gloria and the entire Slade family. Jackie Whitehead and family



Jacquelin Whitehead - September 14, 2022 at 07:21 PM

SD

“ *May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten.*

*Rest in eternal peace, Coach Slade
Chapel Hill High School Class of 1975*

Sharon Davis - September 14, 2022 at 04:04 PM

VJ

Condolences to Gloria, the entire Slade family, family of Eagles. Bill was the person to spot at any event with that broad smile and welcoming hug. He will be missed. It is my prayer that God gives you strength.

Veronica Johnson - September 17, 2022 at 08:53 AM

LW

“ *Played ball at Central with Bill for 3 seasons. He was well liked and a friend and mentor to all. Very kind and respectable to all in any situation. Good team mate, but a great friend and person. I know he is and will truly be missed. Be blessed and always be strong.
Llewellyn Wood (Love you much, my brother!)*

Llewellyn Wood - September 14, 2022 at 02:16 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Cain lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William Leven Slade*



Phyllis Cain - September 14, 2022 at 01:24 PM

RH

“ *Rosa P. Hanna lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade*



Rosa P. Hanna - September 14, 2022 at 05:20 AM

DH

“ *William, the gentleman, gentle soul , friend, classmate, and brother in Christ. We Sam and Mary Harrison send our love and sympathy to Gloria and family. We are so glad the four of us spent time together in November 2021, during the NCCU class of 1971 reunion. From high school to college precious years and a blessing to know William. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Dr. Mary A Harrison - September 13, 2022 at 10:14 PM

GB

“ *Gloria D. Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade*



Gloria D. Bullock - September 13, 2022 at 09:50 PM

MN

“ *Marvin Nunnjr lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade*



marvin nunnjr - September 13, 2022 at 09:20 PM

MN

“ Bill was a man that wore many hats. I worked with him officiating basketball and softball for many years. He was a kind, thoughtful, respectable and a do anything for you type person.

I am sending my condolences to Gloria and the Slade family. I'm wishing you strength and comfort during this time.

Bill will be missed, but “ ALWAYS “ remembered.

Marvin J. Nunn Jr

marvin nunnjr - September 13, 2022 at 09:15 PM

SB

Slade was one of the most loving and kindest individuals anyone could have ever met. He will be missed dearly, prayers for the family.

SHURENA FAYE BALLENTINE - September 16, 2022 at 12:31 PM

BA

“ Brenda Asbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Leven Slade



Brenda Asbury - September 13, 2022 at 06:41 PM

CR

“ HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE GOD BLESSING TO THE SLEDGE FAMILY RIP. CHARLES A ROSSER

Charles rosser - September 13, 2022 at 04:30 PM

NP

“ Bill was a respected teacher and a true gentleman. I particularly admired his cool and calm demeanor as he rode with students learning to drive. My deepest sympathies are extended to the Slade family.

Neil Pedersen - September 12, 2022 at 07:42 PM

AJ

“ Sending my sincere prayers and condolences for the Slade Family!!! It's my prayer that GOD will comfort, strengthen and give you peace like only HE can during this time of grieving. 🙏🙏🙏

Angela Jenkins, Marquis and Darion Quick, Charlotte, NC



Angela Jenkins - September 12, 2022 at 04:42 PM

CK

“ Sending peaceful and loving thoughts to the Slade family during this time of mourning this most tragic loss. from Cheryl and Howard Knott, Annapolis, MD

Cheryl Knott - September 12, 2022 at 03:21 PM

DH

“ Sending my sincere condolences to Gloria and family. We are praying for your comfort in knowing that GOD is in control and he loves you.

Delores & Donald Hunt, Oxford NC

delores hunt - September 12, 2022 at 11:23 AM

DJ

“ Take your rest Gentle Giant. Thank you for your kindness, your smooth way of handling situations. You will definitely be missed. My sincere condolences to your family and friends.

David L. Pugh, Jr. - September 12, 2022 at 07:32 AM

TM

“ Bill and I were close friends that officiated basketball together for years. Always helpful and kind
Coach Tc Marshall

Thomas marshall - September 12, 2022 at 04:52 AM

DJ

Much love!

David L. Pugh, Jr. - September 12, 2022 at 07:34 AM

CR

“ Condolence to the Slade family. To Gloria and the slay family we are praying for you. William was an outstanding and quiet individual. I have known William over 45 years, we were several sports together, calling Softball and officiating basketball. William will be truly missed. Cornell Royster

Cornell Royster - September 11, 2022 at 08:46 PM

DJ

Much love!

David L. Pugh, Jr. - September 12, 2022 at 07:34 AM

PU

“ *Mr. William Slade was a NCCU classmate and a member of the athletes of NCCU and a Basketball. He was a very eloquent, peaceful, gracious, giving man. He had a positive presence and he communicated this to his friends and associates. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to the Slade family and the many friends of Bill. Phillip L. Umstead*



Phillip Umstead - September 11, 2022 at 08:20 PM

RL

“ *Bill was a good friend and mentor to me, he helped me transition from high school to college he was always there for me with advice and leadership. I just talked with him at the Eagle Aggie game Rest In Peace my friend.*

Robert Little - September 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Bill 🙏🏾

Bill was the captain of NCCU's 1st MEAC Team in 1971-72 and coach as a grad assistant 1973-74. He was known as a hard worker and motivator and simply is one of the best Brother of the Hardwood.

The Brothers of the 60's and 70's era of NCCU Basketball send our sincere condolences to Gloria and all the Slade Family. May your heart and spirit be uplifted as we know God makes no mistakes.

Rest well Brother Bill until we meet again.

Respectfully,

Leggett, Bass,

Reddish, Crump, Little, Moore, McFadden, Woods, Caldwell, Johnson, Melvin, Ellis, Melvin's, Monroe, Beaufort, Fitts, Farrington, Huff, G.

Bass, Roper, Taylor, Rogers, McClellan, Mason and all the other NCCU Basketball Brothers



David Fitts - September 11, 2022 at 12:17 PM