



## Mr. Tommy Williams

August 12, 1965 - October 23, 2023

Beloved husband and father Tommy Williams, 58, of Hope Mills, North Carolina departed the natural world on October 23, 2023. Tommy was born in Clinton, North Carolina in 1965 to James T. Williams and Helen J. Williams. Tommy is the youngest of three children affectionately known to his mother as, "The Baby. Tommy attended Douglas Byrd high school and obtained a Master's Degree from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University (NC A&T) as well as a Bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University (FSU) where he has also served in the IT Department for over 20 years. Tommy was also a proudly retired, with honors, Naval Veteran. Anchors away! Tommy was a foodie that was sparse with his words and generous with his "side eye". He leaves behind his loving wife, Twana Williams, two daughters, Alaina Wells (Freddie) and Aleasha Johnson; two grandchildren, Marley and Mason; Mother, Helen Williams, Siblings, Danny Williams and Tammy Smith (Donnie); Parents in love, Joe and Theodosia White and a host of in laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Tommy was preceded in death by his father, James Williams.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers to the family and all who knew Tommy. He was the ultimate professional and gentle giant. Always willing to assist and lend a helping hand. Rest Easy my Brother.* ”



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**Ray THOMAS** - November 09, 2023 at 10:47 AM

BW

“ *Berrak Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams* ”



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**Berrak Walters** - November 02, 2023 at 03:29 PM

PT

“ *JMI Supporters will continue lifting you in our prayers. We love this family and all connected to you.* ”

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**Pastor Les and First Lady Kwanya Thompso** - November 02, 2023 at 12:36 PM

RS

“ Tommy was loved and so appreciated by his mother, Mrs. Helen Williams, and his sister Tammy. Mrs. Helen Williams said Tommy was a loving son who came by almost every day to check on her and do whatever she needed. May God comfort you during this time. Remember "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."



*Rev. Rosa Smith-Williams*

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**Rosa M Smith-Williams** - November 01, 2023 at 11:46 PM

DS

“ Darlene Brown & Rosa Smith-Williams purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



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**Darlene Brown & Rosa Smith-Williams** - November 01, 2023 at 11:35 PM

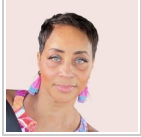
CS

“ Cheryl Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams



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**Cheryl Scott** - November 01, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Nicole McFarlane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**Nicole McFarlane** - November 01, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Tommy was always there whenever we needed him in the English Department, whether it was for technology services or a clever observation. Rest In Power, Tommy Williams.*

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**Nicole McFarlane** - November 01, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *The Boone Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.*



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**The Boone Family** - November 01, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Marny M. Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**Marny M. Marsh** - November 01, 2023 at 05:30 PM

ST

“ The ITS department, the FSU community, and I were deeply saddened to learn about Tommy's passing. We will not be the same without him. He was more than a colleague; he was a big brother who taught me about client services, IT, professionalism, and more. He introduced me to the campus community, where I found friendship and support. He also inspired me with his faith and wisdom, guiding me to discover the deeper meaning of life. He was a mentor, a friend, and a role model who did not back down from what he felt was right. I will always remember him and cherish the lessons he taught me.

*He was a jack of all trades! If Tommy did not know how to fix something, he researched it until he fixed it or he knew who to call to get things fixed. Thank you, God, for allowing him to be a part of my life as a friend, brother, colleague, and work neighbor. Please accept my heartfelt prayers and sympathies to his beautiful wife, daughter, family, colleagues, and friends who were blessed by Tommy's spirit.*

*Colossians 3:23-24 says: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."*

*Job well done; rest easy my friend. God has gained a strong warrior in heaven!*

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**Stephania** - November 01, 2023 at 04:47 PM

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**Stephania** - November 01, 2023 at 04:20 PM

RS

“ *Roni D. Stearns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



Roni D. Stearns - November 01, 2023 at 03:49 PM

BB

“ *Tommy you will be truly missed.*



Brigitte Bonner-Lindsay - November 01, 2023 at 02:34 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Tommy, I struggled with this one because of you being one of my favorites in the ITs Department. I don't think it was by coincidence that we met because it was always a joy to see you ride by in your cart with that big smile making sure I hadn't torn up any of my computers or the fact that I wasn't fussing about my computer being reimaged ( our insider). Thank you for those laughs, that consist helpfulness and overall being one of the best Bronco employees. I will always cherish your helpful spirit and joyfulness in the work you did daily. I thank God for allowing me to get to know you. May you Rest In Peace. I pray your family thinks of your smile during this time and uses it for warmth, hope, and happiness.*



Donyell Baba - November 01, 2023 at 02:04 PM

RS

*Baba, this made me tear up! We were forever tearing up something lol! Mr. Tommy was the best and it's hard to think that he really isn't with us anymore. So many great memories!*

Roni D. Stearns - November 01, 2023 at 03:47 PM

TR

“ Tammy Gibson Rowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams



Tammy Gibson Rowell - November 01, 2023 at 01:31 PM

SM

“ Prayers and condolences for Tommy's family and friends. He will truly be missed at FSU. Tommy was ALWAYS so knowledgeable and kind to us in the Payroll Office. No matter how busy he was, he always made sure we were taken care of; forever in our hearts.

Seneva Miles - November 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM

ES

“ Ernestine Spears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams



Ernestine Spears - November 01, 2023 at 11:32 AM

DB

“ *My sincerest condolences for your loss at this time. Wishing you peace, comfort, and strength. Mr. Tommy will be missed. He was an extremely caring co-worker. May God's grace be with you.*

Debra D. Brown - November 01, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.*



October 31, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.*



October 31, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Tommy Williams.*

October 31, 2023 at 06:35 PM

LM

“ My prayers are for the Williams family during this time.

Tommy and I worked together for many years and Tommy was always helpful to everyone.

Tommy will be missed by the everyone at FSU. He always had a smile and sometime a joke to make you laugh.

Rest in Peace Tommy knowing HE is saying well done my true and faithful servant, well done..

Linda Mitchell



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Linda Mitchell - October 31, 2023 at 06:00 PM

TF

“ The Stitts family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



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The Stitts family - October 31, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



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October 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

MT

“ Marie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams



Marie Taylor - October 31, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



October 31, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Retired E4 Tommy Williams.

October 31, 2023 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ The Fuller Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



The Fuller Family - October 31, 2023 at 07:59 AM

AT

“ Tommy Williams was such a helpful person. In his work he represented the best of Fayetteville State. May he rest in peace.  
Angela Taylor

Angela Taylor - October 30, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



October 30, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



October 30, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Retired E4 Tommy Williams.

October 30, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.*



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October 30, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Tommy's role in my life was one of many firsts. Tommy was the one who initially hired me at FSU for the IT Department. He was the first black person I met that did IT and it made me feel like it was possible to succeed in the field. He always had time for a quick word and shared a smile. I talked to him moments before he passed and he had the same smile he always did. I'm going to miss him dearly.*

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**Lamar Battle** - October 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *Mr. Tommy I have known you since I was a student worker years ago at ITS and you have always been the same kind hearted, caring man. I was so happy I was able randomly see you and talk with you at the Homecoming game. I never knew it would be my last. FSU ITS and the campus community will not be the same without you. Sending prayers and Love to his wife, daughter, family, and all who were blessed by his kind spirit.*

*With Love,*

*Jerrita Waters*

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**Jerrita Waters** - October 30, 2023 at 02:01 PM

DA

“ Sincere condolences to the Williams’ family. Tommy alwayzzzzz had a smile and willing to get your computer up and running again. FSU has lost a jewel. Gonna miss seeing you at Community events and around town. Sleep in peace and take your rest🕊️



Diana Anthony - October 30, 2023 at 01:17 PM

TR

“ Take Care My Friend, John V. Reed purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.



Take Care My Friend, John V. Reed - October 30, 2023 at 10:30 AM

DO

“ Tommy, we will miss you. You were such a beacon of hope. Your smile was an admiration every time you were in our office area in Lyons Science Annex to render IT assistance. No matter how insignificant the task may be you were available to help. May your gentle soul rest in peace. Daniel Okunbor.

Daniel Okunbor - October 30, 2023 at 09:40 AM

AG

“ *Alesia Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**Alesia Green** - October 29, 2023 at 09:47 PM

DW

“ *David Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**David Williams** - October 29, 2023 at 08:53 PM



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October 29, 2023 at 05:23 PM

DW

“ *David Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**David Williams** - October 29, 2023 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ My condolences to the family. Praying for your strength in this difficult time.  
*Boatwright family  
Tre and Jackie*

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**Jacqueline Boatwright** - October 29, 2023 at 09:48 AM

LM

“ *Tommy and I have been friends since 7th grade. Over the years we grew closer and he has been a great friend and sometimes adviser. My prayers and condolences go to his family. Sleep well my friend I will see you again.*

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**Larry Morning** - October 28, 2023 at 09:35 PM

HM

“ *I only knew Tommy briefly, but he was a stand up dude, and was always willing to help when and however he could - we'll miss him.*

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**Hector M.** - October 27, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Williams.*



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October 27, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ Tommy, a cherished member of the FSU family, is a profound loss to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His generous spirit and unwavering support were a beacon of light for those around him.

Tommy was more than just a friend to us; he was a guardian angel when it came to technology concerns on our beloved campus. Many of us found solace in his knowledge, knowing that our tech worries would be resolved with a kind word or a joke about our skills.

But it wasn't just technology where Tommy shined. His presence at FSU home games was a source of great joy for all who sat near him. We shared moments of cheering for our FSU team and his presence at those games turned strangers into friends.

Tommy was an Aggie and a Carolina Panther fan. His love for his teams was a testament to his dedication, win or lose.

As we bid farewell to our dear friend and fellow Aggie, we remember the warmth of his smile, the kindness of his heart, and the relief he brought to our lives. Tommy's memory will forever live on in the cherished moments we shared with him. Though he may be gone, his spirit will always be present at FSU. Tommy, thank you for being the blessing that touched our lives and you will be deeply missed.

Leslie Tukes

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Leslie Tukes - October 27, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ Mr. Williams was a professional and kind colleague. He had a kind spirit. Truly, he will be missed.

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Linda Tomlinson - October 27, 2023 at 09:54 AM

JW

“ *To the Williams Family,  
Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew  
5:4  
May God bless and strengthen the family in the days ahead.*

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**Jan-Jee Wells** - October 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JW

“ *Jan-Jee Wells lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Tommy Williams*



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**Jan-Jee Wells** - October 27, 2023 at 09:11 AM

WH

“ *Tommy was such a quiet soul, very helpful  
always you will be missed by FSU*



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**Wanda Hutchinson** - October 27, 2023 at 08:21 AM

RS

“ *Mr. Tommy was one of my favorite and most helpful ITS guys... I could ALWAYS call 2070 and he never failed to come through... even when I unplugged and disconnected something I wasn't supposed to lol...he was so patient with me and kept the same serious disposition while randomly chuckling at something crazy I'd say.*

*We are feeling this loss in a major way!! He will truly be missed!*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with his family!*

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**Roni D. Stearns** - October 26, 2023 at 08:39 PM

TK

“ *I worked here at FSU for over 15 years and Tommy was one of the most supportive ITS staff that I can remember, condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Theodore Kaniuka** - October 26, 2023 at 02:20 PM

LW

“ *LaShauna Ware lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Williams*



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**LaShauna Ware** - October 26, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CO

“ To the Williams Family, we at FSU Educational Leadership and School Administration really appreciate you for sharing Tommy with us. He never hesitated to help when we called him (Which was often). Thank you, Tommy, for helping us out since the day I began at FSU!! You will truly be missed!! Tommy take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.



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**Conesha** - October 26, 2023 at 10:44 AM

LW

“ My Deepest Condolences, Tommy will be missed on the campus of FSU.



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**Linda Wilson-Jones** - October 26, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DR

“ Peace brother,  
Loved the times we drank coffee and chatted, ate at the café on chicken Wednesday, laughed at FSU staff appreciation luncheons, appreciated your knowledgeable ITS problem-solving skills.

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**Darcel Rhodes** - October 26, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DR

“ Darcel R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Tommy Williams.

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**Darcel R.** - October 26, 2023 at 09:21 AM

TG

“ I enjoyed the time shared with Tommy at FSU. When I transitioned to FSU Fort Liberty, he continued to assist the entire office with ITS needs and ticket requests to keep our labs up to date and secure. He was friendly and down to earth, but knew how to take care of business as well. I will miss him. I send my condolences to the family. - Teresa Griffin

Teresa Griffin - October 25, 2023 at 08:49 PM

CO

“ Tommy was always so helpful at work. He was also friendly and kind. I send my condolences to the family.

Carolyn Ortiz - October 25, 2023 at 05:07 PM



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October 25, 2023 at 01:42 PM



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October 25, 2023 at 01:42 PM

MO

“ *I worked with Tommy. He always looked serious but was a funny guy. He will be missed.*



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**Morehead** - October 25, 2023 at 12:41 PM

DK

*I just saw him at church on Sunday. So unexpected. Great guy*

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**Dorrance Kennedy** - October 26, 2023 at 11:56 PM

SB

“ *We send our deepest condolences to the family of Tommy Williams. He was always very patient and helpful to the Office of the Registrar.*



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**Sarah Baker** - October 25, 2023 at 11:47 AM