



Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr.

May 24, 1960 - March 4, 2025

Willie Nelson Starks II, 64, of Fayetteville, NC, passed away on March 4, 2025. He was born on May 24, 1960, in Burkeville, AL, to Willie Nelson and Willie Mae Starks. At a young age, he moved with his parents to Elyria, Ohio, where he grew up alongside his four siblings and eventually graduated from Elyria West High School. He went on to attend Morristown Community College, where he received an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts in 1980.

Willie joined the U.S. Armed Forces on December 14, 1981, and proudly served for 18 years and 6 months, including a duty station with the 82nd Airborne Division in Special Operations at Ft. Bragg, NC, as a Logistician. This critical role ensured soldiers had the supplies, equipment, and support necessary for mission success. His military career took him across the globe, and he proudly served in multiple deployments, including during the Gulf War, demonstrating unwavering commitment to his country and fellow service members. Willie was awarded the National Defense Service Medal for his service during national emergencies and armed conflicts. He was married to the late Faye Starks, and from this union, one son, Marcus, was born. After his military service, he continued his work in logistics as a government contractor, applying his expertise to support national defense efforts.

In his youth, Willie excelled in sports, especially basketball and baseball, two passions he carried with him throughout his life. His love for sports never

waned, and he enjoyed watching games, especially those that brought back fond memories of his athletic days. He also loved to watch a good Western, particularly black-and-white classics.

Beyond his career, Willie had a passion for fishing, grilling, and a good game of cards or dominoes. He loved bringing family and friends together, creating warm and welcoming gatherings, always ensuring those around him felt at home. Willie's kindness and generosity were felt by all who knew him. He was a man of integrity, always willing to lend a hand or share a laugh, and his memory will continue to inspire those who loved him.

Willie was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, along with seven uncles and four aunts. He is survived by his beloved son, Marcus Nelson Starks; his cherished granddaughter, Michele Starks; and his dear friend, Jacqueline Granger. He will also be deeply missed by his father, Willie Nelson; his mother, Willie Mae; and his siblings: Robert Starks (Kathleen), Michael Starks, William Starks (Jackie Starks), and his sister LeKisha Starks. Additionally, he is survived by one uncle, Robert Davis (Oak Ridge, TN); one aunt, Effie Dixon (Montgomery, AL); one great-aunt, Elnora Davis (Birmingham, AL); five nieces; three nephews; and a host of cousins and great friends.

Willie's legacy of love, laughter, and service will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

"The family of Willie Starks would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their love, support, and prayers during this time. We deeply appreciate the kind words, floral tributes, donations, and acts of kindness. Your support has meant so much to us, and we are forever grateful."

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 14. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Conference B Headquarters
10225 Fayetteville Rd.
Fayetteville, NC

Burial

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lafayette Memorial Park-WEST Cemetery
6701 Raeford Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr.*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - March 13, 2025 at 02:58 PM

PM

You will be truly missed. Love you Willie, one of your angels 🙏

PEARLINA H MCMILLIAN - March 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM

PS

My condolences to the starks family, may God strengthen you all in the days to come.

Phillip smith - March 15, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DF

“ *Dexter Thompkins and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..*



Dexter Thompkins and family. - March 14, 2025 at 01:35 PM

VF

“ Vee and the Priester Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..



Vee and the Priester Family - March 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM

VF

“ Vee and the Priester Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..

Vee and the Priester Family - March 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM

ON

“ Open Door Church. Winterville NC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..



Open Door Church. Winterville NC - March 13, 2025 at 07:03 PM

TF

“ The Holloway, Kennard & Hendon Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..



The Holloway, Kennard & Hendon Families - March 13, 2025 at 06:14 PM

ST

“ My deepest condolences to your family, Willie helped me get my first job on Bragg in 2003. Willie truly was a good dude. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mel and Stephanie Carter



stephanie - March 13, 2025 at 08:50 AM

AB

“ I first met Willie in 1985, me a new Chief Warrant Officer Two taking over 1st Battalion 5th Special Forces Group as Property Book Officer. We had the task of moving the Battalion from Fort Bragg to Fort Campbell, Ky. He and I worked long hours inventoring 100% of the Battalion's equipment, securing it in 40ft container's shipping it to Ft Campbell, Ky, and receiving it upon arrival for issue back to the companies. He was always a hard charging soldier, never complained about work, ensuring flawless support to the mission, 100% accountability of equipment and would give you the shirt off his back or his last dollar to help you. Will definitely miss you brother but will never forget you. CW5 Ret Alexander L. Brown.

Alexander L. Brown - March 12, 2025 at 11:27 PM

LF

“ Love Always, The New Jersey Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..



Love Always, The New Jersey Family - March 12, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..*



March 12, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *I served with Willie with the 5th Special Forces Group in the Army. Willie was a good- and soft-hearted dude. We had a group of 12 to 15 tight brothers that hung together, and Willie was in the mist of it all. He will be missed. Brother Sgt. Ollie Jackson.*

Ollie J Jackson - March 11, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Alfred and Martha Hall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Willie Nelson Starks Jr..*



Alfred and Martha Hall - March 10, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ *Carolyn Everette lit a candle in memory of Willie Starks*



Carolyn Everette - March 10, 2025 at 12:57 PM

MC

Almost sandbox friends from my Aunt's house on Lowell Street through Elyria West. We even spend time together in the Army at Ft. Bragg. Forever my "bro/sis in-law" was our nicknames for each other. His kind gentle spirit will forever be missed on this side of Heaven. My guy 😞

Michelle Cottom - March 15, 2025 at 02:35 PM