



James Larry Williams

March 28, 1937 - October 6, 2016

James Larry Williams, age 79, received full healing and completed his 60-year journey from death to life, promised by his Lord and Savior, on Thursday, October 6, 2016. We have that confidence because at age 19, he trusted Christ through His sacrificial death to pay his penalty for sin. His wife and pastor were at his bedside when he peacefully passed into the presence of his Savior.

James (Jim) was born March 28, 1937 to Wallace and Mazie Orr Williams in Atlanta, GA. He completed his college degree in 1970 from Tennessee Temple University while working full time to provide for his family. From 1971 to 2004, he worked in the Christian publishing industry, first with Christian music, and then with Bibles and Christian books. After retiring, he served in Gideons International. Jim was a member of Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Carolyn Walters Williams, and four children, Deb (Bob) Thompson, Chuck (Pam) Williams, John Williams, Denise (Cliff) Styles. His heritage also includes nine grandchildren, Jennifer (Grayson) Cartwright, Julie (James) Kieser, Joy Thompson, Jessica (Michael) Dunlop, Kaitlyn (Ryan) VanderMolen, Jonathan (Marlaina) Williams, Matt (Brittney) Williams, Emma Styles, Sam Styles, two great-grandchildren, Amelia Dunlop and Garrison James Williams, as well as a third great-grandchild on the way. He is also survived by several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Williams, his mother, Mazie

Orr Williams, his siblings, Anne Atkins, Robert Williams, Mildred McConkey, Peggy Nolan, and Evelyn Paige, and his daughter-in-law, Ruth Williams. As a young boy growing up with meager provisions, Jim worked hard to help provide for his mother. He has remained a faithful and devoted provider all of his life for his family. He was known as a man with a gentle spirit and a tender heart for anyone, whether they be family, relatives, the disabled or complete strangers. Even animals could sense his gentle, loving and caring spirit. Visitation will be held prior to the service on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. A service celebrating Jim's life will be held on Wednesday, October 12 at 2:30pm at Brushy Creek Baptist Church, 4999 Old Spartanburg Rd, Taylors, SC 29687. God used the witness of His Word transforming the lives of former classmates to bring Jim to Himself and the Bible became a treasured theme of Jim's life: first in obtaining a degree in Bible, then teaching Sunday School, selling Christian music, and lastly selling Christian books and Bibles before retiring. After retiring, Jim wanted to give away God's Word, so he lovingly served in Gideons International for over a decade, getting Bibles into hotels, hospital rooms, waiting rooms, schools, and prisons. Even during his cancer battle, he continued teaching Sunday School and working with the Gideons.

O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to: Gideons International, PO Box 1941, Taylors, SC 29687.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Dear Carolyn and Family,

Jimmy will truly be missed by all the lives he touched. He was a precious and gentle father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother-in-law, etc. My heart goes out to each of you and my prayers are for your comfort and peace. I have many sweet memories of spending time with Carolyn, Jimmy and family. I loved my summer visits with you all. I will always refer to Jimmy as my brother, not brother-in-law. I love you all and are praying for you. Heaven has become sweeter with the presence of Jimmy.....to be absent in the body is to be present with our Lord! He has been healed. I love you all.



Terry and Joyce Taylor - October 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM

LS

“ Lauren Brooks Stafford lit a candle in memory of James Larry Williams



Lauren Brooks Stafford - October 10, 2016 at 12:48 PM

KN

“ Uncle Jimmy will always be in our hearts. He will be remembered by our family as a man of faith, who had the kindest, gentlest soul. He was always there for his family and us. Love to Carolyn and Debbie, Chuck, John and Denise and family. Love Kathy, Chris, Cindy and Bobby (Nolan).

Kathy Nolan - October 09, 2016 at 06:59 PM

SS

“ Samuel Souza lit a candle in memory of James Larry Williams



Samuel Souza - October 08, 2016 at 09:54 PM

CW

“ *"a man with a gentle spirit and a tender heart"* describes Jim Williams completely for our family. It was a privilege to know him and be with him. Condolences to all this wonderful family.
Carole and Harold Waller

Carole Waller - October 08, 2016 at 07:51 PM

HH

“ *Jim and Carolyn were faithful members of Brushy Creek's ukelele band. Everyone missed them so much when Jim became ill. They were deeply loved because of their sweet spirits and love for Christ. We pray for Carolyn as she remembers her life partner.*

Howard and Norma Hrbek - October 08, 2016 at 07:18 PM

LC

“ *Joy,
We are praying for you and your whole family, that this will be a time that sweetly joins you together as you share a common grief and a common hope!*
Paul and Lisa

Lisa and Paul Clark - October 08, 2016 at 03:06 PM

JB

“ Praying for you and family that you may feel the "peace that passes all understanding" in the midst of this most difficult time. What wonderful memories we have of Jim! Such a precious, dedicated, compassionate, loving, kind man of God, and great brother-in-law!! He exhibited Godly character! His influence will live on! We will miss him, but also know he is whole and healthy and enjoying his Heavenly home! We will see him again! You were such a wonderful caregiver for him!! Praying for strength and rest ! Love you all!!! John & Vivian Brooks



John & Vivian Brooks - October 08, 2016 at 12:40 PM

JB

“ John & Vivian Brooks lit a candle in memory of James Larry Williams



John & Vivian Brooks - October 08, 2016 at 12:18 PM

MB

Praying for comfort....wow, he's sitting at the feet of Jesus gathered with those that have gone before!

Mack and Pat Bates - October 09, 2016 at 11:32 AM

PH

Carolyn and family, I am so happy that I've had the opportunity to know Jimmy and to see him from time to time...mainly at my great-nieces' birthday celebrations! What a wonderful, Godly man who loved his family very, very much. Thankful to know we will see him again one day, and that hope sustains even in the difficult times like this. May God comfort, bless and keep you now and in the days to come. Our prayers, thoughts and love, Phil & Pam Howell (Terry Taylor's sister/brother-in-law)

Phil & Pam Howell - October 11, 2016 at 11:58 AM

KE

“ Carolyn, you and your family are in my prayers. While we know Jimmy is resting peacefully in the loving arms of our Lord, it is not an easy time for those he left here on earth until you are once more reunited. May God wrap His arms around you that you know the peace, comfort and love that only He can give. Love and prayers.



*Karen Eachus
Your BSF sister and friend*

Karen Eachus - October 08, 2016 at 10:50 AM

 Tammy Tyree

“ My Uncle Jimmy was truly one of the gentlest souls this earth has known. His sweet spirit toward his family showed in EVERYTHING he said and did. I remember him helping Aunt Carolyn cook in the kitchen, then clean everything up. I just remember kind and gentle - that was Uncle Jim. His smile was always warm and welcoming. His presence here on earth will be sorely missed. I loved the way that he loved...and know that was an impression made on me that will be forever remembered.

Uncle Jimmy - I know up in heaven you are enjoying the treasure of a new body and being with Jesus, your Savior. I'm happy you are free of the awful pain and the cancer no longer tortures your body or the family that so dearly loves you. You are experiencing the joy of Jesus. I can't imagine what that will be like but I know you wouldn't come back here even if you had the chance. We will see you again someday! Until then.....

Tammy Tyree - October 08, 2016 at 10:05 AM