

Don't think of him as gone away
 his journey's just begun,
 life holds so many facets
 this earth is only one.
 Just think of him as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of warmth and comfort
 where there are no days and years.
 Think how he must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.
 And think of him as living
 in the hearts of those he touched...
 for nothing loved is ever lost
 and he was loved so much.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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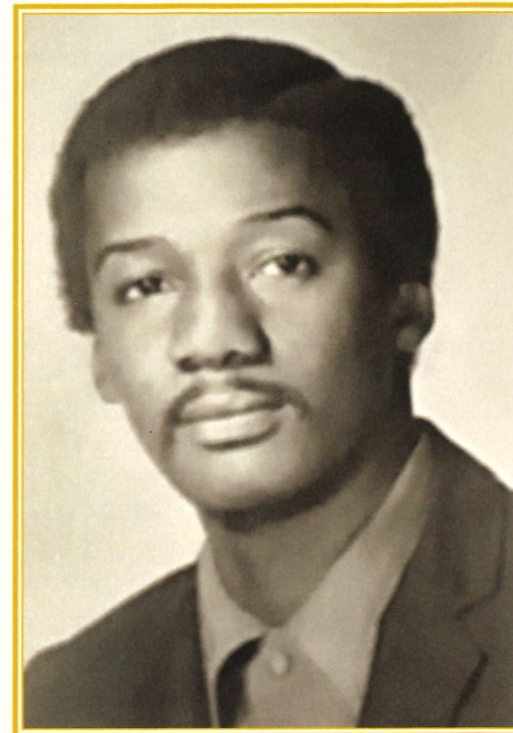
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PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME IN WHITEVILLE, NC

707 Vinson Boulevard, Whiteville, NC 28472

Viewing – Saturday, January 23, 2021

In Loving Memory of



Lagous Williams

Sunrise

Sunset

August 14, 1943

January 8, 2021

Viewing

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 — 12:30 p.m.

LAWRENCE H. WOODWARD FUNERAL HOME, INC.

One Troy Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11213

Interment

WILLIAMS FAMILY CEMETERY

Boardman, North Carolina

Obituary

Our father, Lagous Williams was born to Ulysses and Mildred Parker Williams on August 14, 1943 in Columbus County, NC. He is the youngest male child with five siblings and extremely close to our grandmother (affectionately referred to by all as Mother) his first love.

Dad moved to Upstate, NY at a young age and worked for the U.S. Department of Treasury. He later moved to Brooklyn, NY where he met Gertrude Brailsford. They married at the young age of 21 and gave birth to their first born Tarsha Williams, November, 1966.

Dad didn't attend college but was a brilliant man with a photographic memory. We have been told that he was able to pass any civil service test taken on the first attempt. He decided however to serve with the New York City Department of Corrections where he later retired. He also worked with the Civil Court of the City of New York as a Court Officer after retirement.

On July 1997, Lagous and long-time partner, Elaine H. Brown, gave birth to Damien Brown in New York City. Both Damien and Tarsha provided him three grandchildren, Cydney Vaughn Turner, 23 years old, Caiden Harrison, 4 years old and Elizabeth Stocker McMullan, 2 years old.

In his later years, Dad fell in love and partnered with Karen Adams. It was Ms. Adams that was pivotal in galvanizing our family to establish new dynamics of communication and openness with our father. This was pivotal in improving our relation with our father and extending the new family dynamics to the grandchildren for the last 15 years. Our father was a strong man who was rarely, if ever, sick. Despite the challenges of his last days, he was true to form in his strength and pure will.

Our father was a complicated man and it is difficult to try and explain all of his dynamics and complexities in a few short paragraphs. He was mysterious, private, territorial, yet compassionate, kind and giving. There were a few things he loved and cared about – visiting his family's hometown of Boardman, NC, Atlantic City and cars. But we have come to know in these later days that we and the entire Williams clan (his nieces, nephews and cousins), were his greatest love.

It is hard for us to believe that this giant is gone and the memories he has left behind with so many answered and unanswered questions speak to his mystery. However, we are grateful that he afforded us an opportunity to get to know him better. We are even more grateful that he fully accepted with much joy and openness the role of "grandpa" with the Three Grand Musketeers. We see so much of our father in both of us. And there are glimmers of his attributes in the grandchildren as well. We are proud to be his offsprings and even more honored to have been afforded this opportunity to honor him as he transitions to the new phase in his life.

Special thanks to Karen Adams for holding his hand with genuine love for over 15 years, the entire Williams Clan for their many years of love, prayers and support, Brenda Williams for always taking good care of home base in NC, Sharon Edwards our Godsister, Rochelle Montgomery our legal counselor, his health and care management team - Sophia, Heather, Ms. Besson and Dr. Fleishman.

We will miss you dad but we are happy you are with Grandpa Ulysses, Mother, Bo, Milton, Louise, Janice and Asalee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tarsha and Damien Williams

