

His Story

Christopher Gerard Williams was born on April 5, 1967 to Carol Inez Williams and Mack Anderson. For the first three and a half years of his life he lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with his grandmother and mother. In 1971, Chris moved to Oakland, California where he attended elementary school at Lockwood. In 1976, Chris moved from Oakland to Menlo Park where he attended many different schools. Christopher graduated eighth grade from The Middle School in East Palo Alto, California and went on to attend Carlmont High School. Throughout his younger years, Christopher was an avid baseball player, passionate football player and artist. He accepted Christ into his life and was baptized in Jesus' name.

Maya Angelou writes, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," and this quote perfectly describes Chris. Chris had a heart of gold (he learned this from his mama). He would do anything for you- give you his shirt off his back, the smile that you needed after a long day of work, and so much more. He was full of life- you could count on him to pop-lock at all of the family functions, show his passion for cooking through many different dishes but a big pot of gumbo was it, and watch his YouTube videos. Consistently, the feeling that he gave was love.

Chris had a lifelong love with his best friend, wife Deborah. They found love with one another again 16 years ago. Married for the last 10 years. Christopher showered Deborah with love and affection. Christopher made every attempt to bring joy and humor into their lives. Deborah will mourn the loss of Christopher, but she will find comfort in the knowing that he loved her to no end.

Chris worked many jobs over the years before pursuing his dream to obtain his class A license. Finally finding his dream career at Praxair, where he worked for 10 years until his demise. Chris loved his job and The Praxair family. Christopher enjoyed fishing, cooking, low riding and football. Everyone knew Christopher was a 49er Faithful from his mancave to his bathroom. Many football seasons were spent having heated but loving rivalry moments with anyone who wasn't a 49er Fan.

Christopher was preceded in death by his mother Carol Williams. He leaves to carry on his legacy through his father- George Thomas of East Palo Alto, Ca, his beloved wife- Deborah Holleman-Williams of San Jose, Ca, his children- Jamie Griffin of San Mateo, Ca, Christopher Williams Jr. of New York, NY, Justin Williams of Oregon, Sydney Williams of East Palo Alto, Ca, three sons in-love- Lorenzo and Anthony Commander of Arizona, Laune Commander of San Jose, His sisters- Maria and Terry Reed of Stockton, Ca, Freda Thomas of East Palo Alto, Ca, Belinda and Nyra Thomas of Mobile, AL. His brother- Ramon and Jamie Smith of Sacramento Ca, Edward Burns San Jose Ca., his grandchildren Amar'e Baldwin, De'Ante, Jessianna, Samiyah, Lexianni, Aniah, Zoey, Mariah and Micalah Commander, a host of nieces and nephews, two special aunties, Lola Mae Levy of Baton Rouge, LA, Janice Isaac of Dickerson, TX. and an army of loving friends.