



Vernon Claude Williams Sr.

December 9, 1955 - May 20, 2022

Vernon Claude Williams, Sr., son of the late William C. and Lillian Edith Williams was born on December 9, 1955, in Queens, New York. He grew up in Jamaica, New York and graduated from Bishop Reilly High School, where he was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Vernon transferred to the University of Maryland, College Park where he majored in Chinese and Business Administration.

At the University of Maryland, he met his wife of 46 years, Denise M. Peyton. The union was blessed with three (3) children, Vernon Jr.; Tracey (Frederick) Thomas; and Adam (Brooke). His pride and joy were his six (6) grandchildren: Jazz Alexis, Mehkai Camille, Frederick Riley, Taylor Nicole, Kinsley Harper, and Avery Corrinne.

In 1978, Vernon joined the U.S. Army serving in the Prime Power Production program. He served honorably until August 1988. His career in the Army as a Prime Power Production Specialist took him all over the country and various places overseas. He served as Instructor CRS in this field at Fort Belvoir, VA and developed the System Development training. He received several medals and commendations during this time

the Army Service Ribbon/National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, as well as numerous certifications to include; 1st Class Power Engineer- National Institute for the Uniform/Licensing of Power Engineers, and Master Electrician - State of Maryland. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding

meritorious service as an Instructor in the Electrical Training section. His technical knowledge, professionalism and ingenuity provided an immediate solution to the instructor shortage. Vernon was able to put numerous training centers into operation that had been out of service for multiple years. His contributions provided a lasting atmosphere of excellence for future electrical students.

Upon separation from the Army, he entered the corporate world where he held various managerial positions in the electrical engineering field.

Vernon loved people and had the gift of gab. He could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere, even standing in the U.S. Customs line. He loved all things IT and loved serving on the Audio-Visual Team at Woodstream Church in Bowie, MD, where he had been a member for over 30 years. He was "very proud that he and his family attended Woodstream. Every chance he had he would invite someone to visit his church.

Vernon also was a member of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and often provided IT support for these meetings. He was an instructor for the Better Way Group at Pilgrim Rest Church. Vernon said, often, how he wanted to serve, to be the type of servant spoken of in the bible.

He and his wife, Denise belonged to the Wine & Words Book club, an activity they enjoyed doing together for over 16 years. The two enjoyed traveling, where Vernon began every trip with, "Are you ready for our new adventure?". His biggest joy was his three children and six grandchildren. He loved bragging that he had six grandkids, and spent every moment he could attending their games, competitions, birthday parties, helping to move his oldest grandchild, Jazz on and off campus, and enjoyed his holidays and dinner events with them. He always tried to make these events special, where he might cook his prize leg of lamb, prime rib, and stuffed fish.

Vernon loved his extended family to include his father and mother-in-law Albert and Irene Peyton, his brother-in-law Albert (Lori), keeping in touch with his cousins in Suffolk, VA and New York, and a host of other family and friends from his Army days.

Vernon will be sorely missed by his family and friends. We like to think he's gone ahead to some beautiful white sandy beach, located the perfect spot and set up the beach chairs, basking in the sun, starting another adventure!

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Cemetery

Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Woodstream Baptist Church
9800 Lottsford Rd.
Bowie, MD 20721

Service

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Interment

JUN 23. 9:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Genesis Cremation & Funeral created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.



Genesis Cremation & Funeral - June 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

TC

Vernon, was an integral part of our Woodstream video family. I will miss the little jabs we would make back and forth and the unique way he said my name, Tamara, dragging out the "mara". Lol!

He had promised to give me books on Italy and I finally got them this year. Thanks Vernon and say hi to my mom. Dont forget to dust off those beach chairs ny friend. 🌂

Tamara Carroll - June 15, 2022 at 09:00 PM

SP

Vernon Williams was a great man! I was honored and blessed with the opportunity to work with him for about 10 months while at HVM. Vernon was a great leader and loved by all. I just got word today of his passing and going home to the Lord and a deep sadness hit me. Vernon was so full of life and love. He loved his family and was deeply devoted in his faith, which was one of the things I respected the most about him. Vernon you are missed my friend, but I know you are with our Lord and I will see you again some day.

Shane R Pruna - September 02, 2022 at 05:55 PM

DB

Denise and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I just learned of his passing today. Vernon was my mentor early on in my career and a friend for over 30 years. He is a great man and from his stories loved all of you very much! He was VERY proud to be a grandfather. Vernon impacted peoples lives for thebetter. He will truly be missed

Denis Buehler - September 02, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Genesis Cremation & Funeral created a Webcast in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.*



Genesis Cremation & Funeral - June 15, 2022 at 05:23 PM

NS

“ *Sending our love and prayers to you and the family. We just found out today of Vernon going home to be with the Lord. Love from Florida, Noel an Kai Shanks*

Noel & Kai Shanks - June 24, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 21, 2022 at 11:54 AM

SW

“ Sending my condolences to the Williams Family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time 🙏



Sanese White-Brown - June 17, 2022 at 03:45 PM

FW

“ Grace and Peace to the awesome Family of Vernon & Denise Williams. Words cannot express the “Daze” we’ve been in since hearing of Vernon’s departure. It is clear to me that Vernon died empty, he gave all that he had to give for as long as he could give, to as many as he could give to. Then God spoke and said “We’ll Done thy good and Faithful Servant” come on home, I Am Sooo Proud of You!

With Love and Continuous Prayers ❤️🙏👉

Rev. Fermon & Diane Williams
Cincinnati, Ohio

Fermon & Diane Williams - June 16, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..



June 15, 2022 at 08:15 PM

NF

“ *Nina Ferraro lit a candle in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.*



Nina Ferraro - June 15, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 14, 2022 at 04:37 PM

YB

“ *Yolanda Brown purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



Yolanda Brown - June 14, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 14, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 14, 2022 at 01:07 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 14, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 13, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Love, Dan & Valerie Cortez and Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



Love, Dan & Valerie Cortez and Family - June 13, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *La Chaun (Vintage Readers Family) lit a candle in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.*



La Chaun (Vintage Readers Family) - June 13, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 13, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *IRS Procurement Work Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



IRS Procurement Work Family - June 13, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Mr. Williams has always been a shining light with a cheerful spirit that put a smile on everyone's face. He has always treated me like a daughter, protective yet so caring. I will forever cherish his memories as our families grew together over the years. Words cannot express how appreciative I am for his thoughtfulness after my mom passed. I admire how he took the time to think of me and my family every single day, sending words of encouragement and scriptures that helped me to look for the light and he reminded me how much he needed it too. His memory will always live in our hearts.*



Alemnesh Allen - June 12, 2022 at 11:38 PM

RW

“ *Ruthann And Charles Whiting lit a candle in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.*



Ruthann and Charles Whiting - June 12, 2022 at 08:46 PM

CF

“ *Charles And Wanda Harvey And Family lit a candle in memory of Vernon Claude Williams Sr.*



Charles and Wanda Harvey and family - June 12, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 12, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



June 12, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Chris and the Robinson Family purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Vernon Claude Williams Sr..*



Chris and the Robinson Family - June 12, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *Vernon made a special effort to attend my Mom's 96th surprise bday party this past March with his lovely wife Denise telling me “I had to make a special effort to come for your Mom’s bday party not knowing if this might be my last chance to do so”. Turns out he was right but little did he know that God would come bring him home first. RIP Vernon. You will always be more than a friend to me... you are and will always be my beloved brother in Christ until, by God's grace we are all reunited in our heavenly homes. 🙏🕊️❤️*

Donald Paquette - June 11, 2022 at 09:23 PM

JC

“ I always looked forward to seeing Mr. Williams at his grandson, Freddie's game. He'd always share the shows he loved watching and gave great recaps. It was hard not to laugh and smile whenever he was around. He will be greatly missed.

Janiel Craig - June 11, 2022 at 04:47 PM