

*Homegoing Celebration Honoring
The Life & Legacy of*



*McKinley Williams
"Crown Prince"*

Friday, January 26, 2024
Eleven O'clock AM

New Mount Olive Baptist Church
400 North West 9th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Dr. Marcus D. Davidson, Senior Pastor

A McWhite's Funeral Home Service

Pallbearers
McKinley Williams III
Philip Williams II
Reginald A. Williams II
Caleb Williams
Bryce Williams
Frederick C. Williams II

Honorary Pallbearers
Mr. Fred Beneby
Mr. Vanderbilt Jones
Boston Williams
D'Corian Williams
John Williams
Matthew E. Williams
Carter Williams
Mr. James Cartwright
Cosmo Mathis

Expression of Thanks

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
The Family

Interment

Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery
2001 SW 4th Avenue | Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

Repast

New Mount Olive Baptist Church
400 NW 9th Avenue | Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33311



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

McWhite's Funeral Home
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McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams

~A life well lived~

McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams was born in Waynesboro, Georgia, as the only child to Mr. Fred Williams and Mrs. Selena Jones on August 4, 1939. He graduated from Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale Florida in 1958. He attended the Midwestern Broadcasting Schools of Radio and TV Technology in Chicago and the RCA Institute in New York. McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams married Cynthia Joanna Cartwright on June 24, 1967, in West Palm Beach, Florida. These two love birds were married for 56 years.

He worked as a Radio Disc Jockey in Houston, Texas and WMBM in Miami. He was employed by WRBD in Ft. Lauderdale Florida as sports director and afternoon disc jockey. He was affectionately known by his radio name "Crown Prince." He was heard Monday thru Friday from 3:00 pm until sign-off and on Saturday 6:00 am – 12:00 pm saying: "You are in tuned to Crown the ruler of monarch sound. E-papadah, whoa this is the Crown, back on scene with the record machine, the correct time now is 3:15 pm." While at WRBD, he created a program for youth called "Teen Talk."

After his time at WRBD, McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams worked for Time Warner under the Atlantic Records label promoting the Rhythm and Blues for the State of Florida. He worked with recording artists such as Levert, Sister Sledge, Brandi, Al Green, Johnny Gill, Stacy Lattisaw, Pink Floyd, Kwame, YES, Twisted Sister, Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, The Drifters, Slave, Hall and Oats, Ray Charles, The Velvet Underground, and En Vogue just to name a few. Several of the recording artists that he promoted, such as Aaliyah, won Platinum Album from the Recording Industry Association of America for multi-platinum sales of more than 2 million copies. He received numerous awards of excellence from Atlantic Records Black Music Promotion.

McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams was a member of New Mount Olive Baptist Church. He served on the finance committee and supported the Radio Ministry. Moreover, he was a mentor to many young men in Ft. Lauderdale and Broward County such as Mr. Albert R. McWhite. He was a member of the Elks Club of Ft. Lauderdale and Big Brothers of America. He was kind, loving, and giving. He, Mr. Fred Benby, and Tylus Grant were instrumental in constructing a new weight room for Bethune Cookman Athletics as well as providing sweat suits for the Clark Atlanta University Football Team.

McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams enjoyed spending time with family, talking on the phone, listening to the Word of God, and calling all of his children, grandchildren, and great grand-children by their nick names that he gave them. He was a true fan of any sports team on which his children or grandchildren were playing on. They were and always will be his pride and joy.

McKinley "Crown Prince Williams" was preceded in death by father Fred Williams, mother and step-father Selena and Eugene Thomas, grandfather and grandmother Deacon Phil and Ida Mae Jones, father-in law and mother-in-law John and Rutha Mae Cartwright.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 4:5 KJV

McKinley "Crown Prince" Williams is survived by his loving wife Cynthia Joanna Williams, four sons, McKinley Williams II, Frederick C. Williams (Melissa), Reginald A. Williams (Criseida), Philip B. Williams; one daughter, Kimberly A. Davis; brothers-in-law James Cartwright (Cherlene), John Garfield Cartwright; sisters-in-law Sandra Queen, The Rev. Grace C. Washington (Deacon Robert), Catherine Cartwright; grandchildren Whitley, McKinley III, Frederick II (Chasity), D'corian (Brittany), Gracelyn, Reginald II, Caleb, Bryce, Philip II, Taylor, John, Boston, Ayver, Cynthia, Zahara, Matthew; great-grandson Carter, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

May God grant each of us peace as we cherish the memory of this remarkable man. We know that McKinley is at peace and now joins the heavenly hosts of those who have gone before him.

McKinley, we will always love you!



Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Psalm 127:3-4

Tributes to Daddy

Father, I thank you for our engaging, commonsensical, practical discourse that cultivated and deepened our connection over the last few decades. Your character will forever epitomize hard work, integrity, and honor impactfully to my profound appreciation and respect for you. I pray that your resting place embodies a reach above all that you have dreamed of. I love you infinitely!

~*Kimberly C. Williams Davis*

Good day Daddy! I thank God for your life, labor, and legacy. You were an excellent father!!! I thank God for the privilege of being your son. The depth of your wisdom and love are unimaginable. I learned so much from you on how to serve God, my family, and my community. Thank you, daddy and well done. I will miss our daily phone calls. However, I know you answered the high call of Jesus to come unto Him and rest. I love you daddy!!!

~*Frederick C. Williams*

Philemon 1:4

What's up Daddy? Thank you for teaching me "THE GAME" and taking me everywhere with you. You already know what I'm gonna do..... and that's between me, you, and the gatepost!

~*McKinley Williams, II*

A message to my Hero; Thank you daddy for believing in me, more than I believed in myself. Your constant support, trust, strength, honesty, wisdom, and unconditional love have set the benchmark for what it means to be a perfect father. I can never put into words how much you mean to me but I hope this tribute comes close. I LOVE YOU!

~*Philip Williams, Sr.*

Great Morning Daddy, "Each day is its own and every man paddles his own canoe." Reggie, Caleb, Bryce, John, and Boston are missing you deeply. They will honor you through their character and integrity as always. I have work to do. The Kingdom of God will forever cover this home. I thank God for you. I Love you Daddy.

~*Reginald A. Williams*

Order of Service

Processional.....

Rev. Ernest King Officiating

Musical Prelude..... "Order My Steps"..... NMOBC Musician

Prayer..... Rev. Dr. Grace C. Washington
Love Life Christian Fellowship Church, Ellenwood, Georgia

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 7:1-8..... Rev. David E. Deal
Every Christian's Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

New Testament.....Revelation 22:1-5..... Rev. Dr. Frederick C. Williams
Turkey Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia

Selection..... "Singing Hallelujah All Day" Deacon Earl Mason

Reflections

As A Family MemberShawn Verdree

As A Father Children

As A Friend..... Joe Fisher

Official Expression of Sympathy..... Florida State Senate

Resolution.....Church Clerk

Acknowledgements..... McWhite's Funeral Home Staff

Obituary..... Read Silently

Selection....."Because of Who You Are"..... Claudia Counts
St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Eulogy..... Rev. Anthony Burrell
Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Recessional/ Music..... "How Great Is Our God"..... Congregation
New Mount Olive Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Repast immediately following interment in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

