



## Israel Williams, Jr.

February 11, 1942 - June 6, 2025

Israel Williams, Jr., 83, of Chattanooga, passed away peacefully Friday, June 6, 2025, in NHC HealthCare of Chattanooga. He was affectionately known as “Boy Boy,” the oldest of eight siblings was born on February 11, 1942, to the parentage of the late Mrs. Mary Pearl Parker and Mr. Isreal Williams, Sr. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lee Williams, Sr. and two great grandchildren, Deshawn Davis and Kayron Davis.

He was raised in the Christian faith and during his childhood was a very active member of Bibb Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Macon, GA. He was a lifelong member of the Good Samaritan Society & New Deal Lodge. His educational journey was cultivated and enhanced within the Bibb County Public School System. In that his father instilled in all of his children strong work ethics, Isreal learned the responsibilities of working hard and being self-sufficient at an early age. His very first job was at Pig’n Whistle in Macon, Georgia. He was employed by Bibb Distributing Company, Borden’s Dairy, Macon Billiards and other businesses while in Georgia. His employment in Tennessee included working at Southern Woods & Tennessee Valley Railroad from where he retired.

On May 4, 1967, he proudly enlisted in the United States Army, served bravely in the Vietnam War, and received an honorable discharge on June 9, 1969. Isreal was united in holy matrimony to Lillian Wiley Williams of Powersville,

Georgia on November 5, 1961, and to that union two daughters and one son were born.

He was definitely a jokester, loved having fun and getting together with family and friends. His bright personality made him unforgettable to everyone he encountered. He carried the humor and warmth of his southern upbringing throughout his entire life.

Many years earlier, the majority of his maternal aunt's clan (The late Mrs. Thelma Parker Spivey's Family) had migrated to Chattanooga, where they purchased homes, some opened new businesses and were doing tremendously well. Over 40 years ago, he made the decision to also make Chattanooga, Tennessee his home, where he remained at his death.

His legacy and treasured memories will forever be cherished by his wife, Lillian Wiley Williams of Warner Robins, Georgia; two daughters and one son, Angelia (Milton) Williams of Gray, GA., Patricia Williams (Willie Johnson) of Warner Robins, GA and Harold (Denise) Williams of Columbia, SC; stepdaughter, Tanya (Darrin) Marcus of Warner Robins, GA; eight grandchildren, Tavarres (April Braxton) Williams, Shameka Williams, Halle Williams, Quinton Flowers, Melissa Wimberly, William Davis, Steven (Jamecia) Hollings and Shane (Ivinia) Hollings; four sisters, Mary Williams Baul, Christine Williams (David) Rivers, Rosa Williams Davis, all of Macon, GA, and Bessie (Billy Cole) Williams, Decatur, GA.; two brothers, Jesse (Beatrice) Williams, Sr. of Macon, GA. and Clifford (Valerie) Williams, Sr. of Raeford, NC; seven great-grandchildren, T'Airra Williams, Elijah Dantes, Trayvon Flowers, Quinton Flowers, Jr., Jabez Flowers, Teya Davis and Niklaus Hollings; a very special cousin, \*\*Alice Spivey "Prayer" (John) Jones of Chattanooga; and a host of caring nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Israel will lie-in-state on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Graveside Service will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. as the Eulogist.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

JUN 20. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

JUN 20. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
1200 Bailey Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37404

# Tribute Wall

CE

“ Prayers to the Evans and Williams family it was a joy to have you as a Father-in-law for the past 8 years Chris and I will truly miss you but your memories will always be in our hearts, love always Chris and Claudine Evans.

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**Claudine Evans** - June 19, 2025 at 08:03 AM

SS

“ Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Israel Williams, Jr.



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**Sonya Stiggers** - June 18, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JP

“ Remembering the laughter Mr. Israel we keep on our faces are precious memories I will hold in my heart forever. To Chris Evans and the entire family, as long as we hold on to those memories of Mr. Israel, then they are never far away and will live on in our hearts.  
Jean Jones Pickens



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**Jean Pickens** - June 17, 2025 at 06:42 AM

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“ We extend condolences to the family of Israel Williams. There is a long history between the Williams and Watkins families of Macon, GA through school, and work, and friendships. Israel will be missed by all who loved and cared for him. We trust and Pray that God will comfort and strengthen you all though these painful and difficult days. We love you.

*The Watkins and McCier families*

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**R.McCier** - June 13, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CH

“ Caris Healthcare Hospice lit a candle in memory of Israel Williams, Jr.



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**Caris Healthcare Hospice** - June 09, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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“ My heart goes out to you and your family for the loss of your loved one. I know how much the loss of a family member means to a family. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May he rest in eternal peace. Please accept my sincere condolences. Special condolences to Chris Evans. Praying always for you.



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**Gracelia Moore** - June 07, 2025 at 05:47 PM