



Mr. Richard Williams, Sr.

August 9, 1942 - October 12, 2022

Mr. Richard Williams Sr., affectionately known as "Low Belly" and "Uncle Richard", 80, passed away peacefully on October 12th, 2022 at Riverside Regional Hospital. He was born on August 9th, 1942 to Bettie and James O. Williams in Newport News, Virginia. He attended Booker T. Washington Elementary School and Huntington High School.

Richard's first occupation was flooring while he was in high school.

He then became a mason helper, and ultimately became a brick mason, in which he owned his own business. He built many establishments and residences for over 40 years. He was a perfectionist and took pride in all of the "jobs" he completed. When he would ride around, he loved pointing out all the places he built. He was instrumental in teaching so many the trade, all while giving life lessons at the same time.

Richard recently became a member of The United House of Prayer for All People and was blessed to be baptized during this 96th Annual Holy Convocation season. He loved to ride around town, especially to critique the architectural skills of others. He loved to ride to the water at Peterson Yacht Basin to feed the birds and read the newspaper. His memory was spot-on and he had knowledge and history that no book could provide. And he loved his Ford trucks, country music, and video chatting.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Bettie and James; his sisters,

Eutha Mae White, Naomi Tynes, and Ella Tynes; brothers, Curtis Lee Williams and Oscar Ray Williams; and son, Richard Williams Jr.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sylvia Williams; sons, Curtis Williams (Monia), Norman Williams, and Richard Perry; daughters, Joy Williams, Crystal Jernigan, TaLonja Patton, and Precious Patton; sisters, Lillian "Louise" Conner-Kelow and Gladys Brown, and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, and friends. He had a special love for his great-granddaughter, Kelani. He loved and appreciated his daughters' mothers, Diane Lewis and Anita Patton. He was loved like a father by John [Paul] Sanders and Julianne Davis-Lowther.

When asked, the advice he would leave to others is to "live life".

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

2700 Parish Ave
Newport News, VA 23607

Previous Events

Williams Sr. Public Viewing

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Williams Sr. Celebration Service

OCT 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

United House of Prayer For All
646 48th Street
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard Williams, Sr.*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 18, 2022 at 12:25 PM

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My deepest condolences to the family. Mr. Richard was a wonderful man he will be truly missed we love you. The Banks family

Chiquita Graham - October 20, 2022 at 07:01 AM

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“ *Today I wanted to publicly express how much I miss you. "Let the Church Say Amen" just played on my playlist. I know you were somewhere close by humming. Love you forever.*

-Your babygirl, Precious

Precious - July 11, 2025 at 07:55 AM

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“ I have such fond memories of Richard living next door to him and family all through elementary and high school. He was our protector. If a bully approached us, we only had to say “I know Richard Williams” My deepest sympathy to the Williams family. Please know that he was truly loved and I will always Cherish his friendship. God bless you and give you comfort and peace in your time of grief.
Virginia Edmonds White (Dollbaby)

Virginia White - October 19, 2022 at 09:14 PM

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“ The Family
You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of your love one. May God continue to bless your family in this time of bereavement.
The Holland's

Theresa Holland - October 18, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - October 18, 2022 at 12:22 PM

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“ As kids my Uncle Richard use to come by on summer nights with his pick up and pick up us and some of the cousins and ride us all over the place he would stop at a store and get lots of cookie and treats a toss them to us on the back of the truck and we'll just ride and enjoying each other laughing joking eating snacks until we pass out then Carry us home by then we're ready for bed...so much fun so many memories r.l.p Unk that's what we called him.Tynes Family



Anita Tynes Lucas - October 15, 2022 at 01:03 PM

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“ Forever would not have been long enough, but the memories we've created will forever be in my heart. We love you so much.
-Your Babygirl, Precious 💕💕

Precious - October 15, 2022 at 08:18 AM