



Mr. Jerry P. Williams

November 25, 1930 - January 15, 2025

PICKERINGTON, OH/MARCY, NY – Mr. Jerry P. Williams, age 94, formerly of Marcy, NY, passed away on January 15, 2025 at Storypoint Pickerington in Pickerington, Ohio. He was widely respected for his work ethic, intelligence, thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity.

Born in Utica on November 25, 1930, Jerry was the son of Jerry and Ada Williams. A graduate of Utica Free Academy, he served in the United States Army for four years, including combat service as an infantry sergeant during the Korean War, where he earned a Purple Heart. After his discharge from the Army, Jerry earned a bachelor's degree in business from Utica College.

He married the former Daisy Carvain on December 22, 1956, a union which lasted until her passing in December 1995. Jerry opened a grocery store, Williams Market, at 217 Whitesboro Street in Utica in 1959, and ran the store until it closed in 1971. He then began a 30-plus year career with the New York State Department of Labor as a Veterans Intake Clerk. In 1961, Jerry was appointed to the Utica Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and served two terms from May 1961 to December 1963 and again from January 1967 to December 1969. At the time of Jerry's first appointment to the ZBA then-Mayor Frank Dulan said he believed Jerry was the first African American ever appointed to a municipal post in Utica.

A longtime member of Grace Episcopal Church, Jerry served the church in various ways, including as a junior warden, a member of the vestry, leading the ushers, a member of several pledge campaigns, the search committee for the late rector, the Very Rev. James Jensen, a delegate for the diocese, and as volunteer in the thrift store.

In addition to his beloved wife, Daisy, Jerry was preceded in death by their son, Phillip Michael Williams Sr. Jerry is survived by his children and their spouses, Winston and Sabrina Williams of Raleigh, N.C., Marcia and Sammie Bonner of San Antonio, Texas, and Audrey Williams of Pickerington, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Florence Williams of Utica; his grandchildren, Tiffany Williams, Jasmine Williams, Phillip Michael Williams Jr., Craig Andrew Williams, Brandon Bonner, and Brook Bonner; several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, brothers, Melvin Williams and Richard (Dickey) Williams, both of Utica; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family offers tremendous and heartfelt thanks to the Ohioans and the staff at Storypoint Pickerington for the care and love they gave to Jerry. Their support for him and the family was indispensable and most welcome during his final days.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019615750>. Jerry's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 6 Elizabeth St. Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Army. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Jerry's honor may be made to Grace Episcopal Church online at <https://onrealm.org/GraceEpiscopalC58708/-/form/give/default>, or by mail to Grace Episcopal Church, 6 Elizabeth St., Utica, NY 13501; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home, and the

service. Interment will take place in Carr Cemetery in the spring at the convenience of the family.

This tribute to Jerry's life was lovingly written by his family.

Cemetery Details

Carr Cemetery

Route 291
Marcy, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Home Going Service

JAN 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Grace Episcopal Church
6 Elizabeth Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

EP

“ My condolences to the family and loved ones of Jerry. I will always remember his beautiful smile and joyful spirit.

Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer



Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer - February 05, 2025 at 07:05 PM

RB

“ So so very sorry to hear about Mr Williams' passing. Such a nice caring person he was. One of my first memories was when my brother and I were driving with my grandmother in a snow storm and her car went off the road on Morgan Road in Marcy. The car went in the ditch and turned in it's side. Mr Williams stopped and helped us climb out of the car. That's when Audrey and I first met and became friends. Thinking about you all. Love, Renee Broccoli

Renee Broccoli - January 30, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SB

“ Mr Jerry, great memories back in the 60's going to his store from A-7 Goldbas Apartments. He was always smiling and he knew everybody's parents. Rest In Peace my Brother.

Mr Steve Bowens & Family



Steven Bowens - January 29, 2025 at 09:21 PM

ML

“ Jerry will be remembered for his spirit of handling the task at hand. His wit was very sharp and he was all about taking care of business. He will truly be missed. Jerry was one who definitely impacted my every encounter with him. I shall remember the cute eyes he would sarcastically cut at me.(an inside joke only he and Audrey would understand—smile). To the family may the grace and love of Jerry’s Lord Jesus Christ comfort you in your time of bereavement. May you find strength and joy in your memories.
Sincerely, Marsha-RN

Marsha Little - January 29, 2025 at 06:50 PM

DW

“ Deepest condolences to Jerry family and brothers. May your faith keep you strong. Prayers of comfort and strength during this difficult time



Dawn Winston - January 28, 2025 at 10:38 PM

MW

“ My sincere condolences to Melvin, Dickey, Winnie and the rest of the Williams family. I have so many fond memories of Jerry. Baby sitting Winnie when they lived on Washington St. when Daisy and he were dating. Meeting at his store on our way to UFA. Where he encouraged us to stay in school and get good grades. Summer times spent in the front of his store discussing sports with him and Melvin. I am smiling now as I remember his little stutter. He may be gone but I am surely not the only one to ensure he is not forgotten. May He Rest in Peace! Love the guy (Mickey Washington)



Mickey Washington - January 28, 2025 at 04:44 PM

MW

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family of Jerry Williams. We're sending our prayers for comfort and peace at this difficult time. He will be sorely missed. Mary and Bobby Wells. 🙏🙏🙏

Mary and Robert Wells - January 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM

DH

“ Doris Harf lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry P. Williams



Doris Harf - January 25, 2025 at 06:59 PM

LB

“ Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry P. Williams



Lonnie Brown - January 25, 2025 at 01:37 PM

BH

“ Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" -Martin Luther King. Jerry personified this sentiment! - My sincerest condolences to all the family. Bernice Hill

Bernice Hill - January 23, 2025 at 08:24 AM

TM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Williams family. Mr. Jerry Williams was a very nice man and anytime you visited the NYS Office Bldg., "Working Solutions", Mr. Williams was there to lend a hand and with a smile. Blessings to his entire family.

Jerome & Tyra McKinsey & family

Tyra K McKinsey - January 22, 2025 at 10:47 AM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to Audrey and her siblings, as well as extended family and friends, on the loss of Mr. Williams. Sending prayers of comfort and peace in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Stephanie K. Starks - January 22, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SU

“ To Jerry's family:

Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. I have fond memories of Jerry (and Daisy too) from Grace Church where we served together in several capacities. Jerry always had a smile and I enjoyed his laugh and demeanor. I will miss him. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.
Sue Ulrich



Susan Ulrich - January 22, 2025 at 06:51 AM