



Ervin Lamont Williams

January 23, 1964 - February 16, 2026

Ervin Lamont Williams, a native of Elm City, North Carolina, was born January 23, 1964, in Wilson County.

Ervin entered into rest on February 16, 2026, in Daviess County, Owensboro, Kentucky, at the age of 62 years, 24 days.

Ervin was born to the late Walter L. Williams and Algie Elzera Evans-Williams and was preceded in death by his brother, Gregory Tyrone Evans and sister-in-law Ruby Evans.

Ervin was a graduate of Louisburg College. He earned his Associate of Arts in General Studies. He was a student trainer and student manager for the men's basketball team. Ervin also earned his Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Administration from Lenoir-Rhyne University in 1987. He was a student trainer for football, men's basketball, and baseball.

In 1988, Ervin became Director of the campus Intramural Sports and Campus Recreation for students, staff, and the community. At Louisburg College, in Louisburg, North Carolina, from August 1988 to June 1997. Ervin, a firefighter and Safety Officer with the Louisburg Fire Department, served as the department's safety officer. spending hours educating and serving the community with training. Ervin became Director of Basketball Operations with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for 5 years, July 1997- June 2002; Director of Operations for women's basketball with oversight and management of

internal and external affairs about all basketball activities.

From July 2002 through June 2013, Ervin remained with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Game-Day Operations for the Nebraska athletic department. Fulfilling his responsibilities, planning events, hiring, vetting, and training event staff. Ervin worked hard and stayed busy being a House Parent (dad) for Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from August 2003 until June 2013. House manager and house dad for over 40 young men who were members of Beta Theta Pi. A challenge he did not take lightly.

Upon leaving Nebraska, Ervin found his place as Director of Basketball Operations with Western Kentucky University, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, from July 2013 until March 2018.

Ervin's memories will always be honored by his siblings: Jacqueline (Dr. Seth) Lartey, Ernest J. Williams, Adrian (Evelyn) Williams, Carlyle Williams, Walter L "Peewee" Williams, and Vivian Elaine Williams-Johnson. His aunts and uncles: Betsy Plummer, Mildred Wright, Adonia (George) Harrison, Bertha Evans, Carrie Evans, Cynthia Evans, and Leroy (Celeste) Williams. A host of nieces and nephews, Alicia Lartey, Victoria Lartey, Nicole King, Solomon Lartey, Dazmenn Z. Williams, Ernest J. Williams II, Gregory Evans, Stephon Evans, Donte' Davis, Christopher Woodard, Sharon High-Jones and great nephews, Zamari Evans, Kash Evans, Seth Lartey. A host of cousins and friends.

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Ervin's extended family from in and around North Carolina, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Western Kentucky University, Louisburg College, Lenoir-Rhyne University and other regions. a very special thanks to Paul Sanderson, Jeff Walz, Sandra K. Young, Lisa "Lil" Buck, Travis Shawrton and countless others.

Cremation was chosen

Sincerely,

- Your friends at Burnam and Son Mortuary, Inc.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *I worked with BIG Erv at the University of Nebraska Athletics. A great friend to many of all ages and had a HUGE heart.* ”

Peg Slagle - February 27 at 10:51 PM

KC

“ I worked with Ervin as an Event Staffer in Nebraska Athletics. I started with Events in 2003 and worked in the parking lot at Haymarket Park. We could always tell when Ervin was up in his 'perch' in the skybox level watching exit traffic after Husker or Saltdogs Baseball games; his radio calls were famous for telling us what to do or what we could do better. It didn't take long to learn that Ervin's bark was worse than his bite. Yes, he rubbed some people the wrong way, but I counted him as a good friend. We knew he had our backs and would do whatever was needed to help us do our jobs for Husker fans.

He was proud of his 'little brothers' and the times he spent with them trying to make their lives better. He mentored the young men in Beta Theta Pi, educating them on how to be good men; he was a proud father to those guys.

We were sad to see Ervin leave Nebraska, but his talents were needed elsewhere. We know that he touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with on Bowling Green, KY, and elsewhere, as he did in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I wished we could have kept in touch better since he left Nebraska; he had so many friends here that missed him. He is healthy and at peace now in Heaven.

My prayers are with Ervin's family during this time. RIP Ervin!

Kathy Casburn
Nebraska Event Staff

Kathy Casburn - February 27 at 05:41 PM

HZ

“ I am saddened to hear of Ervin’s passing. I was on the event staff when Ervin was one of the event managers for UNL. I remember Ervin sharing he was a House Parent for one of the fraternities. He also volunteered with the Big Brother Organization. My condolences to Ervin’s family. Helen Zimmer

Helen Zimmer - February 26 at 08:53 PM

RL

“ I was a member of the Louisburg College men’s basketball team with “Big Erv”. A gentle giant with a kind heart. Rest In Peace Ervin.



Rod Lane - February 25 at 09:43 AM

BH

“ Big E was just the best. I met him by way of his friend Coach Paul Sanderford. E always had a great smile and a ready one liner!

Belle Lady Hunt - February 25 at 07:16 AM

LK

“ I am so sad to read this. Ervin and my Dad were good friends when I was young, and he would come to our house and play Monopoly with me when I was about 5 years old. His warm smile and infectious laugh (that I can still hear today) will be missed. He was a gentle giant and one of my favorite baby photos is him holding me. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Lillian Koontz - February 24 at 06:20 PM

VS

“ *Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Vetta Sublett - February 24 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ *Being from NC, I knew Big Erv when he worked at Louisburg College. We lost touch and then when I started working at Nebraska our paths crossed again. Great guy, better listener. Rest in peace, Big Erv!*

Jan Bethea - February 24 at 06:59 AM

WP

“ *Wintress Parker lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Wintress Parker - February 23 at 07:17 AM

RR

“ *I worked with Erv at the University of Nebraska. A wonderful friend and co-worker. Rest in peace.*

Rox Rasmussen - February 22 at 10:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ervin Lamont Williams.*



February 22 at 02:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ervin Lamont Williams.

February 22 at 02:28 PM



“ *James M And Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



James M and Kenetha Bryant - February 22 at 01:22 PM



“ *James M And Kenetha Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



James M and Kenetha Bryant - February 22 at 01:22 PM

DB

“ *David And Wilma Buford lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



David and Wilma Buford - February 22 at 01:02 PM

TS

“ *I will miss you Erv, may you rest in peace.*

Travis Schwartz - February 22 at 12:51 PM

PA

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the Williams family. Praying for strength, comfort, and peace during this difficult time.*
— *Paula Alston*



Paula Alston - February 21 at 02:45 PM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Buel Young - February 21 at 02:13 PM

EG

“ *Elaine Gooch lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Elaine Gooch - February 21 at 12:18 PM

GL

“ *Glynis Lewis-Green lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Glynis Lewis-Green - February 21 at 11:35 AM

SC

“ *Suzie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Ervin Lamont Williams*



Suzie Carpenter - February 21 at 11:33 AM

BI

“ *Dear Williams Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.

Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Burnam and Son Mortuary Inc. - February 21 at 11:12 AM

KD

“ *Kathleen donan lit a candle in memory of Ervin Williams*



Kathleen donan - February 21 at 10:45 AM

RO

“ *rosie lit a candle in memory of Ervin Williams*



rosie - February 21 at 08:36 AM