



Joe Louis Williams Sr.

February 11, 1957 - February 6, 2026

Mr. Joe Louis Williams Sr. was born in Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas. On February 11, 1957, to the late Mr. Leroy Williams Sr. and Mrs. Lula Mae Skinner Williams. Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sallie Mae Skinner and Augusta Skinner, Elijah Williams and Ruth Williams; by his children, DaShawn Smith and Davon “Monte” Smith; by his brothers, Leroy Williams Jr., Timothy Thomas; and his sister, Teresa Williams.

Joe confessed his Faith at the age of 15, with Hope United Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Joe attended Gage Park High School in Chicago, Illinois. Joe joined the United States Marine Corps. Joe entered into rest on February 6, 2026, at the age of 68 years, 11 months, 26 days.

“Joe Louis, “Mississippi-Our Brother,” You were a character, never a dull moment. Growing up with you. You kept us laughing. We will certainly miss that smile of yours. It was the grin we had to worry about! Shenanigans soon followed. Joe was fiercely protective of his family. His weekly phone calls to us will be missed. “Just checking on y'all.” Our social butterfly! Joe was a loving son, brother, uncle, nephew, and cousin to many. His kind spirit, warm smile, and genuine Heart touched many lives. His memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Joe will be remembered by his children: Fabian Watson Williams, Joe Louis

(Lakesha) Williams Jr., Joe Louis Jenkins. Grandchildren: Jacob, Kentaea, Emma, Emery, Tamiya, Elijah Louis, and LaKendra. Brothers and Sisters: Clinton Williams, Joseph Williams, Marlon (Renee Green) Thomas, Greg (Kimberly) Warren, Tony (Raina) Williams, Edna Ruth (Terry) West, Layair Williams, Thelma Louise (Victor) Bell, Dorothy Mae Williams, Michelle (Rippert) Roberts Jr, Cassandra Williams, Lesa Williams. Life-long devoted companion Barbara Williams. Bonus children; Leon "Chester" (Laina) Twillie, Desiree (Jack) Dickerson, and the late Davon "Montae" Smith, Dashawn Smith. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. We will honor Joseph's wish to be cremated following service and memorial to be announced at later.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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Funeral Service

FEB **21**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shelia Beck lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Shelia Beck - March 08 at 09:35 PM

WP

“ *Wintress Parker lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Wintress Parker - February 23 at 07:19 AM

CH

“ *cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Joe Williams*



cheryl Hewitt - February 21 at 09:57 AM

WC

“ *William Covington lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



William Covington - February 18 at 06:06 PM

RB

“ *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*

Ryan Burnam - February 18 at 12:18 PM

AR

“ *See You Again Our friend RIP*



AlanaFaye Roberson - February 15 at 06:19 PM

ZH

“ *Zora Hays lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Zora Hays - February 12 at 11:55 AM

SB

“ *Shelia Beck lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Shelia Beck - February 11 at 07:37 PM



“ *Rachel Cullom sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Rachel Cullom - February 11 at 01:54 PM



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Rachel Cullom - February 11 at 01:53 PM

BE

“ *Brian Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Brian Edwards - February 10 at 05:29 PM

KD

“ *Kathleen Donan lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Kathleen Donan - February 10 at 12:11 PM

KC

“ *Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - February 10 at 10:36 AM

SC

“ *Suzie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Suzie Carpenter - February 10 at 07:15 AM

KH

“ *Kellie Hewitt-Girbert lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Kellie Hewitt-Girbert - February 08 at 05:48 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dunn lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Brenda Dunn - February 08 at 09:43 AM

KD

“ *Kathleen Donan lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



Kathleen donan - February 07 at 07:18 PM

WW

“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



William walker - February 07 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Joe Louis Williams Sr.*



cheryl Hewitt - February 07 at 12:26 PM

VS

“ *Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Joseph Williams* ”



Vetta Sublett - February 07 at 08:02 AM