



## David Wayne Williams

July 6, 1960 - January 15, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

David Wayne Williams, 63, passed away Monday, January 15, 2024, in Olive Branch, MS. A visitation will be held Monday, January 22, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the funeral service immediately following at 1:00 p.m., all at Desoto Hills Baptist Church. Interment will be at Desoto Memorial Gardens. Bro. James Lewis will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

David was born to the late G.A. and Myrtle Williams. He attended and played football for the University of Mississippi from 1978-1982. From his love and passion of sports, he went on to become an educator and football and baseball coach at Southaven High School. During his tenure there, he affectionately became known as “Coach”, winning two state baseball championships and the first championship win for Desoto County in 1989.

In his free time, prior to becoming disabled, David enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and golfing. He was a man of faith, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and humorous. He was lovingly known as “Pops” to his grandchildren and “Big Red” to many others. But above all, his greatest love was reserved for his family. He will be dearly missed by all those that loved and cherished him.

David is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Williams, of Hernando, MS; children, Katie (Adam) Huling, of Nesbit, MS, Jake (Logan) Williams, of Collierville, TN, and Joseph Johnson, of Hernando; grandchildren, David Johnson, Jax Huling, Mason Huling, and Carter Williams; and his brothers, Gene (Linda) Williams, of Millington, TN, and John (Mickie) Williams, of Mason, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, G.A. and Myrtle Williams.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Mr. David Wayne Williams can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([give.michaeljfox.org](http://give.michaeljfox.org)).

Jake Williams, Joseph Johnson, David Johnson, Adam Huling, Jax Huling, and Ronnie Skinner will serve as pallbearers. Mark Johnson and David Burnett will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Expressions of condolences may be left on Mr. David Wayne Williams' Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

DeSoto Hills Baptist Church  
4680 Getwell Road  
Southaven, MS 38672

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

DeSoto Hills Baptist Church  
4680 Getwell Road  
Southaven, MS 38672

## Committal

JAN 22 (CT)

Desoto Memorial Gardens  
630 Star Landing Rd E  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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April 15, 2024 at 11:06 PM



“ *Thank you Coach you feel in love with me and my brother wen u first saw cuz we was twins and our last names is WILLIAMS as well We love you coach thank you for all the memories #Twin11*

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**Aaron Twin Williams** - February 01, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ *Coach Williams was a great coach, but an even better man. He taught me how to take responsibility for my actions. He will be missed.*

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**Donell Abram** - January 22, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *Jennifer and Family: My heart is broken on hearing of the passing of David. May you know how very much I pray for you and your family that God will wrap His loving arms around you and know that you will see him again! What a wonderful and joyous that day will be!! Love to you and your family and that you will be comforted by the fact that David is rejoicing with all of those that have gone on before him-Love you-Janie Oatsvall*

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**Janie Oatsvall** - January 22, 2024 at 01:28 PM

JG

“ James G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Williams.

James G. - January 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM

KF

“ Kathy Garrison and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Wayne Williams.



Kathy Garrison and family - January 22, 2024 at 10:59 AM

CS

“ We will forever remember this wonderful man. He was such a special mentor and friend to so many young and older. Our family will forever be grateful for the mentorship and love he showed our sons. Prayers are with his very special family. The Stevensons

Carolyn Stevenson - January 22, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 21, 2024 at 02:21 AM

CF

“ Chris Choate & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Williams.

Chris Choate & Family - January 21, 2024 at 02:21 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 19, 2024 at 06:04 PM

LK

“ David and Jennifer became our family in Houston, TX in the early 80s. Both couples being newlyweds and living far from our homes, we met at church and became inseparable. We are very grateful for those years and the blessing of sharing life with these two precious people. David was such a joy to be around and a loyal friend. God bless Jennifer and family with peace and sweet memories. So long for now, David! Heaven is sweeter today!

Lori Kellum - January 19, 2024 at 02:11 PM

JR

*It is a pleasure to have known and worked with David at DeSoto County Schools. He cared for his students and players. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.*

**Joan Ray** - January 19, 2024 at 05:06 PM

DL

*I am just finding out about David's passing. I knew of David through his wife Jennifer. We graduated from Skyview in the same year. I always admired Jennifer & David in high school. David was a very nice guy. I just want to give my deepest condolences to David's loved ones. My prayers and dearest sympathies, for God to bless and send comfort to Jennifer and his family.*

**Diana Lawrence** - March 24, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



January 19, 2024 at 01:59 PM

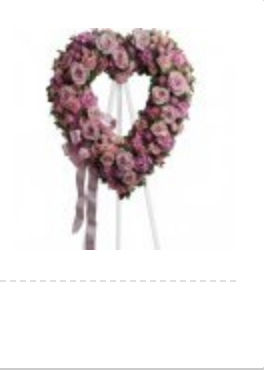
BF

“ *Brandi Bearden and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Williams.*

**Brandi Bearden and family** - January 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



January 19, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ *The HAE Internal Audit Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



**The HAE Internal Audit Team** - January 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



January 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



January 19, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 18, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 18, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Nicole A. purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of David Wayne Williams.



**Nicole A.** - January 18, 2024 at 02:14 PM

TF

“ *The Burnette Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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**The Burnette Family** - January 18, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 18, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 18, 2024 at 11:02 AM

ER

“ *My love and prayers are with you in this loss of such a vibrant person. I treasure the memory of David stepping out of his comfort zone to act in SVA's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace". David, thanks for the laughter.*

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**Emily Reames-Sanderson** - January 18, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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“ *The HAE Regulatory Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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**The HAE Regulatory Team** - January 18, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CJ

“ *One of the best teachers and coaches I had growing up! He was always so kind and treated us all like we were his kids! You will be missed! Sending prayers to his beautiful family!*



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**Carrie Jones** - January 18, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 18, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 18, 2024 at 09:28 AM

LP

“ *Mr. David made a huge impact on my life, as well as many others over the years! I am so sorry to hear of his passing. We are sending all of our love and prayers!*

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**Lauren Page** - January 18, 2024 at 06:43 AM

DB

“ *Coach Dennis Bartel. Sorry to here about the passing of Coach Williams. I worked with him at Galena Park Middle School. We taught P. E. together. What a joy it was working with him. He loved the students as if they were his own. He made the world a better place and you will be missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to Jennifer and family.*

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**Dennis Bartel** - January 18, 2024 at 05:54 AM

MT

“ *Prayers are with the family in this time. Coach was a good man and always believe I was one of the best tailbacks he had coached. He was a great man.*

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**Marcus Threatt** - January 17, 2024 at 11:03 PM

BH

“ *One of the greatest guys I knew. I loved him as a p.e coach. Could talk to him about anything*❤️

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**Brandie hall** - January 17, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.



January 17, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Coach Williams was a fine educator who influenced many of his students lives. He was well respected by his fellow teachers as well as his students. My heart is broken for his family. I taught with Coach for many years at SMS and taught Katie and Jake. They were both awesome kids and that is a testament of their home life. Coach, you are loved and missed. ~ Cindy Passons

Cindy Passons - January 17, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. Had the honor and privilege of working with him at Southaven High starting in 1993. He accepted me and made me feel a part of the staff from day 1. He was a special role for all he coached and worked with. He will be missed. Coach Lucian King.

Coach Lucian King - January 17, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Jennifer and family, Bruce and I send our condolences to all. So sorry to hear this now but David will suffer no more. He is in the hands of his savior Jesus Christ. You are all in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Dianne & Bruce Dahlke - January 17, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 17, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *I was in 10th grade when I first met Coach Williams. He got me out of shop class and said he needed to speak with me. I was scared to death and couldn't figure out what I had done wrong. (Usually when a coach called you into the hallway it meant you were in trouble and there was a paddle involved). When I got to the hallway he told me, "I hear you play soccer" to which I replied "yes sir". He then said, "you're going to play football next year and be the kicker". It wasn't a question! He turned and walked away. Well, I played football my junior and senior year. He was one of my favorite coaches. He will be missed! Rest easy Coach! SHS c/o 95*

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**Mike McCabe** - January 17, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ *Love, Jim and Melanie Westphal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Williams.*

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**Love, Jim and Melanie Westphal** - January 17, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 17, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Wayne Williams.*



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January 17, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *David was so kind, courteous and loving.  
Even with his illness, hearing his occasional laugh out loud, could put a smile on your face.  
Such a great loss to all who knew and loved him.*

*Miss you already David.....Carol V*

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**Carol Vaughan** - January 17, 2024 at 04:35 PM