

Pallbearers

Ray Williams • Stanley Williams • Mitchell Williams
Chris Dade • Melvin Harris, II • William Harris
Carl Price • Robert Harris • Cameron Alston • Paul Jones

Flower Bearers

Stephanie Alston • Kellie Price
Diane Harris • McKenzie Long

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The Williams Family would like to thank the extended family, neighbors from the community, fellow Swing Dancers, members from the travel group, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the Prince Hall Masons, friends, and members of the military. The love you have given our family and your willingness to support us during this difficult time means the world to us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Repast

Please join the Williams Family at the American Legion, 8608 N. E. 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73110 immediately following the service. There is a cash bar available (sorry, no credit cards will be accepted). Phone number (405) 732-6665.

Celebrating The Life of Lowell Jean Williams

SUNRISE
June 24, 1967

SUNSET
November 3, 2019



SERVICES

Saturday, November 9, 2019 — 1:00 p.m.

EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

2801 N. Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Carla Price, Officiating



Order of Service



Musical Prelude — Instrumental

Welcome Carla Price

Song of Praise *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Opening Words of Affirmation Dash Jackson

Scripture Reading

Hope from the Old Testament Emily Brinston

Promise from the New Testament Julia Dade

Musical Reflection Guest Musician

Words of Remembrance Carl Price
Rayvon Williams
Ray Williams

Song of Love *"Amazing Grace"*

Presentation of Resolutions and Acknowledgements

The Meditation — Song: *"Best Part"* — Daniel Caesar Instrumental

The Message Carla Price

Song of Celebration *"Oh Happy Day"*

Military Tribute Presented by the United States Army Color Guard

Blessing Carla Price

Music for Going Forth *"Going Up Yonder"*





Obituary

Major Lowell Jean Williams, a licensed behavioral healthcare provider, military officer and Infantryman served in the United States Army for over 30 years. He deployed to areas of combat, national disasters, and emergencies. A leader and mentor to many throughout the community; his life, legacy, and love will always be remembered. We know that old Soldiers never truly die, they just fade away.

It can be easily said: Lowell lived his best life. Lowell gave a life of service to his family, community, and nation. Many knew him as "Blue" because of his beloved membership in the Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma. Others knew him as "Will" and they marveled at how his gentleness was coupled with compassion. Then, there were those who knew him simply as Lowell: the man who would do anything for anyone in need.

Early Life

Lowell was born to Robert Alvis & Suddie Mae Williams on June 24, 1967 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lowell's early life was robust and his home was filled with love, laughter, music, and shenanigans. While he was the youngest of seven children, Lowell stood out in the family because he was known for being extraordinarily smart. In fact, Lowell tested out of preschool and was entered into an advanced educational program where he was bused across town to an area that was unfamiliar to him. One day after preschool was finished for the day, Lowell was placed on the wrong school bus. At just four years of age, Lowell was savvy enough to cross a busy 4-lane street, go to a random house, and knock on a door of a complete stranger. A lady answered and he explained to her that the bus dropped him off at the wrong house! This intelligent little boy gave her his correct address and phone number and was able to re-connect with his family.

As a young man, Lowell was also an avid athlete and played a variety of sports. He was known for his exceptional basketball and tennis skills. He continued to be an exceptional athlete and played sports well into adulthood. His affinity for sports included his passion for football and he faithfully watched and attended the University of Oklahoma games when they played at home or away.

Military Life

After high school, Lowell decided to pursue a military career. He was 17 years old when he decided to answer to a higher calling. His sister and brothers were already serving as military members and Lowell followed in their footsteps.

Lowell joined the United States Army and easily completed Basic and Air Defense Artillery training. Over the next 10 years, he had assignments that carried him all over the world. He was known for his leadership skills early on and was selected to positions that highlighted his professionalism and willingness to go above and beyond. In this regard, he excelled! Notable was his completion of Air Assault training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky while assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. Lowell was very proud of his Screaming Eagles wings and loved to tell the stories of how Air Assault training was superior to Airborne school.

Lowell served in both the Army Reserve and Oklahoma National Guard. He was committed to protecting his community and country as an Infantryman. Through numerous combat deployments, Lowell performed his military duties honorably in extreme conditions including: Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, and Kuwait. It is important to note that Lowell served as a Commander during combat. While many officers never get the chance to command, Lowell did and he did it well. The weight from the responsibility of being in command is challenging because the lives, the well-being, and the welfare of Soldiers is upon the commander. We acknowledge Lowell's tremendous dedication to those who were entrusted into his care; he was able to safely re-deploy his unit! He was awarded the prestigious Combat Infantry Badge for his wartime efforts while in combat.

Professional Life

Lowell pursued educational training in Criminal Justice— receiving his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Langston University. Later, he found a new calling in mental health, reaching out to “at risk” youth helping them to realize the necessary life skills to be vibrant adults. Lowell sought certification in opioid addiction and rehabilitation and for the last 10 years, he has been involved as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

This past year, Lowell has been transitioning from a military environment into private practice and completing additional educational training and practicum. He worked at Able Recovery as a licensed behavioral healthcare provider with practicum activities that included: screenings and assessments, intakes, diagnoses, treatment planning, counseling, crises intervention, treatment team participation, documentation, case management, consultation, and professional presentations. Lowell became a therapist because of his intrinsic desire to help people. His long-term professional goals were to work with combat Veterans who might be suffering from post-traumatic stress.

Personal Passions

Lowell absolutely loved Swing Dancing and traveling. When it came to swing dancing, Lowell was such an avid dancer that he not only taught classes, but he also packed his dancing shoes and took them with him when he deployed to Iraq. He instituted “dance days” in Iraq that provided Soldiers an outlet and something to look forward to during downtime.

With his love of traveling, Lowell was part of a traveling group called SBTC. Traveling was such a passion for Lowell because the SBTC did not only travel, but they were committed to community service work as well. Lowell was a key organizer for several travel trips. One of Lowell’s most notable trips was the Austin Texas trip in 2018. Lowell assisted in coordinating for a toy drive that produced numerous Toys for Tots for children throughout the Austin area.

Another trip he enjoyed was the Las Vegas trip where he attended a costume party as “Sho Nuff” complete with full regalia and attire. To this day, people are still talking about how authentic his rendition was!

Family

Lowell is survived by his two adult children: Rayan and Rayvan, his two dogs: Maxie and Sophie, six siblings: Renee Harris, Julia Dade, Stanley Williams, Carla Price, Mitchell Williams and Emily Brinston, as well as a host of other relatives, co-workers, and friends. He was well loved and will be truly missed.

