



## Rev. Pete Williams

August 7, 1948 - March 12, 2021

Rudolph Eugene Williams, better known as “Pete,” left his earthly world to go home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, March 12, 2021. He was an honorable, loving, and supportive man truly dedicated to God. Words cannot express the blessing he was to so many. Born August 7, 1948, he grew in the Plainview community where he was greatly influenced by many of the Godly people in the church there. After returning from serving in the Army, Pete became an active member of Springhill Baptist Church where he “courted and married his sweetheart,” Barbara (Bob). He worked with the boys of the church as a leader of Royal Ambassadors and served as a deacon. In 1980, he surrendered to the ministry and served as a bi-vocational pastor of Sunny Hill Baptist Church for a short time and of Bogue Chitto Heights Baptist Church for 36 years before retiring from the ministry on June 3, 2018. Using his skills in carpentry, he worked on countless mission trips around the United States and here in Washington Parish. After retirement, he continued to serve God and others as a member of Springhill Baptist Church.

Pete was a devoted husband, father, and Papa. His family was precious to him, and daily he let them know how deeply they were loved by him. He delighted in spending time with his two little grandsons and rarely missed seeing them every day. He remained close to many extended family members and countless friends. Pete loved music and had a special group of friends with whom he would play music every Friday night at his shop. One of his

favorite songs was “ I’m Gonna Sing” with the lyrics “When I get to Heaven I’m gonna sing, sing, sing. . .”. He is now in a heavenly choir praising God and hopefully has a guitar to strum along on, too.

He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 44 years, Barbara Busby Williams, two daughters that he lovingly referred to as his babies, Rachel Leigh Williams and Roseanne Marie Diaz, and son-in-law Matthew Diaz, who was more like his son than son-in-law. Pete’s rays of sunshine were his two grandsons, Elias and Zachary Diaz, who truly brightened his life by being a source of constant joy. He is also survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Ellen Williams; sister Betty Rester; sister and brother-in-law Estelle and Robert Mitchell; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Beth Newman, Sheila and Lenard Smith, and Bill and Gvorja Busby

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Williams and Edith Jones Williams; an infant sister, Golda Marie; nephew Stacy Mitchell; and brother-in-law John Busby.

Pallbearers are Danny Rester, Deloy Rester, Khol Rester, Jaryd Rester, Brent Smith and Jacob Williams.

Honorary Pallbearers, are his music buddies Ray Knight, Johnny Harris, Danny Harris, Mark Jenkins, Bobby Crain, Carl Stogner, Carlon Wascom, Mike Bruce; special friends Aulton Carter, Steve Jones; special cousins Alfred Williams and Billy Jones.

One of Pete’s favorite poems, which he read on a tombstone as a child, was: “Remember, friends, as you pass by. As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you must be. Therefore, prepare to follow me.

Pete’s prayer for all is that you will all join him as a brother and sister in Christ

to be reunited with him in Heaven someday.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) on Wednesday March 17th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and after 9:00 am on Thursday. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Thursday with Rev. Daniel Barber and Rev. Ken McLemore officiating. Burial will follow in the Spencer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Springhill Baptist Church (47239 Hwy. 1072, Franklinton, LA 70438).

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Just a kind and constant man who vividly loved his family.*

Kellie Graves-Carreon - March 21, 2021 at 08:32 PM

TG

“ *I can remember on Sunday nights when we will be in Sunday school I would try to sit in the back and you would say Tammy this Front pew is empty come sit here. On Sunday mornings you always stood outside the church greeting your congregation and you knew I was always late so you would give me a few extra minutes before you went in. when I got there I would always tell you I'll try to be early next Sunday Mr. Pete but you knew come next Sunday I'll be late again. Mr. Pete you were like a second Dad he to me. Rest in peace Mr Pete*

Tammy Graves - March 17, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Pete Williams.*



March 17, 2021 at 12:49 PM

DS

“ *I came to know Pete through our love of music. We spent many weekends together in Mountainview, AR and also at the county fair in Franklinton ..... playing music with other friends. RIP, Pete. We'll play together again, my friend. ❤️*

David Staples - March 17, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MS

“ Thank you for the generous and wonderful kindness you brought to everyone.

*Love, Madeline*

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**madeline stone** - March 16, 2021 at 08:20 PM

MS

“ Madeline Stone lit a candle in memory of Rev. Pete Williams



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**madeline stone** - March 16, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Pete Williams.



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March 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM

RJ

“ Pete went way too soon for those of us who knew him on earth. I pray his entire family knows how much he'll be missed. God needed him back in the heavenly host and I understand why. Toby has already found him and made a list of projects that need finishing. With loving memories, Robert Jones

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**Robert Jones** - March 16, 2021 at 11:15 AM

DC

*Brother Pete I will sure miss you but in the future on the other side we shall meet again you want a great Sunday school teacher to me and then we had Ra's and ga's you will be dearly missed*

David Chauvin - July 07, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Pete Williams.*



March 16, 2021 at 09:22 AM

ST

“ *Sending condolences to all of your family.*  
*Sandy Toney*

Sandra Toney - March 15, 2021 at 10:40 PM

MW

“ *In the short time I have known Mr. Pete, I have never known such a generous man. He welcomed us when we purchased our land like a member of the family. Such a great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Michael Wood - March 15, 2021 at 08:27 PM

AF

“ *We going miss you brother Pete willams you was they best preacher we ever had there will never be one like you praying for they family love y'all*

Ashley Fleming - March 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Pete Williams.*



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March 15, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Debra Mizell Pigott lit a candle in memory of Rev. Pete Williams*



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**Debra Mizell Pigott** - March 15, 2021 at 03:09 PM



*Barbara and family my heart is heavy for you and your family on your loss of someone you love and cherish so much. May God's love and embrace give you strength and comfort now and all the day's ahead . Debra M Pigott and Jennifer Pigott Distefano.*

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**Debra Mizell Pigott** - March 15, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all. I loved Pete like a brother.*



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**Emily Gonzalez** - March 15, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LJ

“ Lynda Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. Pete Williams



Lynda Jones - March 15, 2021 at 11:31 AM

LJ

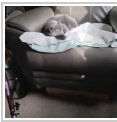
*My deepest sympathy. Prayers for the family.*

Lynda Jones - March 15, 2021 at 11:34 AM

CC

*My deepest sympathy to Barbara, his children, grandchildren, and extended family and friends. He was such a humble and kind man who prayed many times with us through my Dad, Bobby Crain's, illness, as I know he did with countless others. Heaven welcomed him with open arms to the choir!❤️*

Cheryl Crain - March 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM



*My sympathy to the Family of Pete Williams. May God's rich blessings be upon you all.*

Herbert Sharp - March 15, 2021 at 02:59 PM

BH

*The family of Pete Williams, I know you will miss him tremendously. May God's tender touch and love comfort you at this difficult time. Love you guys Barbara Hunt*

Barbara Hunt - March 15, 2021 at 09:09 PM