



## Westley E. Williams Sr.

September 18, 1957 - December 20, 2018

First Lieutenant Westley “Wes” Edward Williams, Sr. was born on September 18, 1957, in Baltimore, MD, the second of two children to Irvin and Magnolia Williams.

As a youth, Wes was a City College standout in football, lacrosse, and wrestling. His excellence in football earned him a scholarship to the University of Delaware. Unforeseen circumstances led Wes to transfer to Coppin State College after his freshman year. The move allowed him to meet his first wife, Claudette, while working part-time in a hospital.

While earning a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at Coppin, Wes developed an interest in joining the military. He completed the Army’s Reserve Officer Training Course at Coppin and went on to serve three years at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX, specializing in Air Defense Artillery. Wes and his wife had two children during this time, Natalie and Wesley, Jr. After receiving an honorable discharge, Wes and his family moved back to Baltimore, where he rekindled his passion for service. He obtained a Bachelor of Social Work from Coppin and then a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland. His work focused on adolescent fathers, troubled youths, and the elderly in Baltimore City.

Social work was never a “9-5” job for Wes. A day’s work remained unfinished until he did everything he could to meet his clients’ outstanding needs. No request was too small for him to visit a client in need, regardless of the time of day. It was no wonder that his clients looked at him less as a social worker, but more as a family member. During his 20+ years of service, Wes received formal recognition on multiple occasions, including a Mayor’s Citation; the WBFF Fox 45 Champions of Courage Award; and the Community Service Award from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Anyone that knew Wes appreciated his bigger than life smile, his photographic memory, and his appetite for learning. He had a keen interest in history— military history, especially — and enjoyed critiquing classic television and film. He took great pride in his children, instilling in them the virtues of education, the arts, and athletics. He loved sharing about

his daughter Natalie's track and field accomplishments and loving patience as a teacher; his son Wesley Jr.'s academic prowess and unconventional career path; and his youngest daughter Amelie's angelic voice and extraordinary artistic ability.

Wes ended a hard-fought battle with cancer on December 20, 2018. He is survived by three children: Natalie, Wesley, Jr., and Amelie; a wife, Mireille; a sister, Gail; five brothers, Thomas, Iglehart, Michael, Paul and Sarsfield; and a score of nieces and nephews. Wes was preceded in death by his father, Irvin; his mother Magnolia; and his brothers, Irving, Vernon, and Donald.

# Cemetery

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**Garrison Forest Veterans**  
11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD,

# Events

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**JAN 3** **Viewing** 12:00PM - 08:00PM  
March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

**JAN 4** **Wake** 09:00AM - 09:30AM  
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**JAN 4** **Service** 09:30AM  
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# Comments

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“ Joy lit a candle in memory of Westley E. Williams Sr.



Joy - January 08 at 06:02 AM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 21, 2018 at 09:24 AM