



## William Jennings, Jr.

April 24, 1947 - April 8, 2006

William Jennings, Jr. was born April 24, 1947 to the late Dessie Mae Allison and William Jennings, Sr. in Orange County, North Carolina. At the passing of his mother, he was raised in the loving home of his aunt and uncle, Ira and Mildred Ellison.

William was educated in the public school system, graduating in 1965 from Central High School in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

In 1966 he enlisted in the United States Army serving two tours in Vietnam.

He then relocated to Maryland, working for Safeway Foods.

In 1970 William and Victoria Simpson were married, and from that union two daughters, Trina and Trevia were born.

For seventeen years he worked at United Parcel Service, starting as a Delivery Driver and working his way to Preload Supervisor.

In 1985 William and Teresa Wheelous were married, and from that union one son, William, III was born.

Until his death he was employed at Lason as the Transportation/ Warehouse

Manager and as a parking supervisor at FedEx Field.

William enjoyed NASCAR racing and was one of the Washington Redskins' biggest fans. Watching old westerns and army movies was one of his favorite pastimes. He was a very unique person because he made you love him and hate him at the same time. You never forgot him, and he would always make you laugh. He was known as the jokester of the family. On weekends he and William would spend free time eating pies made by his sister and joking with his brother-in-law.

William was a cherished son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and treasured friend; he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his adopted mother, Mildred Teacher Ellison; adopted brother, Ira Richard Ellison and daughter, Karmen Chantel Taborn.

He leaves to cherish his memory adopted father, Ira Pop Ellison, Hillsborough, North Carolina; two daughters, Trina Murphy husband-Wayne, Atlanta, Georgia; Trevia Spriggs husband-Gordon, Silver Spring, Maryland; one son, William M. Jennings, III, Columbia, Maryland; two sisters, Jannette Hester husband-Detroy, Capitol Heights, Maryland and Mae Forrester Allison, Durham, North Carolina; one brother, Albert Allison wife-Shirnette, Capitol Heights, Maryland; adopted sisters, Eula ClydeCoon Jones and Fanny Mae Ellison, both of Hillsborough, North Carolina; adoptive brother, Stuart wife-Cathy Ellison, Sr., Capitol Heights, Maryland; two grandchildren, Jasmine DeAnna and Jadyn Victoria Murphy; adopted daughter, Miss Quiana Keeves, Glenarden, Maryland; nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

To send a lasting tribute or condolences to the Jennings family, please sign the Online Guestbook below. Click "Sign Guestbook".

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Jennings, Jr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Although my father had four beautiful children, I felt as though I had the greatest lost. It is going to be hard for my little brother Mike to grow up without our Daddy, because I can not imagine my life with him not there. Daddy / Booster was more than a Father to me, he was my friend. I ?hung out? with my father on a regular basis at some of the biggest events in the city just cuz he was ?Da Man?. I still do not know a lot of the reasons why certain things happen or why me of all of his children had to be there at the exact moment the life left his body but I am blessed to have had William Jennings Jr. as a father and a friend for 31 wonderful years. I would like to thank everyone for your condolences and words of kindness, but no word, thought, or any other feeling I have ever had can compare to the loss I/We have suffered. There is not a day that goes by that I do not think of my Daddy. All the jokes, the drinks, and laughs. Anyone who knew my Daddy knew he was on of a kind. Only HE could get away with saying and doing the things he did, and no one could tell a story better than he. I only wished we had more time to hear of more of his story of ?Back in the Day?. Thank you all again for all the kind words and thank you for the support given in our family?s time of need.##imported-begin##Trevia Spriggs Jennings##imported-end##*

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July 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *##imported-begin##JASON FIELDS##imported-end##*

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April 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ I only worked with Bill for three years but found a wonderful Man in a world short of them. I know the pain of losing close family members and there are no words to truly cover the loss. He will be truly missed. My love and best wishes are with you all, his well loved family, at this time.##imported-begin##Patricia D. Morris##imported-end##

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April 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Remember Me...But Let Me GO

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I need no service in a tear filled room;  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Remember me.. but not too sadly  
And not with yur head bowed low  
Hold to the love and the times we shared.  
Remember me...but let me go.*

*It has been a journey we traveled together  
But from here I must go alone...  
It's all part of the Master's plan  
A stop on the road to home.  
So when you are lonley or feel depressed  
Gp to those good friends we know...  
Bury your sorrow in doing good deeds;  
remember me..but let me go*

*To the Allison family remember the good times you had with your love one and that in time you will be able to smile again without a heavy heart##imported-begin##VANESSA ROBERTSON##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My most memorable moment was when you went with me to the mall to pick out my first suit for Aunt Teacher's funeral. My last memorable moment was our last dance at Treva's reception, little did I know it would be the last time that I would see you. Even though you are gone on to a better place, I will never forget the moments that I shared with you. You brought happiness, joy and love in our lives. You will always be remembered for making people laugh. Now when I get down, I will just think of you and to know that you lived your life to the fullest, no matter if times were bad or good. I realize that each day is a blessing and each moment is precious. Just like you were. I will always love you.##imported-begin##Paula Allison & Family##imported-end##

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ There is nothing we can do, to make him come back There are no words we can say, that can replace the loss in our hearts, but as long as we hold on to his memories his spirit will live on forever##imported-begin##Isaac, Angie & Jaylin Jones##imported-end##

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ May the blessing of love be upon us,  
  
May its peace abide with us,  
  
May is essence illiminate our hearts Now and forever##imported-begin##Mae Foster Allison -Javone & Nickki##imported-end##

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April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *When sorrow comes, it is a comfort to know God is with us*##imported-begin##Larry Allison Donnell##imported-end##

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“ *It will be the little things that we will remember all the jokes, the smiles and the laughter.*

*And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memory of these things that will help push away the pain and bring the smiles back again*##imported-begin##Eula Allison Coon##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *May we find the courage to face tomorrow in the love that surrounds us today*

*May the love of friends and family be a source of comfort to us at this time*

*At this time of sorrow may these truths sustain us.. Our loved one will always be as close as a memory and the God of all comfort is always as close as a prayer.*##imported-begin##Ira Ellison Pop##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ You Love, You Learn, You Gain, and You Lose in life. But with Booster, we gained wonderful memories of laughter, fun and love. He will never be forgotten in our hearts and his memories will live on forever.##imported-begin##Carolyn Allison, Yolanda Lyon & Family##imported-end##

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April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ The Lord is his Shephard, and He has everything that he needs. He has let him rest in green pastures, He lead him by the still waters. We all love him and miss him very much.##imported-begin##Tammy, Buck, Brandon, Nick, Matt and BJ##imported-end##

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April 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Family and Friends,*

*?The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand,*

*The Sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land*

*The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains.*

*For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.*

*May your memories bring you comfort and keep your loved one close in heart?.*

*Love,*

*Patricia Johnson Gattis/*

*Carolyn Torian*

*Central High School Class of 1965##imported-begin##Patricia J. Gattis/Carolyn Torain##imported-end##*

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“ *You have my condolences as well the Poole Family from Cedar Grove. Trust In God and He will see you through this. May God Comfort you and know that he will give you peace.##imported-begin##Faye Stanley##imported-end##*

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“ I want to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father and brother. Your loved one has departed, but William left this world with beautiful memories through you and his grandchildren. This world is a better place because William came our way. Be encouraged to keep his legacy of love alive.##imported-begin##Flora Brown##imported-end##

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“ I extend my condolences to the Jennings family with sorrow from the bottom of my heart. I pray that God will give each and every one of you the strength to go on, because I am sure this is what Bill B.J. would want. The memories I have in my heart for Bill will always be there. God bless you the family and may God continue to be with you each and every day.  
*Phillipians 4:13....I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME##imported-begin##Alberta Hawkins##imported-end##*

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“ Trina, Wayne and Family,

*You can shed tears that he is gone ...  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes ...  
And pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes ...  
And see all that he has left.*

*Your heart can be empty ...  
Because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love ...  
That you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow ...  
And live in yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow ...  
Because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him ...  
And only that he is gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory ...  
And let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind ...  
Be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want ...  
Smile, open your eyes, love, and go on!*

*Our prayers of comfort are with you at this time. May God continue  
to bless and keep you.*

*The Gilliams - Melvin, Robin, Mia, Timeka and Brea##imported-  
begin##Melvin/Robin Gilliam##imported-end##*

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