



Bobby Ray Williams

September 3, 1947 - May 1, 2014

Bobby Ray Williams, 66 of Charlotte, died at his home under hospice care on May 1, 2014.

Bobby Ray was born in Mecklenburg County on September 3, 1947, the son of James Williams and Thelma Alexander. On September 21, 1964, he answered his country's call to service and enlisted in the United States Army. Before his honorable discharge on November 24, 1967, he was awarded the National Defense Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Rifle Marksman, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Upon his return to civilian life, he went into publishing and worked for Knight Publishing, owner of The Charlotte Observer. He retired in 2009 after 40 years of service. On February 17, 2001, he married Trudy Tarleton. Bobby Ray was always about helping others take a bad situation and turn it into something good. His involvement with AA and Hope Haven impacted countless lives and he will be sadly missed as the advocate, mentor, and friend that he was to all in those programs. Most of all, he will be missed by his family and friends.

Bobby Ray is survived by his wife, Trudy; six children: Jennifer Williams, Chris Williams, Bobby Ray Williams, Catherine (husband Tony) Harris, Randy Tarleton, and Sonya Tarleton; four grandchildren: Michael Williams, Heather Tarleton, Holly Tarleton, and Cloe Riley; and three siblings: Helen Broome,

Yvonne (husband Jim) Ewing, and Gloria (husband Raymond) Black. Bobby Ray is further survived by a numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Bobby's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of serving them. Services honoring Bobby Ray and led by Dr. Buddy Pigg will be held on Monday, May 5, at 2:00 PM in the funeral home chapel located at 4715 Margaret Wallace Road, Matthews, NC. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 12 noon until time of services. Following the service, committal and military honors will take place at Sunset Memory Gardens in Mint Hill. For more details and to share memories and photos, visit Bobby's personal online memorial at www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com or call 704-545-3553.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in Peace knowing that you meant so much to so many people. I wish I could have met you.*

Sincerely your daughter Jennifer Williams-Sanchez



Jennifer Sanchez - November 29, 2025 at 02:06 AM



“ *Bobby Ray Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Bobby Ray Williams*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *The loss of a dear loved one is a heavy burden. May family and friends comfort one another at this time an be comforted in knowing that the Father of tender mercies truly cares and feels your pain. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4)*

G. Powell - May 14, 2014 at 02:02 PM