



Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.

October 29, 1922 - July 10, 2020

Dewey "Skin" Hobson Williams, Jr., 97, widower of Margaret Jeanette Henson Williams, passed away July 10, 2020.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late Dewey H. Williams, Sr. and Bernice Brannon Williams, he was a decorated U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII having served in the Pacific Theater on the USS LST 268. He was a retired employee of Southern Machinery Co. and the Draper Corporation. Skin was a Mason, a member of the Bailey Masonic Lodge, and a member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Greer and attended St. Michael Lutheran Church in Greenville. He walked his Bible by his actions and gave away many treasures whittled by hand.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa J. Williams of Greer and Cynthia W. Trout (Keith) of Taylors; a brother, Ken Williams of Marietta; five grandchildren, Kevin Mullinax, April Wilson, Sarah Forrester, Adam Bishop and Elizabeth Hobbs; four great-grandchildren, Blake Drotleff, Dewey Forrester, Henson Forrester and Margaret Forrester.

A private service will be webcast 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at www.the-woodmortuary.com with a public committal service following in Wood Memorial Park.

His body will lie in state Monday, July 13, 2020 at The Wood Mortuary from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2619 Augusta St., Greenville, SC 29605 or Prisma Health – Upstate Office of

Philanthropy Cerebrovascular and Stroke Fund, Designate to Stroke Camp,
300 E. McBee Ave., Suite 503, Greenville, SC 29601-2882.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



The Wood Mortuary - July 14, 2020 at 12:59 PM

KC

My husband and I met Skin in the checkout line at Walmart in Spartanburg several years ago. I started a conversation with him by thanking him for his service. We talked for quite a while and we hung on his every word. He asked for my phone number and I gave it to him. One day about 2 weeks later he called and asked to meet me at QT that he had something for me. We met and he gave me one of his whittled bibles and stand with a precious note handwritten on the bottom and our names written in the Bible cover. I wish I had known of his passing. I would have loved to have been there to honor him. Just know that he was a wonderful man that I was honored to have met.

Kathy Fowler Costello - November 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MJ

A few years back I met mister Williams at BB&T in Greer, SC where he showed me a newspaper article featuring his beautiful hand carved and painted bibles which he had given so many of them away. He told me about him being a veteran and shared some of his story with me. A few days later he came back to my office and gifted me my own Bible. I was humbled and thankful. Shortly after that I moved out of state. I attempted to send him a letter but came back undeliverable. I still have it and think of him fondly. I want his family to know he touched many lives and made people's day a brighter. My condolences.

Maria Johnson - May 05, 2021 at 01:13 PM

DR

“*Friends of Skin at Wal-Mart in Greer will miss him dearly. What a GREAT GENTLEMEN.
May God give the family peace in his absence and know that he lives in heaven with the saints to reign.*

Diane Rice - July 14, 2020 at 08:05 PM

ES

“*Cynthia and Teresa,*

Dewey was my second cousin; he was a first cousin to my Dad, Kieth Ellis. I remember having heard his name in my dad's tales of growing up in Greer. I was very pleased that very late in Dewey's life and after my Dad's death, he and Margaret appeared in my driveway one Sunday afternoon during their Sunday drive. We chatted and I caught glimpses of Dewey's charm. His caring nature was apparent. I'll treasure the pulpit, Bible, and walnut shell basket he gave me. The few contacts we had enrich my life, and I know he and Dad are visiting today with Jesus. I pray that the loving memories you both must have will buoy you for the rest of your lives.

Evelyn Ellis Smith

Evelyn Ellis Smith - July 14, 2020 at 02:47 PM

KW

“*Sincere sympathies to Ken and your extended family. Praying for peace and comfort to flood your hearts through Jesus Christ Our Lord!* 💖

Karen West - July 14, 2020 at 12:15 PM

BW

“ *Becky Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Becky Wilson - July 13, 2020 at 11:59 PM

GO

“ *Gina O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Gina O'Dell - July 13, 2020 at 08:51 PM

GM

“ *Glenn Masters lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Glenn Masters - July 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM

SF

“ Teresa and Cynthia,
May God's love surround you to comfort you
at this time. You are so blessed to have a
wonderful Dad.

*I remember my nephew telling me he
received a small carved bat from your father. He met him
somewhere and he just handed it to him. He told me about it and I
knew who gave it to him.*

Sue and Cassie Fowler



Sue Fowler - July 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. I have a couple of the treasures he whittled.
talked many times with Mr Williams at Mike Greers garage WE lived
on Ridgewood Drive from 1978 to about 1990 you could set your
clock and see your dad and mother come by taking there walk. Good
People.

Danny Hix - July 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM



Thank you for sharing Danny!

Cynthia Trout - July 13, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DM

“ We first met Dewey at Stroke Camp! What a sweet person! After
our camping, he sent everyone in the group a tiny wooden Bible that
he whittled himself. Thank you, Dewey. We have it still and you will
be missed at the next camp. Rest In Peace, our friend. Cynthia, you
and your family are in our prayers. Gordon & Debbie McDonald

debbie mcdonald - July 12, 2020 at 04:47 PM



thank you so much Gordon and Debbie! He loved yall!

Cynthia Trout - July 13, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LR

“ *Teresa I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you*



Lisa Chandler Roberts - July 12, 2020 at 04:32 PM

ES

“ *Teresa,
I loved your day for many, many years. He was a hoot! I have one craving he gave to Paul, which was a long rifle that sits on my mantel in a place of honor. That was one of the most special gifts Paul ever received. I also have one of the many bibles he gave to many! It has a place of honor in my lighted cabinet where I can see it each day. He was a vey special person, who loved the Lord. He will be missed by many! My love, sympathy and prayers.
Elizabeth Smith*

Elizabeth V Smith - July 12, 2020 at 03:19 PM

MB

“ *Teresa,
I'm so sorry to hear about you Dad. I pray you all will feel the peace of God surrounding you.*



Martha Brown - July 12, 2020 at 01:56 PM

FR

“ *Fran Richardson lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Fran Richardson - July 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

CC

“ *Cindy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Cindy Campbell - July 12, 2020 at 07:46 AM

KP

“ *I delivered your mom & dad's mail at their Greer home in years past, they were the sweetest people. I still have a miniature baseball bat signed by your dad & Tiny decorated Christmas Tree your dad made for me and display it at Christmas and Always think of your dad. We had great conversations about serving the LORD. Mr. Dewey truly walked showing JESUS in every step, action.word. Prayers for family. Karen Payne*

karen Payne - July 12, 2020 at 07:30 AM

FG

“ *All my love and prayers to the family. His kindness and sens of humous are going to be missed.*



fanny guillerminet - July 12, 2020 at 06:59 AM



thank you Fanny!

Cynthia Trout - July 13, 2020 at 09:17 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Singleton lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Debbie Singleton - July 11, 2020 at 09:52 PM

CD

“ *Dewey was a dear man, loved by everyone who knew him. He was so generous with his whittlings and all of us who received those precious gifts will treasure them always. It makes me smile to know that Dewey and Margaret are once again holding hands.*

Carol Drake - July 11, 2020 at 09:12 PM

JR

“ *John Reid lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



John Reid - July 11, 2020 at 07:24 PM

RL

“ *Dewey was a fine man and I always enjoyed talking with him. He came by our house a few months ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Richard and Emily Lane - July 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM

LW

“ *Lucy Williams lit a candle in memory of Dewey "Skin" Williams, Jr.*



Lucy Williams - July 11, 2020 at 03:09 PM

BM

Cynthia and Teresa, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a kind, loving, funny, wonderful man and will be sorely missed.

Beth Duncan Meller - July 12, 2020 at 10:42 AM



Loved to hear Dewey talk about WW2 and his philosophy on life. Will miss him but will remember his words of wisdom.

Ronney Dixon - July 12, 2020 at 01:14 PM

AS

"Skin" and my Dad, Carl "Bush" Howell joined the Navy together. Oh, how I loved to hear the stories he told. Praying for you. Cynthia and Teresa.

Adrienne Smith - July 12, 2020 at 01:27 PM

SP

We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was great friends through his Sunday school class at church with our Dad, Henry "Hank" Cramer, who passed away in 2004. Our Dad and Mom (who we just lost in March) thought so much of your Dad. He made miniature baseball bats for our kids, which they still have proudly displayed with their trophies and a Masonic plaque for our Dad. I have it displayed as well. They had a lot in common and I am sure that Dad was waiting for Dewey at the gates of heaven and was happy to see his beloved friend again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you, the Cramer and Pye family.

Stephanie Cramer Pye - July 15, 2020 at 01:24 PM