



Smiley Broadus Williams

March 17, 1918 - June 2, 2017

Smiley Broadus Williams, 99, widower of Nettie Henson Williams, passed away June 2, 2017.

Born March 17, 1918 in Greenville County, he was a son of the late General Broadus and Mary Attie Henson Williams. Mr. Williams was a 1936 graduate of Jordan High, graduated Clemson University in 1940 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture and graduated Western Carolina in 1964 with a Master's degree in Education. He had a 30 year career with Greenville County School District benefiting the Blue Ridge and Greer communities including: teaching at Pleasant Hill and Fairview Elementary Schools, teaching Principal at Reid and Apalache Elementary Schools and Principal at Victor Elementary School. Mr. Williams was a peach farmer and an adjuster with Federal Crop Insurance until the age of 83. He was a life-long member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, having served as Sunday School Teacher for five decades, Chairman of Deacons for 11 years and Chairman of Building Committee. Mr. Williams was a charter member of Blue Ridge Touchdown Club, long-time member of Blue Ridge Athletic Booster Club, quoted in Blue Ridge football program "I'm interested in the welfare of our young people and they need to be encouraged!" He was instrumental to the incorporation of Blue Ridge Water Company; also served as first director and was a Gibson softball field supporter.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Elaine Welchel Lindsey (Dan) of Greer; four grandchildren, Valerie Southerlin (Roan), Allison Farmer (Charles, Jr.),

David Welchel (Ansley) and Alan Welchel (Angie); eleven great-grandchildren, Sydney and Marissa Southerlin, Sierra and Taylor Farmer, Jameson and Selah Welchel, and Abigail, Anna, Alana, Al and Augustus Welchel; and two sisters, Ruby Banister and Evelyn Allen.

Mr. Williams was predeceased by a son, Norman Williams, one brother and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, conducted Rev. Mark Smith and Rev. Joe Price. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2017 at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of his daughter, Margaret W. Lindsey.

Memorials may be made to Mount Lebanon Baptist Church Building Fund, 572 Mt. Lebanon Church Road, Greer, SC 29651.

The family would like to give special thanks to Interim Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery

572 Mt. Lebanon Church Road
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church
572 Mount Lebanon Church Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Margaret, I was deeply saddened to hear of Smiley's death. I appreciate everything he did for Woodmen Life and Mt. Lebanon Chapter 566. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Blessings, Randy Barnett.

Randy Barnett - June 06, 2017 at 10:52 AM

ML

Thank you Randy, and I appreciate your card!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:31 AM

JF

“ Dear Margaret & family,
We were sad to hear of your loss. We did not learn of his passing until Monday and are so sorry to have missed his memorial service. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you!
With our sympathy,
George & Joyce Fisher
Lyman, SC

Joyce Fisher - June 06, 2017 at 10:26 AM

ML

Thank you, Joyce. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM

SB

“ Mr. Williams was our Principal when I attended Victor Elementary. He used to stand outside his office and greet us as we entered. A kind man and God rewarded him with a long life.

Sandra Terry Blocker - June 05, 2017 at 09:03 AM

ML

Thank you for your memories and your kind words!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM

 Heidi
Monroe

“ *I was honored and privileged to be Smiley's Interim Hospice nurse this past year. I moved here from Florida last year and was given Smiley as a patient within weeks of starting at Interim. Smiley and Margaret welcomed me into their home like I was and he was the sweetest patient ever. He was so cooperative and agreeable to our care of him. I loved to hear him yarn his tales of his life, Clemson and his teaching experiences. Smiley made me smile with his words of wisdom and fact as he would say "This is from the Great Smiley" with a twinkle in his eye. I won't see a bottle of Sunny D and not think of him as this is about all he drank the last weeks of his life. He loved his Clemson football and would update me every week during this past football season of his team and how they did that week. He was so proud they won this last year. Just this past week he was telling me something about his Clemson football and how he wasn't sure he was going to make it till the fall. I want to believe he has a front row seat though of his games now from heaven! I will sure miss seeing this man every week, but know he is in heaven with his beloved wife and Savior Jesus. His sweet daughter, Margaret has given me plants from his yard over this past year to start my garden up here. When Nettie's Easter Rose blooms in my yard next spring I will think of Smiley. This family has made a special mark on my life and I will never forget him. God bless the sweet Williams family as you grieve your loss. Hugs, Heidi Monroe, RN and friend*



Heidi Monroe - June 04, 2017 at 07:46 PM

ML

Oh Heidi, how very thoughtful of you to write such a nice tribute! You came in the first day and started assessing him while your mentor did the talking. I was very impressed with that, as well as, your guidance and advice during this last year. Yes, you saw him decline as we did, and would always keep me updated. He so enjoyed your visits because he had a listening ear to his tales. I can't begin to express my appreciation for your services and friendship to all of our family. Although little Maggie won't remember him, she certainly captured his attention several times, as shown in the above photos.! Love you dearly!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:41 AM

JF

“ *Joyce Sloan Park And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams*



Joyce Sloan Park and Family - June 04, 2017 at 07:00 PM

ML

Thank you, Joyce.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:42 AM

SP

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, he will be missed through out the community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time! Deepest Sympathy, Donnie and Sherri Poole*

Sherri Poole - June 04, 2017 at 09:24 AM

ML

Thank you, Sherri and Donnie.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Margaret and Family,
You have our deepest sympathies in the
passing of Smiley. We sincerely hope Our
Lord Jesus Christ will comfort your hearts,
and send peace to your souls. Our thoughts
and prayers for the entire family. love, Mitchell and Renée
Cunningham*



Renee Cunningham - June 03, 2017 at 11:44 PM

ML

*Thank you Mitchell and Renee, for your thoughts and prayers. We also
do appreciate the use of the lift chair so very much!*

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DS

“ *Mr. Williams was my elementary school principal. His love for
teaching and guiding young people knew no boundaries. He
touched my life in a time of deep tragedy and I will never forget how
kind and caring he was to my family. My prayers are with the family
of this wonderful man.*

Debbie Singleton

Debbie Singleton - June 03, 2017 at 08:48 PM

ML

*Thank you, Debbie, for sharing your memories. He loved children and
was a wonderful Christian man.*

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:49 AM

JP

“ Dear Margaret and Family,

I remember your dad coming to see my Grandpa, Clarence Sloan, and playing "checkers". He was such a wonderful man, and truly a southern gentleman.



He was dedicated to Mt. Lebanon Baptist church where my Grandma Annie took Maurice and me to church with her.

My Mom and Dad have both passed, and I pray that the grief at the loss of your Dad will lessen as time passes.

Smiley B. was to be greatly admired!

*Bless you Margaret! I left S.C. at 18 to join the Air Force, and now am a first year nursing instructor living in Oregon. I never forgot those in our Jordan Community!
Our 1966 Blue Ridge class still keeps in touch.*

99 years old, how amazing!

Blessings Margaret!

*Joyce Ann Sloan Park and Family
Carlton, Oregon*

Joyce Park - June 03, 2017 at 03:46 PM

ML

Oh, Joyce, it is so kind of you to write, and I am so happy to hear from you. I live next door to Daddy in the house where Toddler Henson grew up. Yes, I remember your grandpa, "Mountain Lion." Daddy was able to drive until the end of 2014 and had a very steady decline since then. He enjoyed his long life. I am happy for you as a nursing instructor! Thank you again for sharing!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:53 AM

RS

“ Renee Swangler lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams



Renee Swangler - June 03, 2017 at 02:15 PM

ML

Thank you Renee.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:53 AM

KR

“ Kathy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams



Kathy Roberts - June 03, 2017 at 12:50 PM

ML

Thank you, Kathy!

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:54 AM

LP

“ Linda Anderson Parker lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams



Linda Anderson Parker - June 03, 2017 at 09:11 AM

LP

Sad to hear of the loss of your Dad. Your memories will be comforting in the days ahead. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Linda Anderson Parker - June 03, 2017 at 09:13 AM

ML

Thank you so very much, Linda.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:55 AM



“*Mr. Williams was Principal of Victor Elementary School when I went there. He was a very kind and friendly man. I still remember the sign he put up on the front. "This is a Laboratory for Learning.. how much have You Learned? My prayers go out to his Family. Billy Poole. 1958-1964*

Billy Poole - June 03, 2017 at 08:53 AM

ML

Yes, someone brought a picture of that sign this week from an old newspaper article. Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:56 AM

MC

“*Mr. Williams was my principal throughout elementary school. I saw him last at one of my reunions. I loved him. He was a good and kind man. As an educator his abilities were limitless. Because of him and the special teachers at Appalache, I became a teacher for 38 years. What an inspiration. My prayers are with his family.*

Marlene McAbee Chapman - June 03, 2017 at 08:05 AM

ML

Oh, Marlene, I did not know that you were a teacher!. I was in the class with Marvin, and often think of you all when passing your old home on Hwy. 14. Thank you for your kind words, and he also inspired me to become a teacher as well.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:58 AM

BL

“ *Betty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams*



Betty Lawrence - June 03, 2017 at 08:02 AM

ML

Thank you so much, Betty.

Margaret Lindsey - June 09, 2017 at 11:59 AM

LM

“ *Margaret,
Your father was a blessing to all those who had the honor of knowing him. And, he was so fortunate to have such a loving and devoted daughter as you. May his memories provide much comfort during the coming days.
Love,
Ron and Laura Wood Messer*

Laura Messer - June 03, 2017 at 07:58 AM

BW

“ Margaret and family, I have only "known" Smiley for a few months, but he became very special to me and a lot of my family members during that time. I thank God for his longevity and for all of the special memories that each of you have to cherish. I am sending prayers and blessings your way.
Barbara Bolt Widener

Barbara Widener - June 03, 2017 at 07:55 AM



“ Margaret and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful life your Daddy had, and a warm and loving family! I know you will miss him. I will be praying for your family.



Linda Bell - June 03, 2017 at 06:04 AM

TH

“ Terri Henson lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams



Terri Henson - June 03, 2017 at 06:02 AM

DP

“ I remember Mr. Smiley Williams as my principal when I went to Victor Elementary School. He was a very good man. The Lord blessed him with a rewarding long life. I know he will be greatly missed.



Dannette Eanes Patterson - June 02, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Smiley Broadus Williams.



June 02, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ Vickie Bruce lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams



Vickie Bruce - June 02, 2017 at 04:51 PM

RH

“ *Rose Humphries lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams*



Rose Humphries - June 02, 2017 at 02:49 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Williams lit a candle in memory of Smiley Broadus Williams*



Sheila Williams - June 02, 2017 at 01:29 PM

CC

Your dad was such a good friend of my late husbands. They enjoyed playing Rook together for many years. You had him for a long time and I'm sure you'll miss him.

Carole Cole - June 06, 2017 at 02:23 PM