



## Brian David Williams

February 3, 1975 - May 26, 2019

Brian David Williams was born on February 3, 1975 to Sydney and Marjorie Williams in Spanish Town, Jamaica.

Along with his parents and older brother Eli, they emigrated to the U.S. in March 1976 where the family settled in New Jersey for a number of years then later moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1987.

Brian attended and graduated from Plantation High School on June 12, 1993. Brian went on to Florida State where he achieved a B.Sc. Degree in Political Science in December 1998.

Upon graduation, Brian moved to Atlanta and briefly worked Enterprise Car Rental in their corporate office. It didn't take him long to realize that his true passion was in education so he began his teaching career in the Clayton County School system in Georgia. While in Georgia, Brian attended the New Life Baptist Church in Lithonia as well as ardently following the preaching teaching of T.D. Jakes. However, he never felt at home in Georgia so he relocated to South Florida.

He was a high achiever and loved knowledge so it was not surprising that he went on to Nova University where he graduated with a M.A. in Education. Brian joined the Broward County School System as a teacher and after

serving in that position for a while, he became a successful Assistant Principal.

During his time as a teacher, he met and married Danielle Ocillean and the union produced a wonderful son, David. Brian always had a desire to do more and to some extent a nature of “pursuit”; he was widely read and broadly knowledgeable. His ambition was to achieve a Ph.D. in education eventually. Several years later, after the dissolution of his first marriage, Brian met and married Rose Laurie Burnot and the union produced a beautiful daughter, Isabella.

Brian attended church with his brother Eli at Calvary Chapel in Ft. Lauderdale. He loved God, he was strongly family oriented, always remembering birthdays and special events, education and sports. To ensure Brian’s commitment to the Lord was secured, Rev. H. Theo Smith met, counseled and led him to God on Monday, May 13, 2019 while he was hospitalized – hallelujah!

After a long personal and health struggle, Brian finally succumbed to multiple medical complications on Sunday, May 26, 2019. Brian leaves to mourn, his parents Sydney and Marjorie, Eli (brother), Pauline (step-mother), his two children, David and Isabella, several aunts, one grand-aunt, uncles, many cousins and friends.

Brian, you fought a long battle, now Rest in Peace – We Love You Eternally!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian David Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



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**Sydney** - June 11, 2019 at 02:46 PM



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**Sydney** - June 09, 2019 at 07:28 PM

LM

“ My prayers are with all those who loved Brian. I worked with his father for many years and have heard wonderful stories about him. May the Holy Spirit comfort you in the days and weeks to come, and may sweet memories flood your memories and hearts. Much love to you all.

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**Lori Magee** - June 04, 2019 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." -- Matthew 5:4. Sid, I'm very sorry for your loss. May the Lord bless and be with you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Derek Ballew** - June 02, 2019 at 11:47 PM

HS

“ *To the Williams family:  
Dorothy and I express our sincerest sense of sorrow and loss at Brian's passing.  
It will never be possible in this life to share his passion for life, his joy of friendship, nor his love of learning and more.  
Yes, we too shall miss him. We were honored to share the hours with you, as you process the painful journey you must travel.  
We shall continue to mention you and the family in our prayers for strength and wholeness in this time of trial.  
God bless you richly.'*  
*Hulbert & Dorothy Smith*

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**H. Theo Smith** - June 02, 2019 at 11:36 PM

DA

*My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May God continue to bless and keep you all in his care. Always remember God makes no mistakes. He loves and care for us all!*

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**Dr Linda Avery** - June 03, 2019 at 09:54 PM

JF

“ To my very dear friends Sidney and Pauline, these words "Lord, thy purpose we cannot see, but all is well that's done by thee" provide comfort beyond measure to Madge and I when we stood in the shoes you're standing in now when we lost Leighton. Brian came for a purpose, accomplished it, left his mark and now has returned for his next assignment. His accomplishments and impact in the abbreviated time he was allotted is a testament to his purposefulness and character. We are left to cherish the wonderful memories that he created. To brother Eli and children David and Isabella, his wife and the other close members of his family, take comfort in those words, knowing that he is looking down with a smile of appreciation saying thanks for making his time with you all a beautiful adventure.

- Jim Foster

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**Jim Foster** - June 01, 2019 at 03:54 PM

CO

“ The Williams Family, Sid my brother -in -law, Pauline, Brian's Mom, Eli, Children and other family members, I share your grief deeply for the loss you have endured. There are no easy answers for us and no surprises for God. He was with Brian to the end and He will be with you through this difficult time. Always seeking to reveal His love , grace and dependency on Him.

- Christine Ortega and Family

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**Christine Ortega** - June 01, 2019 at 08:42 AM

ET

“ I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family and praying for peace and comfort. I know that you will always cherish the beautiful memories of Brian.

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**Elsie Teague** - May 31, 2019 at 11:16 PM

DT

“ *Condolences to my dear brother-in-law Sid, sister Pauline, Brian's mother, brother Eli, his kids, other families and friends.*

*My pleasantries of Brian is of a kind, jovial, charismatic, intelligent professional. A young man who had a mission, pursued his ambitions with a passion as he moved with alacrity! It's as if he knew he needed to be relentless!*

*Brian inspired and motivated me tremendously when I just came to Atlanta USA from Jamaica in 2000. I too am a purposed driven, very ambitious guy who was and still is contemptuous of mediocrity! In him I saw a mentor who knew the "lay" of this new land and was quite willing to steer me in my quest.*

*In short, Brian literally got me my first job here at Enterprise-Rent-A-Car in March of 2001. He created my first ever email address for me to which I still proudly use today. Needless to say how tangibly appreciative I was, being elated to have landed a great job just months after migrating to the USA.*

*Living with my dear sister Pauline and wonderful bro-in-law Sid, made it easy to commiserate with Brian. He was constantly checking in on me to see how I was liking the job.*

*I made him proud by aceing the 4 levels interviews, attaining rapid growth and resigning with dignity as I was moving to my next gig.*

*Thank you most sincerely Brian.*

*To dad/mom and the families, be proud of the life God gave you change over for a season. You've done an exemplary Job!*

*R.I.P.E Brian! Rest in peace eternally! One love 🙏🌺!*

*Derrick!*

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**Derrick Thomas** - May 31, 2019 at 09:26 PM

WH

*Our deepest condolences to the entire family on the loss of one so dear and full of promise. Brian rest in eternal peace and may the angels encamp around you.*

*Clive and Winsome*

**Winsome Heslop** - May 31, 2019 at 11:04 PM

People need to learn that their actions do affect other people. So be careful what you say and do, its not always just about you..!

“ *Cassandra Miller lit a candle in memory of Brian David Williams*



**Cassandra Miller** - May 31, 2019 at 08:38 PM

DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**David W.** - May 31, 2019 at 07:51 PM



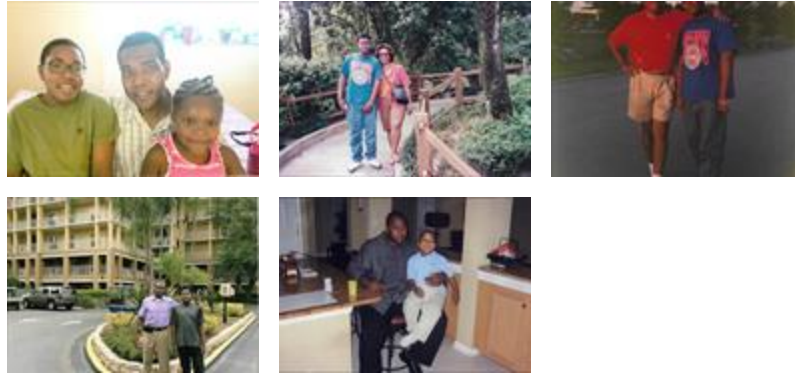
“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian David Williams.*



May 31, 2019 at 01:57 PM

SY

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Sydney - May 31, 2019 at 12:33 PM

MK

*While the loss of a loved one is never easy even when anticipated, it is most certainly the hardest when they are taken from us too soon. I am so sorry for the terrible loss of your dear son Brian. May your beautiful memories sustain and bring you comfort during this difficult time. He will live on in his children and your grandchildren. Marjorie, Sid and Pauline know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you the courage and strength to move forward in peace and confidence and in knowing that his was a life well-lived. God bless you and the entire family.*

Madge Kudratt - May 31, 2019 at 02:37 PM