



Karlisle M Williamson, Sr.

April 21, 1952 - January 15, 2021

Karlisle M. Williamson, Sr. of North Lauderdale, passed away on Friday January 15, 2021.

Karlisle, affectionately known as Max or Maxi, is a native of Brittonville, St. Ann, Jamaica. He was born on April 21, 1952 and was the first-born son of the late Roy Williamson and Mazie Bell Williamson.

He migrated to South Florida from Jamaica in 1977 and has lived in Sunrise and North Lauderdale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Norma (nee Henry); daughter, Karla; son, Karl; grandsons, Kamar and Khoury; brothers, Roxy (Rosie), Keyble (Ann), brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins, and a host of extended family and dear friends.

A funeral service will be held on February 3, 2021 at Grace Funeral Chapels, 5980 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill. Viewing will be at 11 a.m. and the service begins at noon.

Masks are required and social distancing will be strictly enforced. The services will be livestreamed at [Facebook.com/Gracefuneralchapels](https://www.facebook.com/Gracefuneralchapels). They also can be viewed on Zoom (ID:816-348-7727, Password 320-128)

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Karlisle M Williamson, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *R.I.P. Max. Grateful for the support you have shown to my family. Continued prayers for Cousin Norma, Karla, Karl and the rest of the family. From Lenworth, Lorna & Kadeen Henry.*



Kadeen Henry - February 03, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *This is Anna Atterbury I attend Brittonville All Age when Maxi was where but don't remember much about him but his brothers I remember I just want to express my sympathy to his family may he Rest In Peace god bless*

Anna Atterbury - February 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ I didn't really know my Cousin Max that well, I spoke to him on many occasions over the years on the telephone and I met him only once in 2019 when he came over to Manchester in the North of England, but the little I got to know of him was in a word “Awesome”. A very jovial and positive character, with that get up and let us get going attitude.

He seemed to me, to be an incredibly good organiser a great co-ordinator and a planner. A real people's person. We had plans to organise a family get together in Claremont, St Ann Jamaica to have a family celebration and re-union and I was really looking forward to that, I had intended to bring my late mother's ashes to lay them to rest with the rest of her siblings and her parents, unfortunately COVID-19 had other plans in mind for everyone else, so we had to postpone it. There is a popular saying that goes “Man Proposes but God disposes” and this is so true.

Max was the one that kept me up to date with what was happening with the Williamsons stateside and in Jamaica. We discussed a lot of politics and current affairs as well. I can still hear his voice and his laugh especially when we discussed US politics. As crazy as it sounds right now, it is as if I am expecting him to drop me a WhatsApp message or call to tell me farewell. To be quite honest, when my cousin Gertrude called to tell me the sad news I wasn't quite certain of who she was referring to and it was silly of me, not to ask who she meant, (and I must apologise for that...) I just expressed my sympathy knowing that I would get a call or a message from Max later to tell me who had passed on. To my shock and horror, I turned to Facebook for information when I saw a message from Keyble it read “Hi Les Max died last night, please call me”.

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too frail to hang on and she departed on Friday November 10th, 2017. I am quite sure Max is spending a lot of time with his Aunt Gladys, Cousin Glen and others who have gone before, catching up on old times. Till we meet again, may his soul rest in perfect peace.

I offer my prayers, my deepest and sincere condolences to his wife, his children and grand-children and collectively to all family and friends. He left too soon and he will be sorely missed.

*Les Ale
London, United Kingdom*

Les Ale - February 03, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karlisle M Williamson, Sr..*



February 03, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *The Scarlett's from Brittonville would like to express their heartfelt condolences, sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Maxie was a such a bright light, had a humongous personality that was second to none and his passing has certainly created a great void. His memory will leave an indelible imprint in our hearts. May God continue to comfort, strengthen and give you peace.*

Jennie

"Jennie" - February 03, 2021 at 09:59 AM

OG

“ My condolences to the Williamson family. It saddens me to write my memories of Karl, but my name for him was Max, as my sister’s name is Maxine. I first met Max when I worked at Jamaica Citizen’s Bank on King Street, and he worked across the street. Soon after, we became good friends and found we had a friend in common, Alva Palmer. I introduced him to my Mom and sisters, and shortly he became the brother we never had, and a part of the Grant’s family. Later, my Mom migrated to Miami, and when Max visited Miami, he would stop by to see Mom, and bring home goodies for us. We all migrated to Miami in 1976, and for some reason, we lost touch. I reunited with Max years later at a restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, and we remained friends through the years. The last time our family was together, was my birthday celebration. He mentioned, I needed to have another party, because this one was like a reunion, where he was able to see friends from years gone by. Max was my advocate and champion when I began college and during my career growth, he also worked taught me about trading stocks. Lately, our conversations were about his new venture, United Managed Care-Alzheimer’s Support Group. He was so proud of his accomplishments in taking the group to the next level, and always thinking of how he could make it better. Well Max, my sisters and I will continue donating, as you asked of us. We will miss your laughter, your presence, and that “voice”. If you see Mom, say hello. S.I. E.P! Gone Too Soon.

Orain Grant-Pottinger - February 02, 2021 at 09:53 PM

PT

“ To Norma and family, God bless and keep you in His care during this time. Maxi's personality filled any room. He could make any story interesting, any request sound as though it's the most important, and any comment hit its intended mark with a smoothness & grace. Cherish the days you had him here on earth, family....He's in God's arms now. Owen (Bobsie) and Pat Tabois, Plantation.



Patricia Tabois - February 02, 2021 at 08:42 PM

AW

“ The Bible says "there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens...a time to be born and a time to die...a time to weep and a time to laugh...a time to mourn and a time to dance...a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embraced."

Marcia and I are very sad to hear of the passing of our cousin, Max. We reconnected after the passing our sister, Fern, and remained in touch since then. We pray for the family at this time that they will find strength to get through this troubled time. That a measure of joy will be restored as they remember the happy times with Max.
God Bless

Ann Williamson
Marcia Williamson



Ann Williamson. Marcia Williamson. - February 02, 2021 at 07:55 PM

LA

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AW

“ We worked together at Reynold Jamaica Mines Bauxite Company. Thought we were not in the same department I recall him working in the laboratory as a chemist. He would use the bauxite to make distilled water and acid.

I remember him as a very fast driver and could manipulate the road well. He was a lover of cricket and a people oriented person.

Arthur Webb - February 02, 2021 at 06:11 PM

AW

“ I recall Maxie to be very pleasant and well mannered.

He would always visit my home and was fond of using my encyclopedias for his researches and projects. Maxie was a member of the Brittonville SDA church and sang on the choir . He was an active member of the then Missionary Voluntary Society (MV). He was very alert and if a point was made and it was out of line he would glance at me and I at him. That was a moment shared between us.

Ada Webb - February 02, 2021 at 06:10 PM

SL

“ The news came to me on Friday January 15, 2021 and since that day I haven't been able to look at his picture nor respond to a Facebook post. Not because I do not have anything to say, but because time would not be sufficient if I were to speak of the man I've come to know, to love and to appreciate. Karlisle Williamson was affectionately called “Max” and while I must confess that I do not know how he got the moniker, the name is synonymous with his approach to life: he gave “maximum” effort to anything he committed himself to. Max and Norma was my oasis when I travelled to Florida and I always felt at home in their home. I recall the many conversations Max and I would have for hours about stock, bonds, yield, options and futures and I was amazed at his knowledge, expertise and the ease at which he explained the most complex of concept. What I remember most about Max however was his love for life and value. The very last conversation I recall having with Max was on August 7, 2020 when we chatted about an Alzheimer's webinar that he invited me to attend and at the end of the seminar, he called me and we had what would now (in hindsight) appears to be an unusual conversation. We spoke about “legacy” and what it means. I will not talk about the details of this conversation however Max has indeed left a legacy. One of love, devotion to family and one that is central and connects many families. I can hear his laughter echoing in my mind and I know Max would want us to be happy today and to reflect on his life and the memories that he gave. Max will always be loved.....to the Maximum!

Stanford LINDO

Stanford LINDO - February 02, 2021 at 06:06 PM

PL

“ I am going to miss his healthy laughs, his semi baritone voice, and his unique way of making everyone feel welcomed and happy around him. RIP Max.
~From Pansy Luke

Pansy Luke - February 02, 2021 at 05:41 PM

CA

“ Maxie,
Florida will never be the same without you.
When I visited you would always come by with tight squeezes, mangoes and to chat for hours.
I gonna miss the time we would spend together.
RIP
Carol

carol - February 02, 2021 at 02:16 PM

“ From Verdell Williamson-Porter and Arlene Williamson
Tribute to Karlisle M. Williamson

-Cousin

-Older Brother

- Friend

The fondest memories my sister and I have of cousin Maxi is the exciting visits to our home in Kingston. I (Verdell) also remember trips to the “hill” in Brittonville with our father where we first met Maxi and the rest of our cousins.

Our parents were not blessed with sons only two daughters, but we had a host of wonderful male cousins, most of whom were older than we were.

Three of them, like the ‘Musketees’ stand out in our memory Glen, Maxi and Franklin.

Truth be told they really came (stopped) by so they could ‘hang out’ with each other (young, single and 18+ something).

Glen being the oldest made sure they stayed in line.

Maxi had all the good stories and funny jokes. He also had the largest afro of all the three (his trademark back in the day).

Franklin had a crazy (huge) record collection of 45s (ha ha a larger version of a CD) he provided the musical entertainment.

Our Barbies danced to Nancy Sinatra song ‘These Boots were made for Walking’ more times than we dared to count.

Their comradery was a sight to behold, they would sit out on the lawn under the shade of the East Indian mango tree- Talking, Laughing and Playing music.

Maxi remained the same over the years very engaging (group text/phone calls): He was wise, helpful, humorous, committed and loving.

Thankyou for making us feel included, protected and loved.

K-Max you will be missed.

Our condolences to Norma, Karl, Karla and family especially his grandsons whom he adored.

May his soul rest in peace as we wait in Hope for Christ’s promise of the resurrection and a new Heaven and Earth.

*No sickness, No sorrow ,No death for the former things are passed away
God promises to make ALL things new .*



Verdell Williamson - February 02, 2021 at 01:44 PM

MN

“ *Maxie was like a big brother I never had. Always ready to help when ever called on. I know that when the roll is called up yonder he will be there.
Mike Nelson and family.*

Michael Nelson - February 01, 2021 at 08:08 PM

HC

Condolences to Norma the kids and the rest of the family of our dear friend MAXIE. RIP brother

Hugh and Claudette - February 02, 2021 at 07:30 AM

NA

“ *Deepest condolences to the Williamson family this time. Remembering Maxie's smile and engaging personality, always ready for a discussion. May your light never go out. Rest in peace until the resurrection. From the Gordon's family London (family of Ann Williamson)*



Nadia - January 30, 2021 at 05:42 AM

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Nadia - January 30, 2021 at 05:39 AM

BH

“ *My deepest condolences to Norma, Karla and Karl. We will certainly miss Maxie for his laughter, fun-loving warmth and big heart! He always welcomed us with open arms and made us feel at home! RIP Maxie!*



Beverly Henry-Brown - January 29, 2021 at 09:39 PM

ED

“ *My condolences to the Williamson family will not forget the good times at Brittonville church rest in peace my brother until Christ burst the Eastern skies and we join in that reunion in the sky rest in peace Easton Dawkins (Tony)*

Easton Dawkins - January 29, 2021 at 10:37 AM

FC

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort and the courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. You will be missed Maxi!❤️..From the Coombs Family🙏*

Franklyn Coombs - January 28, 2021 at 07:46 PM

BO

“ With deepest sympathy to the Williamson family in this time of bearevment, growing up in brittonville I know him as maxie ,RIP brother from boogie of Phillips family.

Boogie - January 28, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karlisle M Williamson, Sr..



January 28, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ As a child growing up in Brittonville District , St. Ann , Jamaica I share memories of Maxie as we called him.
He was respectful, family oriented, very jovial and humble. Growing older I remembered him more for his visits to Jamaica and his trips to Brittonville. He would always call to check in on my parents and reminisced with my mom especially.
He had a winsome personality and a deep, hearty smile and laugh. To me he never seemed to have lost his " Jamaicaness".
My deepest condolences to his entire family and may we remember him for the life he lived.

Delia Patrice - January 28, 2021 at 02:23 PM

PH

Uncle Max I will always remember you. A caring husband, father, grandfather brother, brother- in -law, uncle cousin, friend. Everyone will miss the music. We will remember you for the life you lived. Rest in peace

Patricia Henry - January 28, 2021 at 08:37 PM

HI

“ My condolences to the Williamson family from the Hinds and Dobson family.
One off the coolest and fun person ever will be missed RIP my friend.

Hinds - January 28, 2021 at 11:02 AM

HY

“ My deepest condolence to the family God promise to comfort us in our grief R I P From Hyacinth Luke Malcolm and family.

Hyacinth - January 27, 2021 at 09:13 PM

CJ

“ Max is family to my cousins in NY and he made sure I felt like his family too.
Max was a man of his word, whatever he said he would do he did. He was always there for my mom and when she got sick he visited frequently. When I moved to Florida he made sure I was properly settled in.
At the peak of the Covid pandemic he even made sure I had masks. Going to miss you Max, Florida will not be the same for me without you.
Charmaine Jackson.



Charmaine Jackson - January 27, 2021 at 07:19 PM

GH

“ *My brother-in-law, my brother, my close friend, Max. I've known you for almost 50 years. Lord, thank you for his life. Rest in peace my brother.*

George A. Henry



George Henry - January 26, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JE

Heartfelt condolences to the Williamson family...Sleep In Peace Maxie as we all know him....from Mass John n Miss Ariel granddaughters (Janet n Pat)

Janet Earle - January 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

AN

My condolences goes out to the Williamson family members and friends. May the Lord Comfort you all, Maxi will be Truly mis

Annmarie - January 28, 2021 at 08:43 PM



Our sincere condolences, heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. R.I.P Max

The Smith Family

Yvette Smith - February 02, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MH

My condolences to Auntie Norma, Karla and Karl. Words cannot express the sorrow you must feel at this time. May the soul of Uncle Max be at peace with our heavenly Father.

Michelle Henry - February 03, 2021 at 10:43 AM