



Harold Ray Williams

April 1, 1947 - May 7, 2025

Mr. Harold Ray Williams, age 78, passed away peacefully with his beloved children by his side on May 7, 2025. He was born on April 1, 1947, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the late Marion and Willard Williams.

Harold graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's degree in History, where he was also a proud member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) Fraternity.

In 1969, Harold joined the United States Air Force and served honorably as a pilot, achieving the rank of Captain. A veteran of the Vietnam war, he flew KC-135 tankers and Boeing 707s, and was part of missions that included in-flight refueling for aircraft such as the SR-71 Blackbird and F-105 Thunderchief. After his active-duty service, Harold continued his military career in the Air Force Reserves from 1975 to 1978, flying C-130 and AC-130 Gunships on missions around the globe.

Harold was a loving father, grandfather and a proud Vietnam Veteran. He had a lifelong passion for Alabama football. He loved fishing, cooking and dancing.

He is survived by his five children: Dray Williams of New Orleans, LA; Dana Jacobs (Ryan) of Gulf Breeze, FL; Jacy Brown (Seth) of Powder Springs, GA; Chase Williams (Laura) of Austin, TX; and Laken Ferguson (DJ) of Jupiter, FL.

He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Kip Jacobs, Tatum Jacobs, Asa Brown, Emri Brown, Ella Williams, Jack Williams, Mason Ferguson, and Callan Ferguson; his two sisters: Patsy Painton of Charleston, SC, and Marsha Weinman of Trussville, AL; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A service will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 11:00am at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Harold's honor:

<https://heroes.vfw.org/page/164008/donate/1?locale=en-US>

Cemetery Details

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My Grandmother Myrtle Irene (Williams) Dudley married to Clifford Webb Dudley the Eldest Brother of Jimmy George Dudley was related to this Williams Family Member. I am Robin Marie my Daddy is Joe Donald Dudley who still survives at the age of 88 being Myrtle & Clifford Dudley's youngest son of 4 Children his siblings Myrtle Francis Dudley-Bonnell, Mary Elizabeth Dudley-Young & James Edward Dudley are now all deceased. I would like more information on this branch of my beloved Grandmother Dudley's family... please contact me at robinsmdL@yahoo.com Blessings to the H.R. Williams family in their recent loss of their beloved family Patriarch . . . 0 :)

Robin Marie Dudley - June 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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Susan - June 02, 2025 at 12:55 PM



I just wanted to share some memories of the good times we had together. He will be forever in my heart

Patsy Tidwell-Painton - June 02, 2025 at 01:20 PM

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“ My condolences to all my family. Cousins, nieces, nephews, my Mother and Aunt Marsha. I will always have fond memories of Uncle Harold. He welcomed me with open arms and lots of love when I found you all. I will always miss his cooking and sharing Alabama football and his passion for it. One of my favorite memories was the bama/Georgia game we attended. He was so welcoming to me. I will never forget. Laken, it's crazy to think you are the same age now as I was when I met him for the first time. I love and miss you all. This is the pic when I met him for the first time @ 32 yrs old.



Julie Keaton - May 17, 2025 at 01:33 AM

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Chase - May 16, 2025 at 02:25 PM