



Mr. Abner Kenneth Williams Jr.

March 11, 1937 - January 14, 2022

Abner Kenneth Williams. Jr. (Ken Williams), 84, of Albany, Georgia passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on January 14, 2022. His dapper cardigans, quiet demeanor, wise word- choice corrections, and comforting hugs will now grace those with him in heaven.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Kay Williams; sons Michael, David (Joel David), Jonathan, and Mark Williams; his brother Lavaughn Williams; as well as his 10 grandchildren. Ken was predeceased by his infant daughter, Melody Elease Williams, father Abner Kenneth Williams, Sr., and mother Lucile Williams.

Ken was born and raised his family in Albany, Georgia. Always a hard worker, he chose careers that would be of service to others. In his early career, he brightened many students' day by teaching high school band and chorus at Lee County High. Ken then transitioned into helping smaller county high school systems in various education specialties with the Regional Education Services Agency (RESA) where he retired in 1989. No one could slow Ken down as he then moved into private educational consulting for some of those same school systems helping win state grants to improve their education delivery and student success. He officially retired from consulting at the age of 80.

Ken's biggest joy was serving the Lord in the music ministry. A tremendously talented organist, he played for Porterfield Methodist Church for 33 years and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 14 years. He brought love and joy to many

couple's weddings, church choir productions, and families' bereavement services. His talent for playing the multi-tier organs and piano amazed all who had the pleasure of enjoying his music.

Always serving others, Ken also gave his time (in his 70s) to drive those in need to church, to medical appointments, and took them grocery shopping- often paying out of his own pocket to help with expenses.

Services to remember this amazing man who offered so much to so many will be held in the sanctuary at Porterfield United Methodist Church on Monday, January 24th at 1:30 p.m. Visitation with the family will also be held in the sanctuary and start at 12:30 p.m.

In congruence with Ken's example to be in continual service to the Lord and of others, in lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate time or money to the Porterfield Music Ministry or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Porterfield United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

JAN 24. 1:30 PM (ET)

Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church
2200 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My very first piano teacher when I was in elementary school, Ken was so patient. I also enjoyed knowing him when he was organist at Porterfield and also St. Paul’s. His music was a true calling and a ministry.

Melody Clay Sheffield

Melody Clay Sheffield - January 25, 2022 at 08:55 PM

BD

“ Greatest piano teacher there ever was...I wish I had kept playing. Sorry for your loss.

Benita Phillips Dyes

Benita Phillips Dyes - January 25, 2022 at 01:14 PM

RC

“ Ken was an asset to Lee County Schools both as a teacher and as a RESA consultant.

I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Robert A. Clay - January 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JT

“ Kay and Family . . . we have nothing but great memories with Ken as Organist at Porterfield, as a piano teacher for our sons, as a terrific "mathematical" mind and as a friend. May God's Holy Spirit undergird you during this time.

Jolene and Art Tanner - January 23, 2022 at 07:15 PM

BP

“ Kay, so sorry for your loss. I will not be able to attend because I have an appointment for a echo cardiogram at that time but my thoughts and prayers for you and the family will be with you. God bless you and the family. Brinson Phillips

Brinson Phillips - January 23, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Abner Kenneth Williams Jr..



January 21, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Abner Kenneth Williams Jr..



January 21, 2022 at 04:04 PM

TR

“ Fond memories of our childhood at the family home in Lakeside, envious of Kenny's ability to play the piano so beautifully, the Red Diamond-T pickup, the little house out back the was to be "Kenny's place." The clothes that got passed down from him because he was the oldest cousin. I always thought of them as something special. May he Rest in Peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

Tom Robinson - January 21, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Abner Kenneth Williams Jr.* ”



Elena Taylor - January 20, 2022 at 06:54 PM