



James "Dan" Daniel Williams

June 6, 1942 - July 1, 2015

James "Dan" Daniel Williams age 73 of Athens, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2105 at his residence. Mr. Williams was born June 6, 1942 in Limestone County, AL to Jesse Jonas Williams and Georgia Ermel Covington Williams.

Services will be Monday, July 6, 2015 2:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church with Dr. Edwin Jenkins, Mark Whitt and Mike Davis officiating. The body will lie in state from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be Sunday, July 5, 2015 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Georgia Williams; one brother, Bobby Williams; one brother-in-law, J.D. Clanton.

Survived by his wife, Kay Williams of Athens; two sons, Daniel Williams and wife, Kara of Ryland, AL and Charles Williams of Athens; two daughters, Whitney Aldridge and husband, Allen of Athens and Dinah Gamble and husband, Heath of Rogersville, AL; 7 grandchildren, Kaleigh Goode and husband, Will of Tanner, Alex Wren Aldridge, Asa Aldridge all of Athens, Luke Williams, Jillian Williams, Levi Williams all of Ryland, AL and Wheeler Gamble of Rogersville, AL; one sister, Joan Stanford and husband, Jimmy of Athens; sister-in-law, Gail Clanton of Athens; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Williams was a member and Deacon of First Baptist Church. He was in the Alabama National Guards for 26 years and retired as 1st Sgt. and was a member of the 1343 Engineering Battalion.

Dan Williams spent more than 35 years in public office in Limestone County. He served one term on the Athens City Board of Education (1979 to 1984) before being elected to the Athens City Council, where he stayed until 1992.

Williams was elected mayor of Athens in 1992 and held the city's highest office until November 2010, when voters sent him to Montgomery. Williams represented Alabama House District 5, which covers north and central Limestone County including the cities of Athens and Elkmont.

Pallbearers will be Luke Williams, Asa Aldridge, Will Goode, Heath Gamble, Allen Aldridge, Will Stanford, Jesse Stanford and Dwight Covington. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Hicks Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Evan Thornton, Jerrod Hester, Joy Whitt, Holly Losch, Daniel Whitt, Shane Black, Andrew Clanton, Jess Clanton, Samuel Clanton, and Caleb Clanton.

Memorial may be made to First Baptist Church, Hospice of Limestone County, American Leukemia Society, Will Haney Foundation, Bridge of Hope Adoption Ministry or a favorite charity.

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Mayor Dan was a kind man who always seemed to do whatever necessary for family, friends, and the City. You will be dearly missed. Praying for the family in this difficult time.

Chanel Howard - July 07, 2015 at 08:44 AM

DR

“ Mayor Dan, you will be sorely missed. Athens has lost a shining star, Heaven has gained one! Rest in Eternal peace, and may your family be comforted by the Spirit of the All Powerful, whom you served so well.

Debra Reynolds - July 06, 2015 at 07:20 PM

SG

“ R.I.H...

Shalece Gill - July 06, 2015 at 04:49 PM

GS

“ Very much enjoyed the last few years of getting to know both Dan and Kay, in my volunteer work with the Limestone County Republican Ladies. I did volunteer work at the campaign headquarters, during last presidential campaign, and got the pleasure of knowing Kay, at that time.

My husband Stan Scott, was a 6th grade student of Dan's, when he taught at West Limestone.

He worked tirelessly for the citizens of Limestone county, as he represented us in Montgomery. His shoes will be big to fill, if they ever can be.

Our prayers go out to Kay and ALL his family members, during the days, weeks and months ahead. I know their will always be an emptiness in their lives.

Our Sympathy,

Gwen & Stan Scott, Elkmont, Al

Gwen & Stan Scott - July 06, 2015 at 11:43 AM

VH

“ Dan was truly a unique man, and married to an equally unique woman. He was witty, entertaining, and candid. All of this was with a kind heart and a mischievous spirit. He loved his family, The Lord, and the folk he served. He was a wonderful person who made a positive impact on those he met. My very deepest sympathies to Kay, the children and the grandchildren! May God comfort your hearts. Ginny Hamm

Virgiana Hamm - July 05, 2015 at 10:31 PM

PT

“ *Very sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting him a few times. Prayers for his family.*

Patty Thompson - July 05, 2015 at 06:49 PM

KW

“ *Dan you will always be in our hearts. You and all your family will always be in our prayers. I will always remember you as a good friend. One who always had a smile and a kind word for every one*

Keith Walker - July 05, 2015 at 06:07 PM

PS

“ *To the Williams family I am so sorry for our loss of such a fine man. Dan was an inspiration and a great example of leadership for all of us. Dan walked his talk and I am so lucky to have known him and shared time with him. Dan made a difference for the better in so many lives. Dan I salute you . Thank you for giving to make life better for so many. Mayor Phil Segraves*

Phil Segraves - July 05, 2015 at 02:07 PM

JJ

“ To my Williams family...I continue to pray for all of you during this time of sorrow and loss. My cousin Dan was one of the finest men I have known. He was always so glad to see us Maryland girls when we traveled to Athens. What a deep loss for our family, but also for so many in the great State of Alabama.
What an incredible life he was living...right up to when God called him to serve from Heaven. We all have those who have made a strong impact on our lives and in our hearts...Dan was surely one for many. To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. Dan will be remembered by so many now, in the future, and many years beyond. May our Lord and Savior comfort your hearts and give peace to you as we all await to meet him again. Our love, Jeannette Vinson Jones

Jeannette Vinson Jones - July 04, 2015 at 01:55 PM

LV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that Dan is in Heaven and worthy of being an Angel.

Lynn Kelley Vinson - July 04, 2015 at 08:41 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know Dan is in Heaven and worthy of being an Angel.

Lynno Kelley Vinson - July 04, 2015 at 08:36 AM

AB

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family and friends during these difficult days. Dan was a classmate and a great friend, He was a person who took John Kennedy words to heart , "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY . I will always remember the morning we spend time viewing the April 28 damage to Limestone county; he was viewing the damage to help get money from the Federal Government. He is in a much better place but he will be missed by all of us. Love to all of the family. Al & Ann Bush

AL & Ann Bush - July 04, 2015 at 08:11 AM

TS

“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Tribute Store - July 03, 2015 at 10:09 PM

CG

“ Mrs. Williams, Whitney, Daniel, Charles & Dinah- said a prayer of peace for you all- I know y'all are all wrapped in God's assurance right now. For as long as I can remember, you all have been in a snapshot of my life- since AES days- I have wonderful memories of Mr. Williams and my family and I will always remember him as not only a good man, but one that absolutely loved his family. Love to you all- Crystal Taylor Gray

Crystal Gray - July 03, 2015 at 09:18 PM

WK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Dan will be singing in heaven on this 4th of July.

Walt & Linda Keaton - July 03, 2015 at 11:25 AM

EB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Williams family. He was a great man and will be deeply missed. When I think of Dan, I think of the time when we were in a restaurant and he was there, also. I stopped to say hello and we talked for a few minutes and then he said, "Now are you you or are you your sister?"He knew I was a Garrett and he knew one of the Garrett sisters was a good friend of Phyllis and Mark Whitt. I got such a kick out of that. I think he was pretty sure, but wanted to confirm it. I laughed and said, "I'm me." Elizabeth and Terry Balch

Elizabeth Balch - July 03, 2015 at 10:06 AM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers for the family. I know he like singing. I would listen to him on the radio. May God bless you all with his strength.

Carolyn Chambers - July 03, 2015 at 09:45 AM

HF

“ May God give you peace and comfort. Praying for all of you. Hugs and love!!! Hillard and Opal Frost

Hillard and Opal Frost - July 02, 2015 at 08:48 PM

SS

“ I know God is with this family today and will be in the sad days that will follow. He knows and he cares.

Sandra Eaves Swartz - July 02, 2015 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ My deepest sympathy and love to Kay and family. Dan was a dear friend. Knew him practically all his life. He and my husband, Leroy Black, served in the National Guard together.

Doris Black - July 02, 2015 at 05:39 PM

LE

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family and to all his friends in Limestone County. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, Dan.

Loretta Merrell Ekis - July 02, 2015 at 05:28 PM

PS

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Kay, Daniel, Charles, Whitney, Dinah, Joan & your family. Dan was a much loved friend over the years when I first moved to Athens in the early 90's...always enjoyed seeing him, talking with him...whether it was at work, at a ballgame, or just out in public. A pillar of the community has gone on before us, God's Speed, Dan!

Paula George Smith - July 02, 2015 at 05:04 PM

MH

“ Lighting this candle to represent the light Dan will always have in your heart !

Mary Hasting - July 02, 2015 at 04:34 PM

DC

“ I didn't know Dan well, but it was easy to see he was a kind and good man. I am sorry for your loss. Blessings and peace to your family.

Dana Craig - July 02, 2015 at 04:04 PM

WG

“ PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO FAMILY. SUCH A GREAT PERSON AND FRIEND TO OUR IMEDIATE FAMILY FOR YEARS. HE WAS THERE WHEN YU NEEDED HIM. SUCH A PERSONALITY/ TO ALL OUR FAMILY. REST IN PEACE MAYOR DAN.

WAYNE GOOCH - July 02, 2015 at 02:14 PM

SH

“ We will miss you Dan! Love and prayers to all of your family and those who loved you. The world is a better place for you having lived in it!

Sharon Daniel Ham - July 02, 2015 at 01:50 PM

DB

“ PRAYING FOR KAY AND FAMILY FOR PEACE AND COMFORT. DAN WAS THE GREATEST.. WE WORKED TOGETHER AT MCCONNELL FUNERAL HOME IN THE 60'S TOGETHER.

DON BRADFORD - July 02, 2015 at 01:47 PM

DD

*“ God Bless All of the Family, our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
The Delmore Sisters', Billie Anne, Gail & Debby, we love you all!*

Debby Delmore - July 02, 2015 at 01:47 PM

MA

“ Dan, I light this candle for you. A pyramid to represent the many ways you lead your community with honor and dignity. Rest in peace in the loving arms of your savior, Jesus Christ. Until we meet again, your sister in Christ, Mari Allen

Mari Allen - July 02, 2015 at 01:37 PM

AS

“ *Dan was one of God's greatest gift to Athens. He will be missed.*

Annette Strickland - July 02, 2015 at 01:33 PM

WR

“ *Dan will be missed. He was truly a man of God and a man of his word.*

I will miss his wise counsel and friendship.

Wayne Reynolds - July 02, 2015 at 12:31 PM