



James Williams Jr

November 10, 1942 - June 5, 2026

Obituary for James “Tex / Jr. / Jim” Williams

James Williams Jr., affectionately known as “Tex,” entered eternal rest on June 5, 2026, at the age of 83. Born on November 10, 1942, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he later moved to Richmond, Indiana, where he graduated from Richmond High School in 1962. That same year, he married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Harris, beginning a beautiful marriage that lasted 62 years.

A man of many gifts, Tex was a self taught musician, artist, and problem solver who could fix or figure out almost anything. In his younger years, he led the band The Esquires, sharing his love of music with many. He worked as a skilled electrician, known for his integrity, steady hands, and dependable nature. Later in life, he earned a bachelor’s degree in theology and taught both computer literacy and the Word of God, reflecting his lifelong

commitment to learning and

service.

Tex was a devoted deacon at Bethesda Temple, respected for his humility, wisdom, and

unwavering faith. He lived his beliefs through kindness, generosity, and a gentle spirit that

touched countless lives. He also loved barbecuing, creating meals, and making memories that

brought family and friends together.

His children survive him: Tony Williams (Cynthia) and Janice Williams Hopkins (Michael); his

sister, Ruth Wright (Larry Sr.); his brother-in-law, Phillip Harris; and a host of grandchildren,

greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He was welcomed home by his beloved wife, Barbara; his parents; several siblings and family

members; his grandson, Antonio; and his lifelong friend, Joe Van Brown.

Tex leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, creativity, and quiet strength. His family finds comfort

in knowing he is reunited with those who went before him and rests safely in God's eternal

Cemetery Details

CRESTLAWN CEMETERY

GEORGETOWN, KY

Upcoming Events

FUNERAL

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Smith & Smith Funeral Home
340 E Third Street
LEXINGTON, KY 40508

Visitation Friday June 12, 2026 11:00 AM until time of Service.