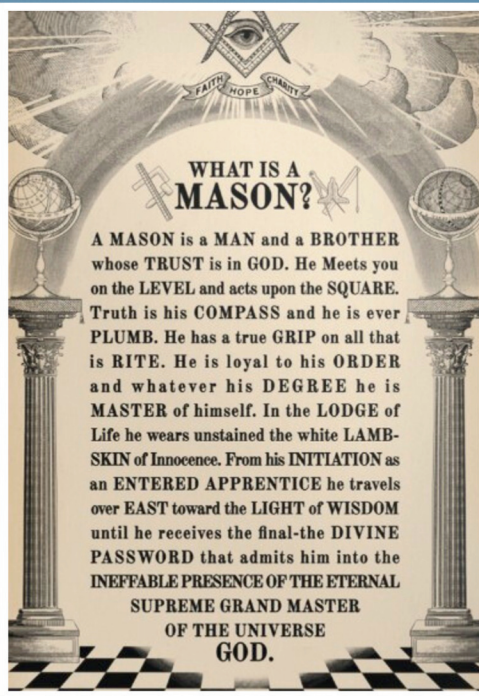


In Loving Memory



John Calvin Williams
May 27, 1946 ~ March 4, 2026

John C. Williams was born on May 27, 1946, in Forkland, Alabama, to the late Howard Williams and Leona Williams. He passed away surrounded by the love and memories of family and friends who meant so much to him.

At an early age, John experienced the loss of both his mother and grandmother within months of each other. After their passing, he moved to Chicago, Illinois to live with his Aunt Annie Mae. While living in Chicago, John attended elementary school and high school, where he spent his formative years growing into the strong and resilient man many came to know and love.

John later moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he began building his life as a young adult. While living in Detroit, he married the late Patricia Burch, and he was the father of five children.

In October 1975, John moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where he began a new chapter in his life. In 1977, he met Mary Etta, who would later become his wife. At the time, John had five children and Mary had four children. They blended their families together and were married in March 1978, creating a family of nine children. John loved each of his children deeply and proudly spoke about all nine of them.

John carried great strength throughout his life and had a deep devotion to his faith. He was a dedicated member of Bethel Baptist Church in Pocatello, Idaho. He was also a proud member of the Portneuf Lodge, Ruth Chapter of the Eastern Star, and the Shriners.

His grandchildren include Danielle, Terisha, TJ, Johnnie, Patricia, and Kaden, who he loved spending time with making memories, fishing, and hunting.

John is survived by Mary Etta Williams; his children John (Shawna) Williams, Desirae (Terry) Saunders, Johnita (Vernon) Gordon, Richard Burch, LurShawn (Jamila) Williams, Lucy Mosely, Annette Childs, and David Childs; his sister Mary Rowser; brothers-in-law Johnnie (Miranda) Carroll and Cater (Priscilla) Carroll; sister-in-law Jessie McKenney; his grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends who will cherish his memory.

He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Leona Williams; his son Roy E. Childs; his grandparents; five brothers Jimmy, Robert, Howard, Allen, and Ray Williams; sisters Carrie Mae White and Annie Little; brothers-in-law William "Bill" Carroll, Frank Rowser, Sam White, and Godfrey Michael; sisters-in-law Jessie Michael, Marie (Bessie) Butler, Florence R. Watson; and his aunt Annie Mae.

Funeral Services

Saturday ~ March 14, 2026 ~ 11:00 am
Wilks Funeral Home
211 W Chubbuck Road ~ Chubbuck, ID
Officiating ~ Reverend William Beard

When The Gates Swing Open
Musical Selection by Otis Clay

Opening Prayer & Scripture ~ Reverend William Beard

Reading of the Obituary ~ Terisha

Tributes ~ Terisha and Kaden

Be Still My Soul
Musical Selection by Peaceful Hymns

Eulogy

Cooling Waters
Musical Selection by Lee Williams

Masonic Rites

Rose Croix

Masonic Lodge Tribute

Closing Prayer

You Got to Move
Musical Selection by The Original Five Blind Boys of Alabama

Concluding Services

Monday ~ March 16, 2026 ~ 1:00 pm
Mountain View Cemetery
44 East ~ Row 10 ~ Space 1

Honorary Pall Bearers

Royce Hill ~ Darnell Evans ~ Mike Pettaway ~ Mike Presley
Roscoe Hill ~ Sunny Warren

Luncheon

Masonic Lodge
535 N Arthur Avenue
Pocatello, ID 83204