



Andrew Williams

April 30, 1981 - February 5, 2024

Andrew Clifton Walker Williams, 42, son of Shelia and Earl Williams of Ridgeville, South Carolina, went to his heavenly home on February 5, 2024, after a courageous four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer.

Andrew grew up in Ridgeville and graduated from Pinewood Prep in Summerville, SC, where he was a four-year letterman in soccer and football. His senior year he was awarded the “hustle” award in soccer and best lineman in football. After attending his first Gamecock football game at age two-and-a-half he became a lifelong ardent fan. He spent hours water skiing and loved hiking and camping with his dad in the North and South Carolina Mountains. After high school Andrew attended Brevard College.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served honorably for four years. That included two tours in Iraq where he served with the First Marine Division, as an assault amphibian crew chief and crewman in the assault on Baghdad. His second tour was spent in the so-called Triangle of Death and included the attack and subsequent 45 days in the battle and mopping up of Fallujah. For his actions, he was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and Navy Unit Citation, among others. He was a proud Marine. After discharge, Andrew moved to Southwest Virginia and worked as a coal miner. He later moved to Wisconsin. Andrew loved bowling almost every week with his daughter, and spending all the time he could with

her.

Andrew is preceded in death by his grandparents, Theodore and Faye Williams and Talmage and Mattie Belle Redding; cousins, Mark Ellis, Allen Ellis, and Shawn Redding; and aunts and uncles, Jean and Russel Cain, Michael and Sandy Redding, Gary Ellis, LaVerne Redding, and Janice Redding.

He is survived by his parents, Shelia and Earl Williams; his daughter, Ashton; Bob Cramer, whom Andrew considered his “big brother”; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life for Andrew on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the chapel at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC. Prior to the service will be a gathering of friends and family from 11 o'clock to 12 o'clock, and the service will begin at 12 o'clock. Inurnment will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [Woundedwarriorproject.org](https://woundedwarriorproject.org), [St.Jude.org](https://stjude.org), or a charity of your choice in memory of Andrew.

The family would like to thank the staff at Unity Hospice who went above and beyond for Andrew, and the staff at Bellin for their excellent care.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Gathering

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Oakbrook Chapel
11000 Dorchester Rd.
Summerville, SC 29485

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew Williams*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - May 13, 2024 at 05:46 PM

EY

“ *God grants rest to Andrew, a true warrior! The Lord also sends to you Sheila & Earl -devoted parents - Ashton, and all...angels of consolation in your great grief! I was with you in spirit this morning. I am sending the wonderful video of Andrew to former staff living out of state. Love and hugs to all of you in the risen Lord! Ernie & former Staff of The Continental Corner*

Ernest P Yatreliis - June 08, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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Thank you, Father Ernie. I used to bring him to the Continental Corner often. He would always order the same thing-a Dr, Brown's Black Cherry Soda, in the can with no ice, a cup of soup, co0leslaw. All the waitstaff knew this, and they automatically brought his lunch. Those were great days!

Shelia and Earl Williams - June 12, 2024 at 01:00 PM

KM

“ *My heart aches for your loss. I have been hearing stories of Andrew’s escapades and triumphs since he was little. He grew to be a proud man and father. May the void left in your hearts and home be bearable in the days to come.*



Kim McLaren - May 19, 2024 at 02:44 PM

SW

Thank you, Kim. I enjoyed spending the evening with you last week.

Shelia and Earl Williams - June 12, 2024 at 01:03 PM