



## Chris M. Williams

February 6, 2019

Chris M. Williams, loving husband, son, brother and uncle passed away peacefully February 6, 2019 after his long and courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family and friends. He spent his career working in the maritime and trucking business and was well known to many in that industry. In his life, he loved his family and friends unconditionally and always had a kind word and bright smile for all he met. He was loved in return by everyone who knew him and was known for his gentle spirit and kind heart.

He loved sailing and boating in the Chesapeake Bay, Elizabeth and St. John's Rivers and, when he was fortunate enough to have the opportunity, around the Caribbean. He was equally happy to sit on any beach enjoying a cold beverage whether in the Outer Banks, St. Martin, Cayman Islands, Cocoa Beach or Sanibel Island to name a few. He especially loved his wife, best friend and partner in crime Jennifer, his many nieces and nephews and his fur baby "Tini".

Left to cherish his memory are, his wife, Jennifer, father, Horace Williams (Patty), sisters Kim Williams and Nancy Allen (Edward), brothers, Lee Williams and Fenton Williams (Margaret), parents-in-law Mary Jane and Al Spradlin, sisters-in law Martha Austin (Chris) and Boo Niblo (Todd), numerous nieces and nephews, cousins from Baltimore and Florida, and many dear friends and neighbors that were like family to him. He was pre-deceased by

his mother, Ann Vanderberry Williams and his sister Beth Williams Gates.

The family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Hume-Lee Clinic, VCU medical center for the cutting edge cancer treatment provided to him, as well as the staff of Sentara Belleharbour for their compassionate care of our sweet Chris and empathy for his family during his final hours.

A receiving of friends will be held Monday, February 11, 2019 at the home of Marti and Chris Austin from 6-9 pm.

The Requiem Eucharist will be conducted at St. Johns's Episcopal Church on the corner of London Blvd. and Washington St. in downtown Portsmouth at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2019 with interment to follow in the Memorial Garden at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, or Hume-Lee Clinic at VCU Medical Center.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint John's Episcopal Church  
424 Washington Street  
Portsmouth, VA 23704

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ To family of Chris M. Williams: I will always remember Chris as a very kind and easy going guy who i first met working with him at Containership Agency at NIT. He was always eager to help anyone at work and always upbeat! He always had kind words to lift your spirit if you were down and could be so funny when he made a joke which was great if we were having a stressful work day. Chris will be missed greatly by all the lives of friends and family left behind for now. But he's well now and at peace in a better place. So watch over us all here Chris till we meet up with you again. Kathryn and Edward L. Allen

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**kathryn Allen** - February 12, 2019 at 10:11 PM

EH

“ Dear Precious Ones, Jennifer, Williams Family; Mary Jane, Al and Family, Our Love and most sincere condolences to you all. We pray all the prayers and love that surrounds you, will be a great comfort. May the beautiful heart of Chris always live on within you and the Sweet Spirit of the Lord hold you closely. Love, Ed & Lynn Hughes

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**Ed & Lynn Hughes** - February 12, 2019 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ Chris had a way of bringing us all together. He had a way of helping us look at life with our hearts. I was asked “who didn't like Chris”? And the answer was simply “no one.” He was liked and loved by everyone whom met him. He will be a soul that is truly missed by so many. His love and kind heart will be missed by all. We love you Chris

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**Shawn Smith** - February 12, 2019 at 08:07 AM

JJ

“ *What a gentle and kind man. My heart goes out to Jen and the rest of his family. RIP Chris.*  
*Jeff James*

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**Jeff James** - February 12, 2019 at 12:57 AM

JA

“ *I respectfully send prayers and condolences to Horace and Family upon the passing of Chris. May He Rest In Peace.*  
*--Jack Armistead, Norfolk*

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**Jack Armistead** - February 11, 2019 at 11:56 PM

RW

“ *What a prince of a guy Chris was! I can't think of a more gentle and kind person than Chris. Never in all the years when we were in his company that he did not approach us with a great big smile on his face and an extended hand of friendship, pat on the back or hug. Chris had a great sense of humor as well. His loss is truly heartbreaking. Our love goes out to Jennifer and the Williams Family. Rest in peace Chris. God bless!*  
*Bob and Linda Woodard*  
*February 11, 2019*

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**Robert Woodard** - February 11, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.*



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February 11, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.



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February 11, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.



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February 11, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.



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February 11, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.



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February 11, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.*



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February 11, 2019 at 12:32 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.*



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February 10, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.*



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February 10, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Chris M. Williams.*



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February 10, 2019 at 12:57 AM

DJ

“ I have lost a friend who was the best person I know. A beautiful life and soul have left us all far too early. Chris was a bright light in all of our lives and who will be missed by so many. Jennifer, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, David and Karen Jennette

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**David Jennette** - February 09, 2019 at 06:55 AM

SD

Chris was one of the most gentle souls one could ever meet. Over the course of many years, he never failed to tell me how thankful he was my sister introduced him to Jennifer. Chris always had a kind and cheerful comment for everyone he met.

Richard, who Chris always called Mr. Duffee, has happy memories of parties in the garage playing pool and ping pong, and in later years cookouts at Chris and Jennier's home.

Chris will be missed by many. We love you.

Rest in comfort pain free.

Richard and Susan Duffee

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**Susan Duffee** - February 09, 2019 at 11:17 AM

JS

Chris is without a doubt one of my best friends who I've known since childhood. His smile and sense of humor was infectious and he was always in for a good time. We played tennis together in high school then crewed on the same racing sailboat with David Jennette, David Carp, Mark Fey-Head and more. Chris and I spoke often especially these past 5 years. His voice will definitely be missed as his good soul. Chris was Love to our generation and showed his love for others and life at all times. Chris will be missed physically however his memories will last for ever.

Peace Be With You my great friend

With Love

John and Linda Simón

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**John Simón** - February 09, 2019 at 03:29 PM

KG

*A loss so greatly missed. Chris had a great smile and a loving soul. His sense of humor made him so easy to love. My fondest memories sailing 🚤 many times and him taking care of me when I sprained my ankle on the boat. Getting me home along with David Jeanette. RIP my dear friend*

**Kelly Scalzi Gasko** - February 09, 2019 at 04:10 PM

MW

*Prayers to Jennifer and all of Chris' family and dear friend. In the arms of the angels, free and at peace.*

**mary Williard** - February 09, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BA

*Jennifer, I am so sorry for your loss and sending prayers for you and your family. He is now in no pain and in the arms of our good Lord. God Bless you and stay strong..*

**Barbara Amick** - February 09, 2019 at 09:31 PM

CB

*Chris was definitely a kind, loving soul. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his lifelong friends. RIP my friend.*

**Cathy Brantley** - February 10, 2019 at 07:21 AM

JC

*Heartbreaking to hear of this tremendous loss for the entire Williams family, especially Jennifer and Chris' cherished friends from childhood and beyond. It has been heartwarming to see so many beautiful tributes and kind words written about Chris and the impressions he made in people's hearts. He really was a kind " old soul" and it speaks volumes that he is still remembered for his kindness and compassion 40 years later. Gone too soon but not forgotten.*

**Julie Charles** - February 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM