

WC Williams

January 21, 1947 - March 13, 2026

Bill W.C. Afram Williams was born Jan 21, 1947, in Minter City, Mississippi to WC Gray and Viola McNutt Williams. He confessed his life to Christ at a young age. Bill attended Amanda Elsley High School in Greenwood Mississippi. Bill's Aunt Laura made sure that he had the tools to succeed in school. He moved to Chicago in the 1970's pursuing the American Dream.

He attended Malcolm X College where his love of theater led him to enroll at St

Nicholas Theatre. While there he studied acting and writing, which led him to the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago. While at Steppenwolf he met many other well-known actors and playwrights.

Bill acted in several movies including 'Flatliners', "The Fugitive" with Tommy Lee Jones, and "Chain Reaction" with Morgan Freeman.

He also appeared alongside Gary Sinise in the play One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest at the Steppenwolf Theatre. The production ran for two weeks in London and six months in New York. His devoted wife, Lydia, accompanied him during the tour. He spent 28 years working at Canteen Vending Service, where he met his wife, Lydia, and they enjoyed 32 years of marriage

He was also a member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist church for 30 plus years and was president of the Usher Board.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
6600 S Hermitage Ave.
Chicago, IL 60636

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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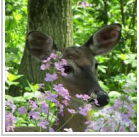
“ Bill and I got to know each other hanging out after acting classes at St Nicholas. I was immediately taken to him by his warm humanity, for a man that had lived what he had, he showed no sharp edges. You felt welcome in his company. I haven't seen him since, but we kept in touch through social media and writing. I loved the guy for his courage to show us his heart and mind through his life and creativity. Sorry i couldn't make the send off, but I keep his warmth and our dialogue close to me until I can't. Thank you brother for making life better.

Patrick Moloney - March 31 at 11:53 AM

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“ I'm soo sad to hear about. My uncle/cousin he's been in mu life for 50 years he gave my first nick name popcorn. I will miss his smile and conversations and jokes. Rest in peace uncle u are missed down here love you Tracey

Tracey knighten - March 27 at 10:32 PM



“ *Bill and I never met in the flesh. He came into my life on FaceBook years ago through a mutual friend. We came from very different worlds but we shared many understandings. We spoke of politics, of culture, and of family. Our mutual love of music and faith in God led to rich and rewarding conversations, as recently as early in this month when he commented on my photos of my late parents. He shared so many stories of his past and his present that he truly made me feel like a brother. God bless you Lydia and Neena, you have lost so much but you have so many memories to cherish. And God bless you, Bill. You have gone before and I have no doubt that you have been received with love and joy. I will see you when I get there.*

Russ Ward - March 27 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Marie Burns purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of WC Williams.*



Marie Burns - March 27 at 10:33 AM