



Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.

October 24, 1937 - December 19, 2017

Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams, Sr., 80, peacefully passed away at his home on December 19, 2017. He was born and reared in Lake City, SC, the son of Eugene Mood Williams, MD and Emera Rogers Williams. He graduated from Lake City High School, obtained a BS Degree from Furman University and an MD Degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his residency at Columbia Hospital in Columbia, SC. A fourth generation physician, he began his calling for helping the sick with Family Practice in his home town of Lake City. He continued helping others after moving to Surfside Beach in 1976 where he established Primary Medical Associates. He was board certified in Family Practice and was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He was also a member of the active staff at Grand Strand Hospital and Conway Hospital and served as Chief of Staff at Grand Strand Hospital in 1986. He was also privileged to serve two terms as president of the Horry County Medical Society. His desire to educate others in good health grew and he hosted a weekly one hour television program, "You and Your Health", on TV 43 in Myrtle Beach for four years from 1995 to 1999.

As a physician, he was able to serve in the military with the 329th Army Medical Detachment where he was commanding officer, reaching the rank of Major.

His passion for music was always an important part of his life. He began

taking piano lessons in the 1st grade and trumpet lessons in the 5th grade. He played 1st chair trumpet in the South Carolina All State Band his junior and senior year in high school and began playing professionally with a swing band at the age of 15. While at Furman University, he played 1st chair trumpet, organized a 12 piece dance band, and worked as band director at Hollis Junior High School in Greenville, SC. After moving to Myrtle Beach, he helped organize the Swing Time big band. He loved directing the band, booking the many band performances, and especially loved playing lead trumpet with the band for over 15 years.

His faith in God and love for family and friends was apparent throughout his life. He was a member of Timberlake Baptist Church where he taught a Sunday School class, served as an active deacon, sang in the choir, and directed the choir for over two years. He also served as choir director at two other churches and was able to spread God's word and provide medical care on a mission trip to Brazil in 1989. Family gatherings were many, from vacations together to a casual dinner out. And he always had a good joke ready for his many friends.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Peggy Kenney Williams, who is also a graduate of Furman University. She has also served as an active deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir member at Timberlake Baptist Church. He is also survived by his three children and their spouses: Asbury Hamilton Williams, Jr. (Ami) of Albuquerque, NM; Peggy Laura Williams Curtis (John) of Murrells Inlet; Suzanne Williams Birnbaum (Brian) of Surfside Beach; and by his grandchildren: Jay Curtis (Tori), Lee Curtis, Ashton Meyer, and Logan Meyer.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, December 22, 2017 at Timberlake Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Timberlake Baptist Church, 9850 Hwy. 707 Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 1105 48th Ave. N. Suite 109 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ I am just learning of Dr. Williams' passing. I remember him from working with my grandmother (Rebecca Prioleau). She spoke very highly of him as well as the book he wrote. I can remember meeting him when I was younger. I know it has been a few years, but I pray that you all continue to feel God's comfort and peace.

Kevin - June 03, 2023 at 03:05 PM

WH

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Asbury's passing. I knew him through the Swing Time Big Band, where he hired me to play piano over a period of several years. We had lots of fun, and I have many fond memories of my time with the band. He always maintained a warm inclusive sense for everyone, and you could hear this in the way the band played - no tension, no needless stress. I still laugh when I think of his "O ye of little faith..." car packings, in the large station wagon he was driving at the time. This would be for out of town gigs, when he piled musicians and gear into the car, with no one believing he could get another eighth note's worth of stuff - but he did! I will miss him and those great times. God speed, Asbury! I hope I get to see you sometime.

Bill Hamilton

William Hamilton - December 26, 2017 at 02:17 PM

CB

“ Chris & Helen Bone lit a candle in memory of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.



Chris & Helen Bone - December 23, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr..*



December 21, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.*



Tammy Howell - December 21, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *We appreciate all the memories and services of Dr. Asbury Williams.
God Bless,*

Loretta, Lora, and Henry Roberts

Loretta - December 21, 2017 at 12:15 PM



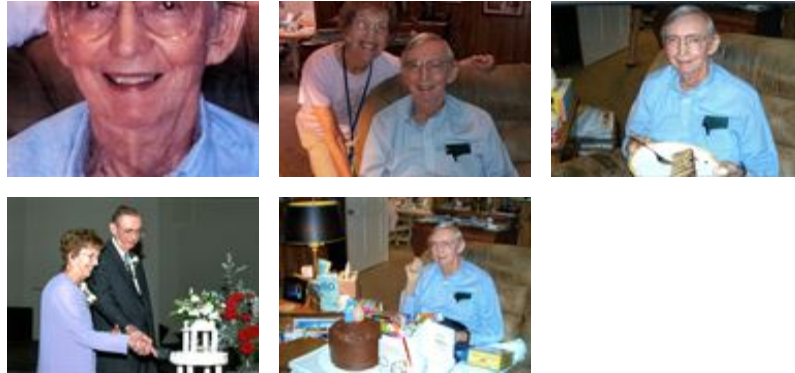
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr..*



December 21, 2017 at 11:40 AM



“ 36 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - December 21, 2017 at 09:04 AM

Deb Beck

“ *Deb Beck lit a candle in memory of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.*



Deb Beck - December 21, 2017 at 12:14 AM

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“ *Richard And Martha Greene lit a candle in memory of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.*



Richard and Martha Greene - December 20, 2017 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Barbara Bennett Martin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Asbury Hamilton Williams Sr.*



Barbara Bennett Martin - December 20, 2017 at 05:06 PM