

## Journey

Don't think of him as gone away—

his journey's just begun

life holds so many facets

this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

from the sorrows and the tears

in a place of warmth and comfort

where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

that we could know today

how nothing but our sadness

can really pass away.

And think of him as living

in the hearts of those he touched...

for nothing loved is ever lost—

and he was loved so much.

—ELLEN BRENNEMAN

## Acknowledgment

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, That anyone could say.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much.*

—THE FAMILY OF WILBUR JONES WILLIAMS, JR.

## Honorary Pallbearers

*Anthony Tolliver | Damian Thompson | Rudolph Matherson*

*Gabriel Raullerson | James Matherson | Mike Thomas*

*Frank D. Cheers*

## Reception

*Pipkin Braswell Reception Center*

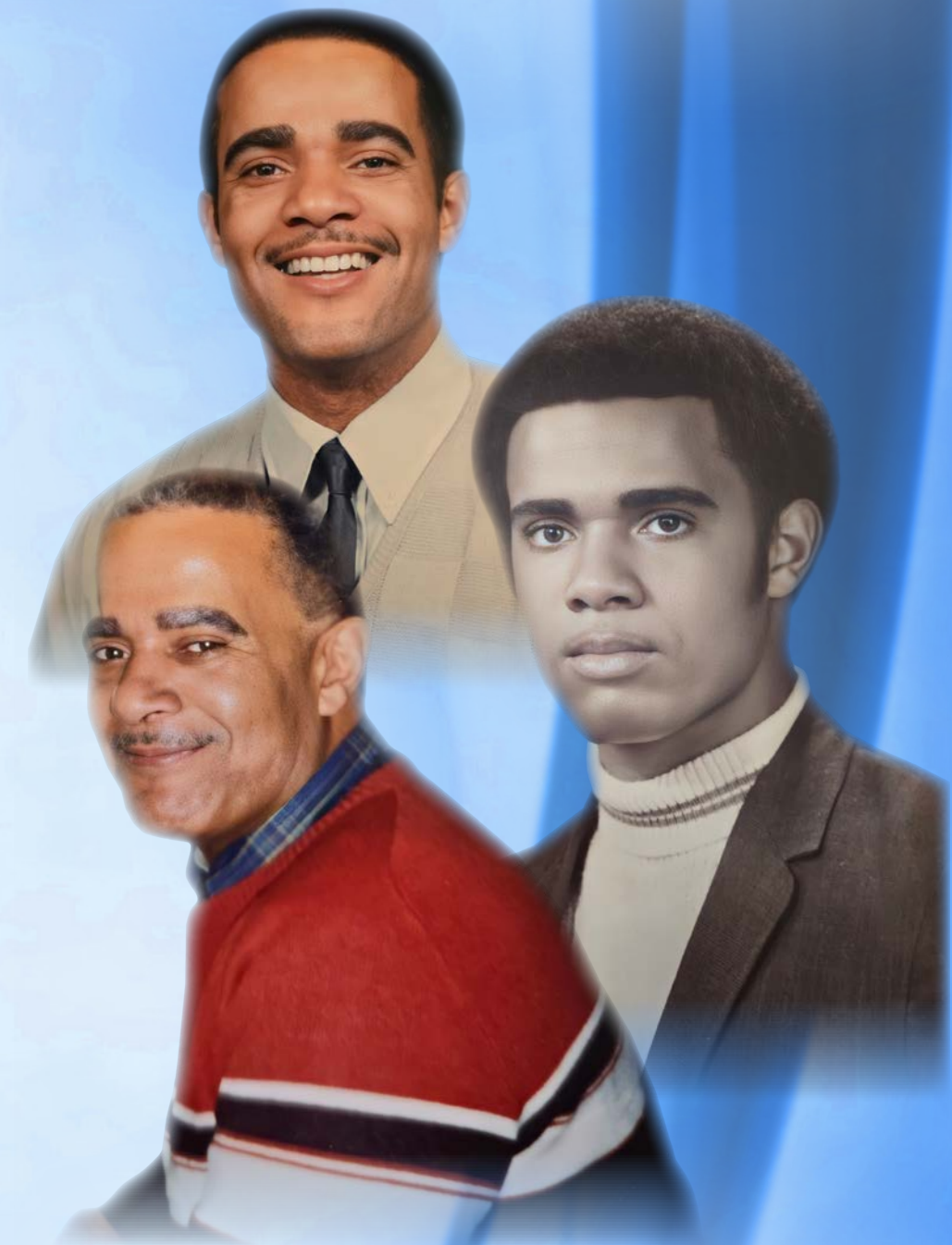
## Private Cremation

*Denver, Colorado*

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*"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."*

## Celebrating the Life of



*Wilbur Jones  
Williams, Jr.*

*August 17, 1951 - May 18, 2024*

# Life Journey

The story of Wilbur Jones Williams, Jr. is a tapestry of love, faith, and dedication woven with threads of family, community, and passion as he was raised in Birmingham, Alabama and Denver Colorado. Born to Wilbur Williams, Sr. and Donna Howard, Wilbur's journey began with a foundation of love and support that would shape his remarkable life.

Educated in the public school system, Wilbur's thirst for knowledge led him to graduate from East High School before pursuing higher education at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

On April 10, 1973, Wilbur embarked on a new chapter of his life as married, Shelley Johnson. From this union, two radiant daughters, Portia and Muriel, were born, becoming the lights of his life and the embodiment of his pride and joy.

A man of many talents, Wilbur's entrepreneurial spirit thrived as he established his own accounting and tax business shortly after the birth of his first daughter, Portia. His dedication to his work was unwavering, often finding solace and purpose in the walls of his office, where he poured his heart and soul into serving his clients.

Wilbur grew up in the Church and his faith grew stronger as he began studying the Bible more intensely upon receiving a Bible for his birthday in 1985 from his daughters Portia and Muriel, and niece, Tasha. It was during these formative years that his deep-rooted faith blossomed, leading him to be baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church, where his soulful voice found a home in the choir.

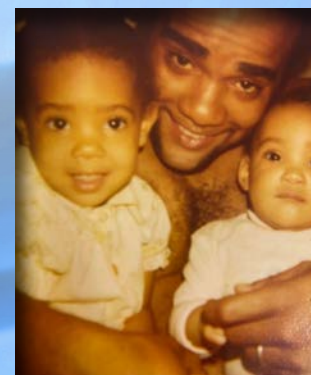
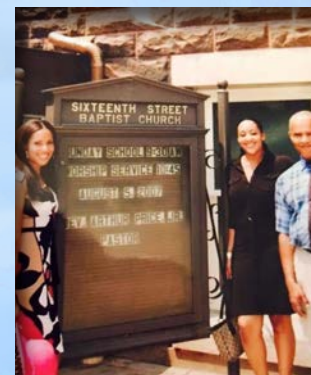
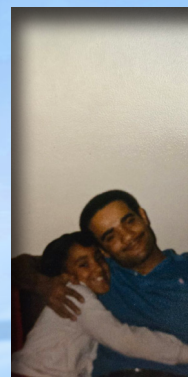
In addition to his professional endeavors, Wilbur generously shared his talents with his community, providing accounting services to Macedonia Baptist Church and Scott Methodist Church, embodying his commitment to serving others and spreading goodwill.

A true sports enthusiast, Wilbur found joy in cheering for his favorite teams, the Denver Broncos, Denver Nuggets, and the University of Alabama, his passion for sports mirroring his zest for life. An avid reader and collector, he frequented the Denver public library, amassing a treasure trove of CDs and DVDs that reflected his diverse interests and insatiable curiosity.

Above all, Wilbur's heart overflowed with love and pride for his beautiful granddaughter, Priya, whose presence brought him immeasurable joy and happiness.

As we bid farewell to Wilbur Jones Williams, Jr., we honor his memory and the impact he made on all who knew him. Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Williams Sr. and Donna Raullerson, and his brother Andre Raullerson, Wilbur leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will be cherished by his daughters, Muriel (Damian) Hill Thompson and Portia Prescott, his granddaughter, Priya Realer, his sister, Vanessa (Frank) Cheers, his brothers, Tony (Rosie) Tolliver, Rito Raullerson, and Gabriel Raullerson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

In the symphony of Wilbur's life, may we find comfort in the memories we shared, the love we received, and the lessons of compassion and dedication he imparted. Rest in peace, Wilbur Jones Williams, Jr., your spirit will forever live on in our hearts.



# Order of Service

Friday, June 7, 2024 | 2:00 P.M.

PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE  
6601 East Colfax Avenue | Denver, Colorado 80220

Pastor Milford Adams, Officiating

Pastor Thomas Mayes, Eulogist

PROCESSIONAL ..... Tara Washington Everette / Nathaniel Black

“Jesus Promised Me A Home

PARTING MEMORIES ..... Pipkin Braswell Director

SELECTION ..... Tara Washington Everette / Nathaniel Black

COMFORT FROM THE SCRIPTURES ..... Minister

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF SOLACE ..... Minister

SELECTION ..... Colorado Mass Choir Recording

“God has not Given Us The Spirit of Fear”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES

AND OBITUARY ..... Pipkin Braswell Directors

Family Tributes

Honoring Wilbur (Two Minute Remarks)

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Minister Jules Lee

SELECTION ..... Jamee Young

“When I See Jesus”

EULOGY ..... Pastor Thomas Mayes

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“I'll Always Love You”

COMMITTAL / CLOSING PRAYER / BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL ..... Tara Washington Everette / Nathaniel Black

“Tears In Heaven”