

# **SAMUEL KEITH WILLIAMS**



Age 72, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at UPMC Passavant – McCandless Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Born on May 5, 1952, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Samuel was the son of the late Paul and Elizabeth (Snelling) Williams. He grew up in Fort Lauderdale and graduated from Stranahan High School, before earning an Associate of Arts degree from Broward Community

College. He continued his education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he was among the first Black students to integrate the university. As an active member of the Black Student Union, he advocated for greater opportunities and inclusion for Black students. He was also the first of four extended family members to graduate from Florida State University, paving the way for future generations.

Samuel dedicated his career to teaching, counseling and mentoring both students and adults. His passion for sports led him to coach Little League and high school football for Dade County Schools. After relocating to Pittsburgh, he continued his work in education, before retiring from UPMC.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Alyce Sutton-Williams; his son, Samuel Isiah Williams of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; his sisters, Joyce Elizabeth Kennedy and Mary Jean Watts Brown both of Fort Lauderdale; his brothers, Gilbert Dwight (Evelyn) Williams of Tallahassee, Florida and David Gregory Williams of Plainfield, New Jersey. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Rosa Williams of Haymarket, Virginia and Patricia Sutton of Hillsborough, North Carolina; his goddaughter, Kiera Akins of Atlanta, Georgia; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished friends.

Brother Samuel was a member of Masonic Bethlehem Grand Chapter O.E.S Prince Hall Affiliated-Florida.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to local food pantries in Samuel's honor.

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