



Darnell Antonio Williams

November 3, 1968 - July 16, 2006

DARNELL ANTONIO WILLIAMS was born on November 3, 1968, in Caroline County, Virginia. He departed this life on Sunday, July 16, 2006. “Tony” (as he was called by his family), attended Carolina County Public Schools, where he was an outstanding lineman on the football team. It was there that he also adopted the nickname. “Porkchop” from his peers. Tony was baptized in Jesus’ name at Ebenezer Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond, Virginia, and later received the Gift of Holy Ghost. He attended the church faithfully and developed an apparent love for gospel music as a child. At the age of five, he began exhibiting signs of talent on the piano. From then on, his family endured countless nights of “practice” on the piano, keyboard and drums. Nevertheless, they continued to encourage him to cultivate his talent. His interest in music also prompted him to spend many afternoons in church practicing and developing his skills on the organ. It soon became obvious that he was no ordinary musician. In fact, he was extraordinary. Tony had no formal training, but was divinely inspired by God to play by ear (Proverbs 18:16). Many who heard him marveled at the way he moved his fingers across the keyboard. As a teenager, he became the organist for the Ebenezer Youth Adult choir. His reputation flourished. Tony became a mentor to other developing musicians and accompanied many local groups in Richmond and the surrounding areas. He also had the opportunity to interact with some well-known recording artists. Some of the people he accompanied include the John P. Kee Worship choir, Shirley Caesar, Timothy Wright, James Moore,

Milton Brunson and Karen Clark. He eventually became a promoter. On September 12, 1998, Darnell and his family became members of the Tabernacle, of praise Temple, COOLJC, where Bishop Mack D. Vincent, Sr. is pastor. Tony loved his family and enjoyed spending quality time with them. He will be remembered most for his cheerful personality, his individuality, his beautiful smile and of course, his musical talent. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Venetia R. Williams; one daughter, Darnesha Williams; and three sons, Darnell, Dexter and Dustin Williams, all of Richmond, Virginia; his parents, Pierpont G. and Doris Y. Williams of Ruther Glen, Virginia. One brother, Keith Anthony Williams of Ladysmith, Virginia; one devoted God-brother, Lloyd Dudley of Ruther Glen, Virginia; one God-sister, Monica Dudley of Ladysmith, Virginia; his maternal grandparents, Earl B. and Mary K. Dudley of Woodford, Virginia; his paternal grandparents, Pierpont and Sra Francis Williams of Woodford, Virginia; three nephews, Justin Bailey of Ladysmith, Virginia and Lyman, Jr. and Brandon Clark of Richmond, Virginia; his father-in-law, Edward Martin, Sr., and his mother-in-law, Rosa L. Martin; one brother-in-law, Edward Martin of Richmond, Virginia; two sisters-in-law, Sheila Clark (Lyman) and Terri Paige (Sherwood), of Richmond, Virginia; four uncles, Earl Dudley, Jr., (Marsha), James Dudley (Sharon), Alban Dudley (Maranda), and Raynard Dudley, four aunts, Jackie Brooks (Freddie), Devoted Aunt Brenda Apperson, Jean Dudley, Joan Dudley and Maria Williams. A host of other relatives and friends, five devoted Demetrius Witherspoon, Clemmon Hough, III, Dwayne Daniels, James "Tiny" Smith and Melvin Boykins; four devoted spiritual leaders: Bishop Mack Vincent, Sr., Elder James F. Dudley, Rev. Rodney Hunter and Rev. Rudolph Sykes.

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“ *My Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tammy Stanley##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers & Support are with you at this time. My God Bless you & Keep You in all that you do. Much Love.##imported-begin##Dontay Tillman##imported-end##*

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“ *rip young man##imported-begin##c.west##imported-end##*

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“ *Praise the Lord Venetia, Darnesha, Darnell Jr, Dexter and Little Dustin. Our Prayer are will you always. Venetia continue to keep the faith as we know you will. Love you all in Jesus name.##imported-begin##Pastor Marvin & Sis Patricia , Mercedes Williams and family##imported-end##*

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“ In the peace of quiet moments, I will remember the pleasant smile and outstanding musical talent of a very special person who graced the walls of Friendship Baptist Church. May you find comfort in God's Love.##imported-begin##Melva W. Lewis##imported-end##

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“ Doris, God is the only one that really shares your pain. He will help you and your family through these difficult days. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Gerald & Martina Jones##imported-end##

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“ May God continue to bless and strengthen you all in your time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you. RIP my friend##imported-begin##Chavis family##imported-end##

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“ I and the members of New Kingdom Christian Ministries offer our deepest sympathies to you and your children. Words can not convey the gratitude in knowing Darnell and having him share his gift of music with us. He has touched our lives in so many ways. We can only remember the great times we've had together. It's hard to imagine that he is no longer here, but his music will continue to live on. God Bless you all and always know that nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus! Be Encouraged!##imported-begin##Nicole Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Darnell you will surely be missed by my whole family, I don't know how your boy Terrill is gonna hold on, please watch over my baby and guide him through life, God has surely chosen bright flowers to play for his heavenly choir. We will see you later on the other side at the Holy Ghost Party.##imported-begin##Monite Carlisle##imported-end##

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“ HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.##imported-begin##MURIEL THOMAS##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the Williams Family at this time of bereavement. God be with you.Hopewell, VA.##imported-begin##Dorothy Wilson##imported-end##

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“ I will always love& miss you.May God Bless& Keep your family&love ones safe.##imported-begin##Maxine Gray##imported-end##

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“ Darnell will truly be missed. This is a difficult, emotional and painful time, but know that God Makes no mistakes. Although, Darnell is not here physically, his gift and love of music will live on through each person he touched. Darnell is now alongside the Heavenly Father playing the keyboard and having a Holy Ghost Party. God used Darnell for a reason and each time he played the keyboard he glorified the Father. To the family, allow the love of God to comfort you during this time.##imported-begin##Fabri Claiborne##imported-end##

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“ May God bless and be with you always.##imported-begin##Sonji Brown##imported-end##

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF TONY WILLIAMS: MAY OUR PRAYS AND THOUGHTS BE WITH YOU IN THESE TIMES OF SORRY. MAY GOD KEEP EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU SAFE IN HIS ARMS. LOVE ALL OF YOU. THE ALFORD FAMILY.##imported-begin##OLA ALFORD-ROACH##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Williams I've already thank God for Darnell musical gift that was shared with me at Friendship Baptist Church. May God be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jerri Robinson /James Robinson##imported-end##

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“ Darnell, It is going to be totally different without Ralph and you at Friendship Baptist Church. You was the best at what you did. I'm really going to miss you because on Sunday mornings I was only 2 feet from Ralph and you. We're going to miss your smile and jokes. There will never be another "Porkchop" God bless you.##imported-begin##Larry & Deborah Delane, Hopewell, VA##imported-end##

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“ We will always remember your care and concern for the children. Our Church family has sustained a great loss, but your spirit and music will remain with us.##imported-begin##Virginia Robinson##imported-end##

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“ Friendship Baptist Church was certainly touched by Darnell's presence, and his absence will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Adriene K. Stephenson##imported-end##

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“ Keeping his family in prayer, he was a blessing to us all.##imported-begin##sade##imported-end##

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“ I was very sad to hear of another great and fellow musician on the battlefield for the Lord has left and gone home. I will miss working with him and that bright smile of his. Loosing "Pork Chop", as a great musician maybe our lost but Heaven is gaining a great one. Rest in peace and see you when I get home.##imported-begin##Bubba Johnson##imported-end##

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“ His presence will be missed by many. His talent was second to none. He had the ability to make others smile and give of his self so freely to make other glorify the Lord through song. Have peace in knowing that he has left a legacy of greatness. Keeping you and your family in my prayers. Grace & Peace.##imported-begin##Kenyatta Hatten##imported-end##

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“ God has called home another musical genius to join forces in the gospel choir of heaven. Darnell I know you are sitting at the pipe organ saying SING CHOIR!! To the family and friends of Darnell may you find peace in knowing that Darnell is with the Lord and He will forever be with you in spirit. In deepest Sympathy the Nobles, Jackson & Parker Family.##imported-begin##Mary Nobles-Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Hey me and darnell was really cool and he will be missed. He always put a smile on our faces down here, and i know he has a big one on the lords.##imported-begin##Jake Ellis##imported-end##

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“ The Ringer and Taylor family would like to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one not only will he be deeply missed he will be hard to replace it was a pleasure to lift our voices to christ with Darnell.##imported-begin##Adelle Ringer and family and Kyesh Taylor and Family##imported-end##

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“ To The Family, Keep your head up and keep your hands in GOD'S hands and he will lead you and yours in the right path. In your time of sorrow the family are always in my prayers. God Bless You Always, Cina##imported-begin##thomasina baylor##imported-end##

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“ On a occasion that can seem so sad. There's a joy in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. To the family and close friends remember God is a present help in the time of trouble. God Bless you all##imported-begin##Min. Dominic R. Holloway Sr.##imported-end##

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“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding in all your ways anknowledge him and he will direct your path. The the family remember the weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning. We will miss you Darnell at Friendship.##imported-begin##Jermaine Point##imported-end##

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“ From one of the choir member (Mary Dandridge) Friendship Baptist Church, Hopewell, VA. This is the day that the Lord has made! WE shall REJOICE and be glade in it. Thank you for sharing so much of your husband time with us. May God continue to smile and rest upon you and your family? (“Life is not measured with the quantity of breaths you take, but with the quantity of moments that took your breath away!)

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“ I grew up in Friendship Baptist Church as a child and currently am a part of Women of Grace Ministries. I have always been touched by Darnell's music ministry and his joyful personality. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. My personal prayer is that you will look to the hills from which comes your help because your help truly comes from the Lord. Whenever you go through difficult times in life, you push forward through your praise. You will mourn but remember that when you pour out to God, He will catch each tear and will mightily pour into your spirit. Know that God is waiting for you to rest in his arms of safety, because truly Darnell is resting in the arms of our God. God bless!

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“ Rest In Peace, Big D! You will truly be in the hearts and minds of all those who loved you for eternity. I know that right now you are writing a great song, playing for a great choir, and serving as a great clinician for all Choirs in Heaven and that you are sitting right there with the ALMIGHTY! We love you! The Whitaker Family!

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“ To the family You have my deepest condolences with your lost, his work here is done so he's gone with the Lord, but your memories of him & his spirit will be with you forever.He will truly be miss. In this time of need & in the future may the Lord keep you & shower you with he's blessing.##imported-begin##William Scott (Bubba)PlaBass##imported-end##

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“ He was a great musician & had a cheerful personality,I hope & pray when my time comes that we will meet again,when we met I was playing with the Soldiers Of Vision & New Light Baptist Church##imported-begin##William Scott (Bubba)PlaBass##imported-end##

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“ lift him up##imported-begin##charles shaw##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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