



Mr. Larry Williams

November 16, 1944 - September 14, 2017

Chief Larry Wayne Williams (Ret), age 72, of Maysville, GA died Thursday, September 14, 2017 at his residence. Known to his family as Buddy, he was born in Winterville to the late G.W. and Mary Gabriel Williams. Mr. Williams retired as the fire chief of Smyrna, GA after 20 years of service, and was the first fire chief of the Hall County, GA fire department from 1971-1979.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy Williams of Maysville; sons, Jonathan Williams and Jeremy Williams both of Maysville; and grandchildren, David Tyler, Emma, Jake, Beau, Jessica and Hannah.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 17 at The Chantry at The Grove. Interment will follow in The Grove Cemetery with Rev. Tim House and Mr. David Chamberlin officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday night from 5 to 8 PM.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

SEP **17.** 2:00 PM (ET)

The Chantry at The Grove
1702 Grove Level Road
Maysville, GA 30558

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Larry Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Gary Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Williams*



Gary Miller - September 18, 2017 at 05:37 AM

DE

“ Unable to attend service. Please salute Larry for me. I served with Larry on the staff at the Georgia Fire Academy. His talent as a GFA instructor provided life-saving information to thousands of Georgia firefighters and to fire departments around the world. Larry's advice to Georgia fire departments helped them get good pumpers and equipment at good prices. He always went the extra mile when help was needed.

I will always remember Larry's photo showing the Coweta County pumper making the impossible 55-foot water draft from the Chattahoochee River bridge. In his own words: "I never let the truth stand in the way of a good story."

I will always remember being on the aerial platform with Larry when we did the final burn-down at Southern Mills (Nomex manufacturer) at Senoia, GA. Larry was having a ball with the monitor gun and refused to hear the equipment salesman's pleas on the speaker to stop applying water and lower the platform. I think we melted the taillights on the Grumman platform apparatus.

The highest tribute that I can pay is that Larry was a firefighter that I would choose to be with on a hose during an involved interior fire attack.

Larry was a magnanimous GFA instructor. May God bless Nancy and family. My sincere regards to all firefighters, friends, and to my former students.

=|=|=|=|=|=|=|= Don Ethridge / Ga. Fire Academy / Lanier Tech / Carroll County FD

Don Ethridge - September 17, 2017 at 11:09 AM

WL

“ Chief Williams was a great Chief for the Smyrna Fire Department when it needed a great Chief. He professionalized the SFD and was responsible for many advances it made. He was always pleasant and personable to work with. I enjoyed working with Chief Williams during his tenure and while I served on the Smyrna City Council (1988-2016). RIP Chief, thank you for all you did.

Wade Lnenicka - September 16, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ Chief Williams was a big inspiration, certified me for Scuba diving which helped me later to become a 2nd Class Navy Salvage Hard Hat diver then joined the Gwinnett Fire Dept. serving 25 years. Thanks Larry!



Ron Buice - September 16, 2017 at 11:28 AM



Chief Williams hired me to help run a gas line under water on Lake Lanier.

Ron Buice - September 16, 2017 at 11:35 AM

TF

“ The Pete Allen Family purchased the Enduring G race for the family of Mr. Larry Williams.



The Pete Allen Family - September 16, 2017 at 10:18 AM

DA

“ Over the years, I attend several fire department training events with Chief Williams. Always was a great instructor, funny at times, and very serious at other times when he needed to be. May God bless his family and friends and offer them comfort and peace during this most difficult time. Salute! Chief --Godspeed!

Danny - September 16, 2017 at 07:21 AM

BT

“ I attended school for twelve years with Larry
I remember he loved science and airplanes
May You find comfort in GOD'S unfailing love

Barbara Talton - September 15, 2017 at 06:20 PM

BT

“ Barbara Talton lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Larry Williams



Barbara Talton - September 15, 2017 at 06:16 PM

MD

“ My condolences to the Williams family on their loss. Chief Williams was the epitome of the fire service and a true gentleman. May he rest in peace.

Mark Dudziak - September 15, 2017 at 04:04 PM