



Edward Elwood "Big Edd" Williams

February 22, 1955 - December 10, 2019

Edward "Big Edd" Elwood Williams was born in Pascagoula, MS on February 22, 1955 and passed away December 10, 2019 in Carrabelle, FL at the age of 64.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elwood and Ruby Williams. His wife Beverly Williams and step-son William Pack, and his companion of 12 years Michele Hoefler. He is survived by his wife Kerrie "Murf" Frederic Williams, his sister Sue (Joe) Grizzard, his brother Robert Williams (and companion, Jon). His son Brandon (Lara) Williams, and step-son Taylor Wilkerson, step-son Josh (Barbara) Deason, step-daughter Kristen (Justin) Fayard and step-son Matt Deason, his grandchildren Leigha Williams, Drake Robison, Christopher Robison, Delta Forehand, Joseph Churchwell, Austin Deason, Christina (Adam) Robinson, Alexandria Perez, Julian Perez, Angel (Kara) Perez, Ava Fayard, Paisley Fayard and Gracie Fayard. Also, his great-grandchildren Jayden Smith, Harper Greene and Braeliegh Green. As well as numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Big Edd was born and raised in Pascagoula, MS and graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1973. He started his career as a first responder as an EMT, and worked as an orderly at Singing River Hospital, before becoming a fireman with the Moss Point Fire Department and transferring to the Ingalls Fire Department, and he joined the Jackson County Sherriff's Reserves. In 1981 he became a full-time employee with the Jackson County Sherriff's Department becoming a Lieutenant over Traffic Division, and when Gautier

became a city in 1987, he became a Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division. He was a member of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, later becoming Captain over the Criminal Investigation Division and finally Chief of Police of Gautier Police Department in 2007 before retiring in Summer of 2012. During his time on the force he was a master dive instructor and a master firearms instructor.

He moved from his home in Pascagoula in April 2019 to Carrabelle, FL to live out his life of retirement as Captain Redbeard with his Murf-maid on the beach, where time doesn't move hour to hour but mood to moment. Where he lived by the currents, planned by the tides, and followed the sun.

Services will be held at Heritage Funeral Home on Hwy 63 in Moss Point, on December 28, 2019 with visitation starting at 9:00 and services starting at 11:00, immediately followed by a graveside service at Magnolia Cemetery in Lucedale, MS. A celebration of life will follow at Abundant Life Christian Center in Gautier.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, bevisfh.com)

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Lois Dunn lit a candle in memory of Edward Elwood "Big Edd" Williams*



Lois Dunn - December 13, 2019 at 10:10 PM

LD

“ *Big Edd, you're missed by the many lives you touched. This is one of my favorite pictures of Edd with his "girlfriend" from The Clothing Store in Pascagoula. One of the many laughs he gave me over the years. The Big Edd way. Rest in Heaven my dear friend. Til we meet again.*

Lois Dunn



Lois Dunn - December 13, 2019 at 10:09 PM

SR

“ *Worked with Eddie at Singing River Hospital. Knew him many years. Good People. RIP ole friend.*

Scott Ray - December 13, 2019 at 06:17 PM

HC

“ A great It on the fire department and a good friend always. I really loved that man and always will. I remember when he had my back and will leave it at that.



Herbie Crook - December 13, 2019 at 05:43 PM

MM

“ Dear Kerrie,
I was just informed about Big Ed and was both shocked and saddened. He was such a great guy and so much fun to be around. He always made me laugh with everything he said and always put me in such a great mood. He will be dearly missed. My prayers go out to you and the family.
Sincerely, Mary G. Montgomery



Mary Lawson Montgomery - December 13, 2019 at 05:40 PM