



Roger Duane Williams

November 8, 1973 - May 25, 2026

Roger Duane Williams, age 52, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on May 25, 2026.

There are some people whose presence feels like steady light — gentle, warm, and quietly illuminating the spaces they enter. Roger was one of those rare souls. His kindness didn't announce itself; it simply lived in the way he showed up, again and again, for the people he loved. His creativity flowed effortlessly, filling his world with imagination, craftsmanship, and joy. His life was defined not by grand gestures, but by the daily warmth, reliability, and compassion he offered so freely. To know him was to know comfort, sincerity, and a heart that never hesitated to give.

Born on November 8, 1973, in Tallahassee, he was the son of Raymond Lee Williams and Frances Ruth Williams.

Roger grew up in the Big Bend area and graduated from Carrabelle High School before attending Florida State University. He made his home in Tallahassee, where he built a long and dedicated career as a Merchandising Team Manager at Belk, serving the company and its customers for more than 20 years.

Roger was known for his overwhelming kindness, deep compassion, and

generous spirit. A gifted creator, he had a passion for building props and animatronics, always eager to share his projects with anyone curious enough to ask. He was a true “yes man” in the best sense of the phrase — the first to lend a hand, no matter the task.

He adored his nieces and nephew and embraced the chance to be a kid again when spending time with them. To his friends, Roger was a steady, reliable presence — someone who worked hard, cared deeply, and gave freely of his time, energy, and talents. His gentle nature and genuine goodness left a mark on every one who knew him.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, Raymond; his maternal and paternal grandparents; his aunt Marguerite Robison and his cousin, Jennifer Frederick.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Williams; his twin brother, Jason Williams, and his wife, Jessica, who shared many years of laughter and family moments with him; and his sister, Rachel Warr, and her husband, Bryan, who loved and supported him deeply. He also leaves behind his nephew, Evan Williams, and his nieces, Adalynn Williams and Shiloh Warr, who brought him endless joy. Roger is additionally remembered with love by many extended family members and cherished friends whose lives were brightened by his gentle presence.

A service to celebrate Roger’s life will be held on June 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, with a reception to follow. Richard Marcello will officiate. All who knew Roger are welcome to attend and honor his memory.

May his kindness continue to echo in the lives he touched, and may the light he carried so quietly and generously guide those who loved him. As we entrust him to the Lord’s care, may we hold fast to the truth of Scripture: “The

Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:18. May Roger rest in the everlasting arms of his Savior, and may his memory continue to shine as a blessing and a reminder of God’s goodness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lifepoint Church Tallahassee, 1224 Pedrick Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317. Condolences may be sent to Ruth Williams, 5135 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the Williams family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Visitation following the Service

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Roger was not just a co-worker, but was extremely kind & a dedicated person who made such an impact in all of us. His dedication & kindness made a lasting impact & he will be deeply missed!

Joy - Yesterday at 12:43 PM

EM

“ I was devastated to hear of Roger's passing. I had the privilege of working with him at Belk, and he was truly one of the kindest and most dependable people I've known. He was always willing to help, answer a question, and support those around him. You could tell how well liked and respected he was by everyone. His generosity and willingness to help others never went unnoticed, and I'm grateful to have known such a wonderful person. My husband and I are sorry we won't be able to attend the service, but we are praying for all Roger's many friends and loved ones!

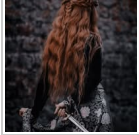


Elaina Morgan - Yesterday at 10:44 AM

FM

“ From the day I started at Belk I could always count on you. When I had no one I could call on, I knew you'd listen. I remember when I left work bored and in that boredom bought a new bed set. I had no way of getting it let alone putting it together and the first person I thought of was you. Tired and all you left work that day picked up my mattress and bed and put it all together for me. I lied and said i'd help and you was quick to move me out the way when u seen I was mechanically illiterate. That was 6 years ago. If I had 100 more years it wouldn't be enough time to tell you how unbelievably honored I was to had met you, to had been a friend, and been able to see the beautiful light in you that shines brighter and a million suns. Always & forever, I will love & I miss you my dear friend Roger!

Freddie M - June 18 at 02:42 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Roger ironically came when someone broke one of his incredible creations at the Haunted House. I took it home to try to fix it because I knew he was swamped with other projects (this sweet soul just couldn't say no to those who needed help)! No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't get it right. So I reached out for his expertise and asked about the best supplies and mediums to fix some of the issues. When I finally threw in the towel, he graciously accepted the prop back for repairs, and lit up when he explained how he assembled it, and how best to fix it. He didn't balk, or get overwhelmed at having to fix the many broken parts. By next season, the prop had been quietly returned looking somehow even better than it did before it was broken. I thanked him and heaped on the praise. In typical Roger fashion, he brushed it off as no big deal and we exchanged jokes about how we can't have nice things at the Haunt (smile). Despite this, year after year, he dazzled employees and customers alike with new additions. Quietly building the foundation of one of our most treasured places. I hope he knows how admired he was, how appreciated he was, and how incredible his talents were. This year will be even more special, knowing he left his mark in some of the smallest details we Haunt veterans recognize and appreciate. Thanks so much to his family for sharing him with us. We will never be the same, but I am endlessly grateful our paths crossed and I was lucky enough to behold such a talented, funny, and selflessly kind light in this world. Take your rest, fellow Fear Engineer! ❤️

Maude Lebowski - June 04 at 09:23 PM

ML

“ Mary Livings lit a candle in memory of Roger Duane Williams



Mary Livings - June 04 at 07:37 PM

MG

“ *Melissa Gowans sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Duane Williams*



Melissa Gowans - June 03 at 11:06 AM

MG

“ *I count myself as being blessed by God almost 10 years ago in September of 2016 to have been hired at Belk, which led me to meet one of the greatest friends I have ever had. Roger was always there to help me when I needed help, he was an encourager to me when I needed encouragement. He was never hesitant to lend a hand when I needed something. Always funny with that wonderful sense of humor he had, he will be missed more than words can say. Thank you Lord for allowing Roger to come into my life for a season and a reason. I will never forget the kindness and the warmth that he showed to me.*

Melissa Gowans - June 02 at 03:51 PM

MG

“ *Melissa Gowans lit a candle in memory of Roger Duane Williams*



Melissa Gowans - June 02 at 03:41 PM

DT

“Blessed to have met Roger when I relocated to Tallahassee in 2006. I respected Roger for his work ethic and merchandising skills. He was a valued member of my leadership team, and I am grateful that we maintained a friendship. I've met so many people in my life and career. None like Roger. He was one of a kind. Strong, caring, honest. Always acting with integrity. Generous to a fault. I am grateful for my memories. Much sympathy to his family, friends, and coworkers. May you all find comfort in your memories of Roger.

David Torres-Schultz - June 01 at 11:38 PM

MF

“I am so grateful to have met you and to be your friend. You were such a good human being, always kind and gentle and always willing to help anyone. I still can't believe you are gone. Work will definitely not be the same without you. I will always remember you telling me, 'good kids get treats,' and the next day you would bring me cookies or carrot cake. Or your stories about your niece, Sweet Nugget, I could tell how much you loved her. Thank you for everything you taught me; you were a good friend, coworker, and a great boss. I'll miss you.

Maria F - June 01 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ I lost a close friend this past week, and I’m still trying to process it. He meant a great deal to me in a way that doesn’t need exaggeration or decoration—just real, simple truth.

I cared about him deeply, and I’m grateful for the time we shared. Not just for the big moments, but for the small ones too, the ones that end up meaning more than you realize at the time.

He was someone I truly respected and valued. Life has a way of reminding us how temporary everything is, but also how meaningful people can be in that short time we have them.

I’ll carry those memories with me. He made an impact on my life, and that won’t fade.

He’ll be missed.

Jimmy Cantrell - June 01 at 07:32 PM