

A color portrait photograph of Bobby Ray Williams, Sr. He is a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. His right arm is resting on a wooden surface in front of him. The background consists of dark wooden bookshelves filled with numerous books. The text "In Loving Memory" is printed in the upper left corner of the photo.

*In Loving
Memory*

Bobby Ray Williams, Sr.

February 28, 1942 - August 5, 2012

His Life Story

Bobby Ray Williams, Sr., was born In Geiger, Alabama on February 28, 1942 to the late Perry Williams, Sr. and Susie Washington. He received his formal education in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was considered one of the best athletes in Lincoln High School history. He was all-city wrestling champion at 175 pounds as a sophomore in 1959. Bobby won one of the most famous races in Nebraska High School history in 1961, when he blitzed the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds to be a field that included Kent McCloughan of Broken Bow, Steve Regan of Hastings and Tom Millsap of Grand Island. He also, was the first Nebraska High School athlete to break the 24-foot mark in the long jump, in 1961, and is still listed on the all-time chart.

In 1962, he was given a full scholarship to attend Central State College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A four-years starter, he helped the school to earn the NAIA National Championship in 1962. He stills holds school records for kickoff returns in a season and the most kickoff return yards in a career. He finished his career with 3,094 all-purpose yards. He also lettered in track.

Bobby was considered one of the best all-around athletes ever, and was drafted by the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals in 1966. He played defensive back and returned kicks for three seasons. He was then traded to the Detroit Lions and played there for four seasons.

During this time, Bobby met and married Cherry M. Gilmore and from this union, two wonderful children, Bobby Jr. and Tracy were born.

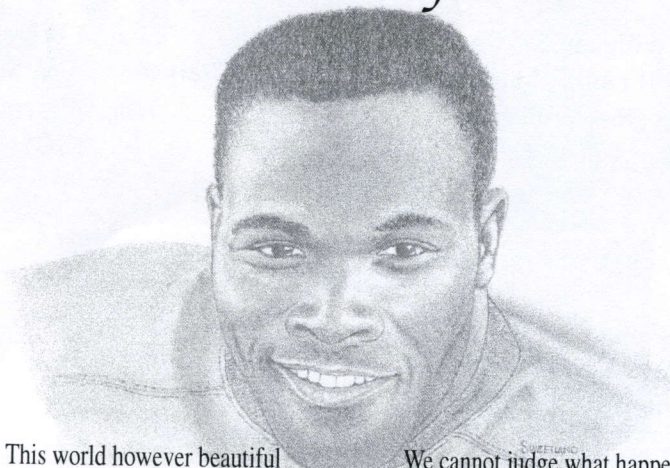
Bobby retired from the NFL in 1973, and went to work in the interior design field, from footballs to curtains...

During this time, Bobby built and maintained his commitment to God. He joined Wildwood Christian Church and later joined his current family, East Sixth Street Christian Church, pastored by Reverend Jessie Jackson, Jr.

Bobby was loved and admired by all. Some of his accomplishments include the Black Hall of Fame of Omaha, Nebraska, and the University of Central Oklahoma (formally Central State College) Hall of Fame. He loved his family, and was a great domino, pinochle and bid wist player. Music and movies could be found surrounding him. The highlight of his day would be watching old western movies. He was the family comedian for sure, and most of our daily wake up calls...between the hours of 2-6 a.m.

Bobby slipped into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, August 5th, 2012. He was preceded in death by his mother, Susie Washington; father, Perry Williams, Sr.; stepmother, Bonnie Pearl Williams; sisters: Ellen McCoy and Yvonne Williams; brothers: James Jackson, Henry Jackson and Eddie James Williams, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memories, one son, Bobby Jr.; one daughter, Tracey Lynn and one grandson, Zachary; thirteen sisters and brothers: Hurbert Payne, Sr. (Myrtle B.), Barbara Turner, Annie Louise Rowry, Annie Pearl Cross (Russell Sr.), Perry Williams, Jr. (Floria), Dorothy Wilkins, Johnnie Houston (John Jr.), Joseph Williams, Charlie Williams, Effell Williams, Sr. (Brenda), Theodore (Ted) Williams, Sr. (Gloria), John Williams (Bianca), James (Frank) Williams (Glenda), and Greg Williams, Sr. (Ena); one uncle, Arthur Williams and one aunt, Evelyn Speight. Also to cherish his memories, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

The Mansion Of Heaven



This world however beautiful
was never meant to be
the place that we call home
for all eternity
And tho we would not choose to leave
a loving God know best
and in His time
He lifts to a place of peace
and rest
For He has built a mansion
where His Children will abide
free from pain
and sorrow
forever at His side
He said He would never leave us
to face our trials alone
and tho sometimes we fail HIM
He never fails His own
And even when our choices
are less than what He asks
He knows when human courage
is unequal to the task

We cannot judge what happens
although tears and questions start
we only see what's visible
God sees into the heart
And tho there may be many things
that we cannot explain
we can be sure
it breaks God's heart
to see His children in pain
In His loving arms
He takes us to heaven
a quiet place
Where He mends the wounded spirit
and heals the broken heart
And tho Bobby
we all loved so much has left us
and passed into a better world
no more pain and sorrow
someday we will all be together
in our Father's home above
Where we will thank Him for His mercy
And praise Him for His love

Bobby is in heaven...talking to God about football and watching cowboy movies on the big T.V. screen in heaven with our Heavenly Father. May God ease our sorrows and surround us with His love. And may it bring us strength to carry on. Our Father's house above is a house of many mansions, where His son has set aside special places near Him for all of his loved ones. Bobby is in heaven with angels and I hope he plays very carefully...

Services

Saturday, August 9, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church

801 Northeast 5th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

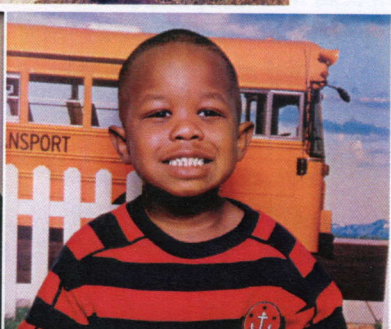
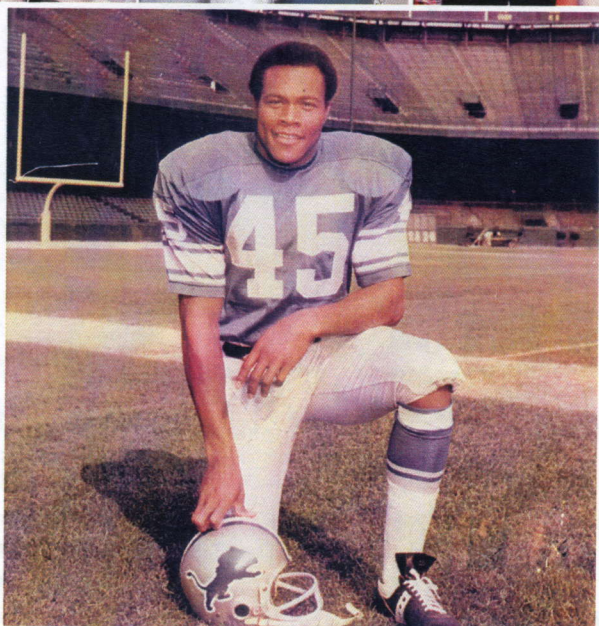
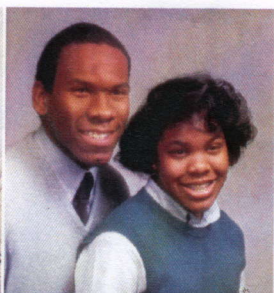
Reverend A. Byron Coleman, Pastor

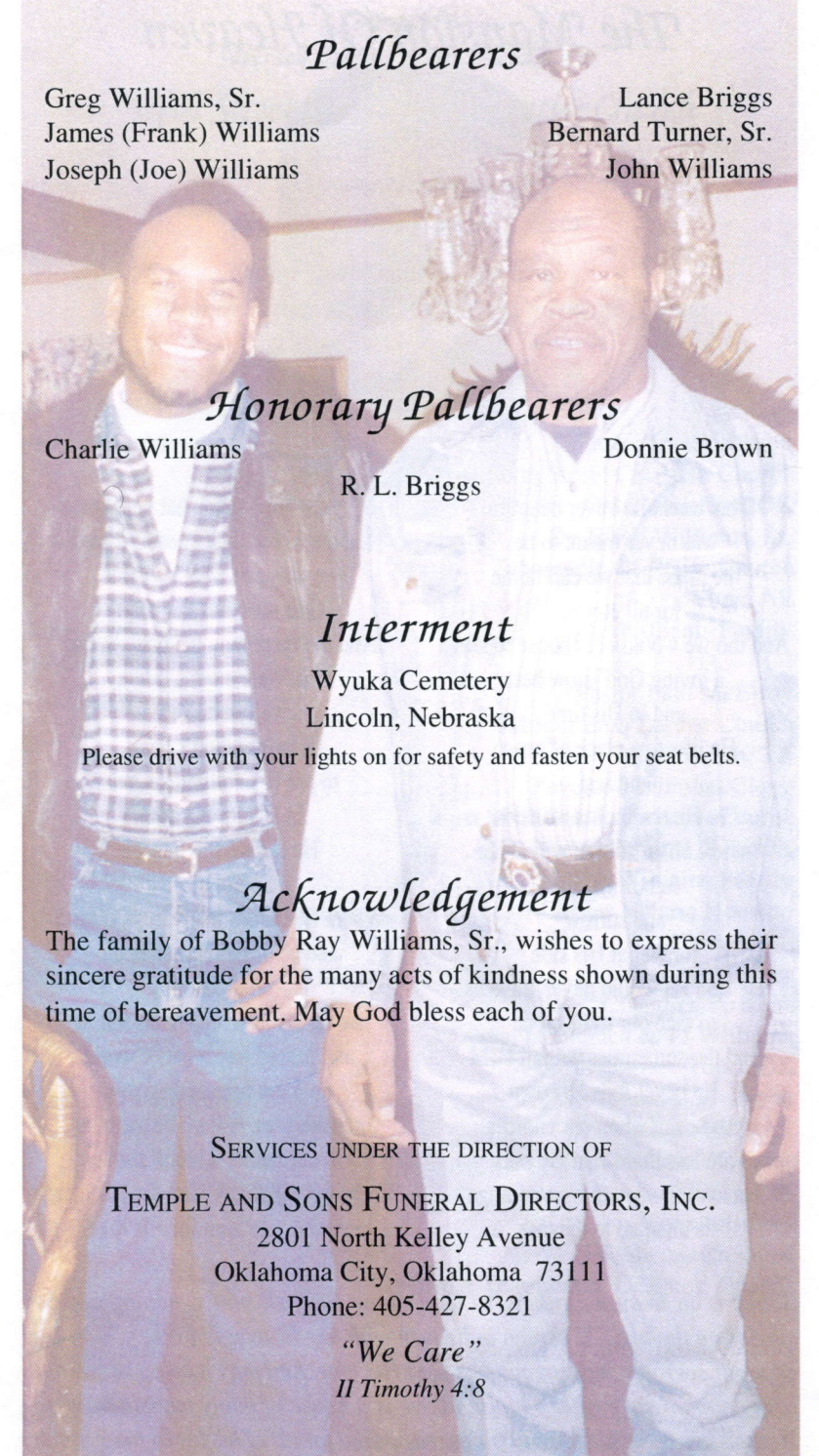
Bishop Perry Williams - Officiating

New Miracle Temple Evangelistic Church - Chicago, Illinois

Order of Service

Processional/Prayer	Pastor Jesse Jackson East Sixth Street Christian Church Oklahoma City, OK
Order of Service	Dr. Effell Williams, Sr. Tabernacle Of Praise Church Selma, AL
Time of Worship	The Williams Family
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Pastor Paul McElroy Mount Zion Baptist Church Fort Worth, TX
New Testament	Reverend Edmund Clegg East Sixth Street Christian Church Oklahoma City, OK
Special Music	The Williams Family
Resolutions/Acknowledgements	Minister Valarie Houston Chicago, IL
Reading of the Obituary/Remarks	Barbara Turner Chandler, Arizona
Tribute	Adriane, Domenica & TJ Williams Tulsa, OK
Remarks (3 minutes)	Reverend Bob Payne Livingston, AL Chanecia Williams Chicago, IL Donnie Brown Oklahoma City, OK Former Teammates, Coaches, Friends
Video Presentation	
Special Music	Pastor Ted Williams Life Changing Ministry - Tulsa, OK
Eulogy	Bishop Perry Williams New Miracle Temple Evangelistic Church
Recessional	





Pallbearers

Greg Williams, Sr.
James (Frank) Williams
Joseph (Joe) Williams

Lance Briggs
Bernard Turner, Sr.
John Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Charlie Williams

Donnie Brown

R. L. Briggs

Interment

Wyuka Cemetery
Lincoln, Nebraska

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Acknowledgement

The family of Bobby Ray Williams, Sr., wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

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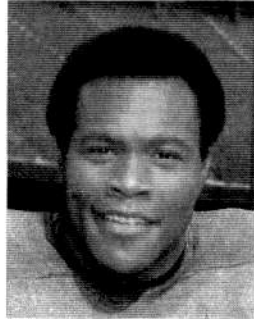
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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"We Care"

II Timothy 4:8

Celebration of Life Service
August 16, 2012
Bobby Ray Williams
February 28, 1942—August 5, 2012



Opening Greeting & Prayer	Rev. Jesse Foster
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12. 1-2
Special Music	Rev. Ted Williams
Tribute	Video Tribute of Bobby Williams Life
Acknowledgments	Dave Drevo—President Class of '61
Testimonies	Family & Friends Coach Dick Beechner Pat Brown Art McWilliams Coach Aldie Johnson
Special Music	Bro. D.J. Herbert
Closing Remarks/announcement/prayer	Pastor Alan Jacobsen Give directions to Shepherd Hall Funeral service tomorrow Friday August 17, 2012 11:00 A.M. Wyuka Cemetery Lincoln, NE
Recessional	
Officiating By:	Rev. Jesse Foster—Warren Methodist Church Rev. John Leonard Harris—Christ Temple Mission Church Rev. Alan Jacobsen—Christ Temple Mission Church
Pianist:	Joann Murphy

BOBBY RAY WILLIAMS

Date: February 28, 1942-August 5, 2012

Place of Birth: Geiger, Alabama

Mother: Susie Washington

Father: Perry Williams

Daughter: Tracy

Son: Bobby Williams

Sisters: Barbara Turner, Dorothy Wilkins, Johnny Houston, Ann Cross,
Annie Rowry

Brothers: Perry Williams, Herbert Payne, Joe Williams, Charly Williams,
Effell Williams, Ted Williams, James Williams, John Williams,
Greg Williams

Education: Lincoln High School, class of 1961; Central State Oklahoma

Occupation: Athlete; National Football League; Industry

Services were held in Oklahoma City on August 11, 2012.

'Family & Friends' will gather at Warren Methodist Church, 1205 N 45 Street, Lincoln, NE, Thursday, August 16 at 2pm to celebrate the life of Bobby Williams.

Cards and Memorial gifts to the 'Family of Bobby Williams'; Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame or Nebraska High School Hall of Fame Foundation, 500 Charleston St., Lincoln, NE. 68501-3972

Graveside Service:

Wyuka Cemetery, 3600 O Street Lincoln, NE 68510; 11am; Friday, August 17, 2012



BOBBY WILLIAMS-1961

"Surely you know that many runners take part in a race, but only one of them wins the prize. Run, then, in such a way as to win the prize. Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline, in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but we do it for one that will last forever. That is why I run straight for the finish line."
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**"THE GREATEST VICTORIES ARE YET TO BE WON,
THE GREATEST DEEDS ARE YET TO BE DONE"**

Theodore Roosevelt, Sewanee Review, August 1894