



Joseph R. Williams

July 10, 1956 - May 26, 2015

Obituary of Joseph Williams, Jr.

Joseph R. "Joe" Williams Jr., 58, of Lake County, Fla., was born July 10, 1956, in Freeport, N.Y., and passed away May 26, 2015. Mr. Williams was a fixture at Lake County sporting events for more than 36 years as a sportswriter for the Orlando Sentinel, covering high school sports and a diversity of local sporting events. He lived and breathed sports, both as a reporter and community sports coach. He was especially proud of his coverage for many years of the Great Floridian Triathlon and was admired and respected by those he covered and worked with for his kindness, professionalism and storytelling talent. He was a member of the Good News Church in Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. Williams was a loving and beloved father, husband and grandfather - family brought him his greatest happiness. Family members include Sue, his wife of 31 years; son Joseph R. Williams III and his wife, Elizabeth; daughter Amber J. Williams; son Thomas Drunasky Jr.; daughter Tammie J. Drunasky; four grandchildren - Troy, Evan, Gideon and Ethan; sister Donna L. Peters; many nieces, nephews and other extended family as well a host of friends.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2015, and 12:30 to 1

p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at Good News Church in Leesburg, followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m on Wednesday. Interment will be held privately. For those who wish and in lieu of flowers, the family request donations may be made to one of the following: Booster Club of any Lake or Sumter County High School, Lake Sumter State College Athletics, Good News Church Youth or Uncle Donald's Farm

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Williams Family: I was so sorry to read about the passing of Joe. I first met Joe when I was a football coach at Wildwood High in the seventies, and remained friends with him ever since. I always enjoyed talking with him when he was covering games. He liked talking about two things: sports and family. He was one of the nicest, caring, and most professional people that I have ever met. He was the most respected sports writer in Lake and Sumter counties by both coaches and school administrators. You meet people like Joe Williams once in a life time. I know that he will be missed by many people. With Deepest Sympathy, Mike Wood

Mike Wood - June 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ joe was very special. he cared deeply about the impact his reporting had on young people. he will be missed by central fl. evelyn and i offer our prayers for the family of joe.

ellis wiley - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Tommy I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and your family are in my prayers.

Tonja Chatman - June 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Joseph R. Williams

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM