Celebrating

The Life of

Kenneth C. Williams

"Deuce"

February 13, 1991 – October 4, 2026

Obituary

Kenneth "Deuce" Williams was born on February 13, 1991, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey, to Gloria L. Williams and Curtis Beard. As we know, it takes a village to raise a child, and Kenneth was surrounded by family and loved ones who each played a part in his life and journey.

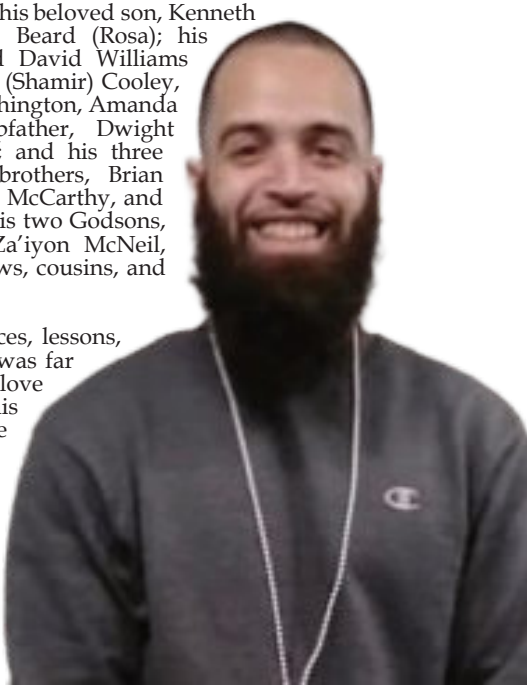
Kenneth was educated in the Paterson Public School system. Like many young people, he experienced challenges and took some unexpected turns along the way. Through life's lessons and experiences, Kenneth found his way toward a brighter path, inspired by one of his greatest blessings—his son, Kenneth C. Williams Jr., affectionately known as KJ. His son became the light of his life and a powerful reason for him to embrace change and move forward with renewed purpose.

Kenneth was employed by the Costco family in Wayne, New Jersey. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Costco for the genuine care, support, and connection they showed Kenneth and our family from day one. Their kindness and commitment will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

Kenneth had a love for football, proudly supporting the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers. He also enjoyed basketball, following his favorite players, and was a true gamer who especially cherished playing alongside his son, KJ. Whether gathering with family, spending time with friends, or simply enjoying the company of those he loved, Kenneth valued the moments that brought people together. Those shared laughs, conversations, and memories will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who knew him.

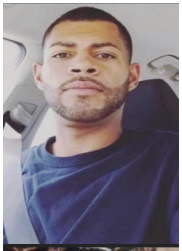
Kenneth was predeceased by his beloved mother, Gloria Williams; his maternal grandparents, Frank and Roberta Williams; paternal grandparents, Curtis and Betty Jeffries; his aunts, Roberta Williams, Izetta Eason, and Erma Williams; uncles, Donald Scudder and Frank Williams Jr.

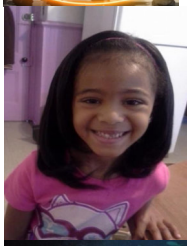
He leaves to cherish wonderful memories his beloved son, Kenneth C. Williams Jr. (KJ); his father, Curtis Beard (Rosa); his brothers, Rayshon Cooley (Natalia) and David Williams (Vanessa); Daniel Payamps Sisters, Raena (Shamir) Cooley, Andrea Scudder, Shontah (Antwuan) Washington, Amanda Payamps, & Christina Payamps, stepfather, Dwight McCloud; Godfather, David L. Thomas; and his three lifelong friends, whom he loved as brothers, Brian "Breezy" Torres-Malaga, Derrick "Mann" McCarthy, and Kassan "Doont" McNeil. He also leaves his two Godsons, Jeremiah Kenneth Torres-Malaga and Za'iyon McNeil, along with a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Kenneth's life was a journey of experiences, lessons, love, and growth. Though his time here was far too short, the memories he created and the love he shared will live on through his son, his family, and all those whose lives he touched.

May Kenneth "Deuce" Williams forever be remembered for the love he had for his son, the bonds he shared with family and friends, and the memories that will remain in our hearts forever.





Saturday October 17, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.

Grace Chapel Baptist Church

26 Haledon Ave., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Gregory Wilson, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Officiating

Scott Cumberbatch, Organist

Order of Service

Family Procession

Organ Prelude

Opening Prayer ……Rev. Dr. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

Scripture Readings ……..Bryant Carter
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Hymn ……..…..“I’ll Fly Away”
Rev. Dr. Scott Cumberbatch

Acknowledgements & Obituary…….. Latoya Harris
(2) minutes each for friends and family

Selection ……..…“Safe in His Arms”
Rev. Dr. Scott Cumberbatch

Words of Comfort ...Rev. Dr. Kenneth D. R. Clayton
St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory
200 McLean Blvd.
Paterson, NJ 07504

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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