



## Steven Williams

February 23, 1974 - July 17, 2024

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Steve Williams, loving husband and father of one daughter, passed away at the age of 50.

Steve was born February 23, 1974 in Decatur, GA to Emory and Laura (Morgan) Williams. Steve enlisted in the Navy on January 18th, 1995, and completed a successful 30-year military career. On July 10, 1998, he married Tina VerBruggen Williams in Jacksonville, FL. Together they raised one daughter, Tiffany Elizabeth.

Steve completed many schools and assignments through a 30-year career in service to his country including multiple tours at sea, three boots-on-the-ground deployments to Iraq, and two tours at Recruit Training Command. During that time, he advanced to Chief Electronics Technician in 2003, Senior Chief in 2011, and Master Chief in April 2016. In February 2022, he transferred to Surface Combat Systems Training Command, Great Lakes, where he held the position of Command Master Chief.

Anyone who knew Steve personally or professionally knew that nothing mattered to him more than Tina and Tiffany. Steve had a passion for gardening, and much of his time was spent outside tending to his yard. Steve was also a "Cat Dad" and loved nothing more than hanging out with his cat Eddie, at the computer in his office after a long day. But, most of all Steve

loved spending time with his wife and daughter at home. Whether that time was spent on the front porch sitting in the rocking chairs and talking about the day or sitting in the backyard soaking up the long days of summer talking about the future and how excited he was to start the next chapter of our lives. Steve was known for his quick wit, beautiful blue eyes, being soft spoken, and showing kindness and compassion towards all those he met.

Steve holds an Associate in Arts degree from Coastline Community College. Steve received many personal awards during his military career, including the Navy Commendation Medal (5), the Navy Achievement Medal (2), and various unit, campaign, and service awards.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Emory Williams. He is survived by his wife Tina, his daughter Tiffany, his mother Laura Williams, his sister Debbie Reynolds, his brother David Williams, his nephew Brian Harper, and his niece Amanda Vance.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, IL. A funeral service will begin on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will take place privately after the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-2146  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mr and Mrs OSCS(retired) James S Conyne purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Steven Williams.*



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**Mr and Mrs OSCS(retired) James S Conyne** - July 26, 2024 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ *Missi and Ray purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Steven Williams.*



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**Missi and Ray** - July 25, 2024 at 10:29 PM

MR

“ *Missi and Ray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.*

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**Missi and Ray** - July 25, 2024 at 10:29 PM

MV

“ *Mitch and Emily Vanderpool purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Steven Williams.*



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**Mitch and Emily Vanderpool** - July 25, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Mitch and Emily Vanderpool planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Mitch and Emily Vanderpool - July 25, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Thomas L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Thomas L. - July 25, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ Tiffany purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Williams.

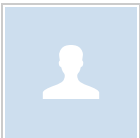


Tiffany - July 25, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Tiffany planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Tiffany - July 25, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.



July 24, 2024 at 03:09 PM

AF

“ Aunt Bev and the Hill Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Aunt Bev and the Hill Family - July 24, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.



July 24, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.



July 24, 2024 at 08:25 AM

SP

“ SCSTC POA purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Steven Williams.



SCSTC POA - July 24, 2024 at 06:18 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.*



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July 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Brothers and Sisters of SWESC CPO Mess purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steven Williams.*



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**Brothers and Sisters of SWESC CPO Mess** - July 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM



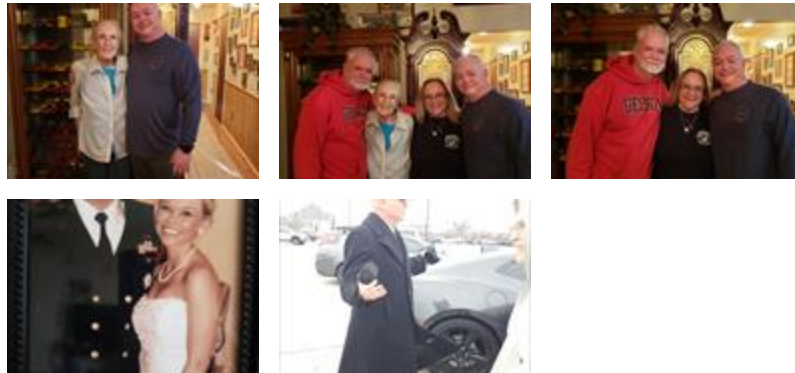
“ *Steve you were such a great baby brother. We always laughed and had such a great time whenever we were together. No matter how long it had been since we were together. I will always treasure my memories of you. I am so proud of you! You will always be my HERO! I will miss you so much! All my love, your sister Debbie*

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**Debbie Reynolds** - July 23, 2024 at 12:31 PM

TW

“ 24 files added to the album *Steve's Memories*



Tina Williams - July 23, 2024 at 12:28 PM

LA

“ Love Mom, Debbie, David, Brian & Amanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Love Mom, Debbie, David, Brian & Amanda - July 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LA

“ Love Mom, Debbie, David, Brian & Amanda purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Steven Williams.



Love Mom, Debbie, David, Brian & Amanda - July 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM

MK

“ Michael K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Michael K. - July 23, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CH

“ Cora & Mick Linda & Howie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Cora & Mick Linda & Howie - July 23, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.



July 23, 2024 at 08:39 AM

PA

“ Park planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Park - July 23, 2024 at 07:20 AM

PA

“ Park purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Steven Williams.



Park - July 23, 2024 at 07:20 AM

LP

“ Love, Brent, Christy and Tori Papineau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Love, Brent, Christy and Tori Papineau - July 22, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.*



July 22, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ *Karen Sinette & Sara Syring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.*

**Karen Sinette & Sara Syring** - July 22, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Karen Sinette & Sara Syring purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steven Williams.*



**Karen Sinette & Sara Syring** - July 22, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Kerry and Pamela McGee purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Steven Williams.*



**Kerry and Pamela McGee** - July 22, 2024 at 02:41 PM

JE

“ Jenna E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Jenna E. - July 22, 2024 at 01:17 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Bitters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Rhonda Bitters - July 22, 2024 at 12:33 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Bitters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Williams.



Rhonda Bitters - July 22, 2024 at 12:33 PM

AF

“ Annette VanLaanen and Kelly Frontuto planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Williams.

Annette VanLaanen and Kelly Frontuto - July 22, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Williams.



July 22, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TW

“ 5 files added to the album Steve's Memories



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**Tina Williams** - July 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KS

*Such awesome memories! Great images of who Steve was.*

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**Karen Sinette** - July 22, 2024 at 02:58 PM

MI

*A great man gone way to soon! As my heart is broken for both you and Tiffany, I can't help but also smile thinking of him and his witty sense of humor. How seamlessly he fit in with our goofy bunch from the minute you felt brave enough to introduce him! Awesome husband, father and friend that we were all lucky to know!*

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**Missi** - July 22, 2024 at 09:17 PM

TW

“ 4 files added to the album Steve



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**Tina Williams** - July 22, 2024 at 11:27 AM

BH

“ Tina and Tiffany, my heart absolutely breaks for you two! Steve was the best there was! I have so many memories to share, I'll name a few. When he filled in and walked Amanda down the aisle at her wedding and looked so happy to do so. When he called and cried with me on the phone when my father died. He always brought out the best in me. He was always put others first. I will always hold him very close to my heart. Steve, I have so many things left unsaid, but all I can say is thank you!

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**Brian Harper** - July 22, 2024 at 11:26 AM