



## Laymon Miller Williams

November 26, 1938 - May 23, 2022

Laymon Miller Williams (Groundhog), 83 of Newport, VA, took his final at bat, rounded third base and headed to his heavenly home surrounded by his loving wife, Jean, four children and their families on May 23, 2022. Born at Mountain Lake, VA on November 26, 1938, he was the son of the late Frank Elliston Williams and Maggie Collins Williams.

Laymon was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings. His one surviving sister, Shirley Hazelwood, resides in Blue Ridge, VA.

Laymon is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lura Jean Dowdy Williams, daughters, Becky Shaver of Christiansburg, Ann Rader (Joel) of Newport, sons Miller Williams (Jane) of Blacksburg and Michael Williams (Melissa) of Pembroke.

He was Paw Paw to eight grandchildren, Kellie Shaver, Whitney Shaver, Amanda Rader Meister (Ben), Josh Rader (Shelby), James Whitaker, Rachel Whitaker Shrader (Kaleb), Morgan Williams and Madison Williams and three great-grandchildren Megan Shaver, Emmalyn Meister and Cameron Meister. A special thank you to his youngest granddaughter, Madison, for being by his side during his last inning. Her Paw Paw will be proud of our soon-to-be nurse.

Laymon worked at Corning for 19 years and Virginia Tech Food Services while simultaneously tending to the Dowdy family farm. He loved NASCAR and baseball, especially the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was his kids and grandchildren's number one fan while they were on the field.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at Newport Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church at 3:00pm. The family will receive friends after the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Newport Sports c/o Newport Ruritan Club PO Box 43 Newport, VA 24128.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Newport Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church  
311 Blue Grass Trail  
Newport, VA 24128

# Tribute Wall

8F

“ 8;15 Bar Class FBBC: purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laymon Miller Williams.



8;15 Bar Class FBBC: - May 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM

ME

“ Jean and family, each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort each of you during this difficult time. We will be thinking about each of you today, tomorrow and the days ahead of you. God bless each of you.

Mike & Charlotte (Epling) Epperley - May 25, 2022 at 09:44 PM

GE

“ Mike,  
Sorry for your loss. I remember "Groundhog" from years ago when we all played baseball. He was a fierce competitor. One of a kind.

Jerry Eaton family

Gerald Eaton - May 25, 2022 at 07:15 PM

JM

Praying for you and your family Jean. I missed him when he moved to the right side. Sending love ❤️ Julia

Julia Minter - May 25, 2022 at 08:50 PM

JP

Prayers for each and every one Sorry for your loss

jacqueline poff - May 26, 2022 at 10:36 AM

SW

*Jean and family, I am so sorry to hear of Laymon's passing. May God comfort in this time of sorrow and give you peace and strength.*

**Suella Wolfe** - May 26, 2022 at 09:50 PM

VH

“ Vicki Hutchison purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Laymon Miller Williams.



**Vicki Hutchison** - May 25, 2022 at 04:55 PM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.



**Peggy Williams** - May 25, 2022 at 03:47 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.



**Debra Harvey** - May 25, 2022 at 03:45 PM

AW

“ *Such a sweet and wonderful man. He always had that beautiful smile. We have all lost a very special friend but Heaven has gained a special angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Jean. I know this is a sad time for you all but one day you will be reunited. Love, hugs and prayers to you all. Love you Anna Lee Williams*

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**Anna Lee Williams** - May 25, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laymon Miller Williams.*



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