



Daniel Adam Williams

July 27, 1983 - July 20, 2016

Daniel Adam “Danny” Williams, age 32, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2016. He was born July 27, 1983 in Mattoon Illinois. He was the beloved son of Arden Williams and the late Tom Williams of Grantville, GA.

Along with his father Danny is preceded in death by his uncle John Anthony Williams. Danny is survived by his mother Arden Williams and brothers, Jon Williams and Chris Williams of Chicago, IL, aunts and uncles; Rebecca Williams of Norcross, GA, Sharon and Charlie Hice of Miami, FL., Steve Comm and MaryAnn Harvilla Comm of Nashville, TN., Patricia and Gary Benson of Dent, MN., Judy and Butch Ealy of Mattoon, IL.

Danny came to Georgia with his family in 1992; he quickly made Coweta County his forever home, informing his parents that everyone he met made him feel a part of their circle of friends.

He graduated East Coweta High School in 2001 and went onto attend West Central Tech and Clayton State University’s culinary program. Danny worked at many restaurants in Coweta and Fayette Counties, most often as a cook. He joined in the network of other area restaurant “people”, forming friendships with many of them. If you asked about Danny at any restaurant in the two county areas they knew who he was and would tell you all about him.

Danny's restaurant work ended one day in the summer of 2009. He had accompanied his mom to an exhibit opening in Vidalia, where he met a tugboat captain. After conversation Danny informed his surprised and excited parents that he was going on a test trip on a tugboat that weekend! He did not return for two months. We knew he had found his dream.

Throughout the seven years he proudly served on a variety of ocean-going tugboats, most recently with Dann Ocean Towing, Danny acquired many skills, in addition to improving his knowledge through classes in seamanship. He also learned from all his fellow crewmates; he thought highly of them. A dream of Danny's was to be a captain someday. Yet he never forgot his cooking background and always cooked for the crews of the many tugs on which he worked. It was not uncommon to see photos on Facebook of Danny's culinary creations. With all that, he never forgot his friends at home; each time he returned from a tour on the water was cause for a celebration.

Danny lost a dear friend, Robert, last year, followed by the loss of his dad Tom (whom he called his best friend). He was working on recovering from those tragedies. Now he has left us too. The outpouring of love for Danny has been swift and overwhelming. His family always believed him to be a bright shining light. Danny's light still continues to shine, guiding all of us away from those rocky shores and into God's eternal tides. Safe journey Danny!

The memorial service is Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 2 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Morris officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com. If you wish to make a contribution in Danny's honor we request that gifts go to Georgia Humanities. Contributions accepted through the website: www.georgiahumanities.org

(On the main web page click on "Support the Council"; indicate your gift is in honor of Danny Williams)Contributions accepted by check:Please write "In honor of Danny Williams" on the check and send to: Georgia Humanities,50 Hurt Plaza Ste. 595, Atlanta, GA 30303(att: Danny Williams fund)Questions? 404-523-6220.

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Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Adam Williams*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 26, 2016 at 07:40 AM



Tabitha
Smith

I still remember Arden taking the picture of me and Danny on the couch. I'll miss him so much. Danny loved his family. He loved Tom and Arden so much. He was truly a great guy and I'll never forget him. There is a huge part of my life missing now. My love and prayers to Arden. I'll always consider you family so please let me know if I can help in any way. Love you.

Tabitha Smith - July 26, 2016 at 03:18 PM

CS

“ I just heard of Danny's passing from the brother of the captain of the vessel upon which the nightmare occurred - i was Danny's mate & he, my trusted deckhand & friend, from May2014 unto Jan2015 aboard the CAPTAIN DANN. What a shock & greif unto all of us who loved his spirit. I believe our SAVIOUR will greet him as a friend when the trump sounds for those that rest in HIS Grace. We truly weep-not for Danny, but for ourselves, that have had his warm & gracious spirit that helped us cope & suffer this world, taken from us - it IS our LOSS. Danny has done what we have yet to do, and so we pray that we will be of as great of a help to others as he was to us.

May our SAVIOUR give us the strength to endure & overcome this world & ready ourselves to rejoin to all of the good things taken from us in this world.

With a heavy heart,
i join you all in sorrow

Respectfully yours,
Captain J. M. West, Sr.
Hayes, Virginia.

Capt. J. M. West, Sr. - August 11, 2016 at 08:42 PM

AW

Many thanks for your beautiful words! Arden Williams (Danny's mom)

Arden Williams - August 18, 2016 at 02:29 PM

BW

I just read your words of Danny. I am Danny's Aunt Becky and from the bottom of my heart I thank you. May God always protect the crews upon the waters.

Becky Williams - January 18, 2017 at 01:02 AM

RW

“ *Rebecca Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Adam Williams*



Rebecca Williams - August 08, 2016 at 01:29 PM

RW

“ *Rebecca Williams lit a candle in memory of Daniel Adam Williams*



Rebecca Williams - August 08, 2016 at 01:25 PM

BH

“ I only heard of Danny's passing due to a fluke encounter with Ben Tynes in the Denver Airport last Monday as he was on his way to GA for the funeral. Danny worked for us at Locos Deli & Pub in Newnan in the early 2000's. He and his friends that worked for us were like our little brothers/sisters. Those were some great times! So very sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was smart, funny, and all around a really good person!! Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends!

Brian Horton - August 01, 2016 at 10:57 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Judy Tyre - July 28, 2016 at 04:25 PM

JT

With our deepest sympathy and prayers to Daniel's family and loved ones. My heart goes out to you and I have fond memories of working with your son.

Judy Tyre - July 28, 2016 at 04:28 PM

AW

Thanks Judy!

Arden Williams - August 18, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ *Dude I've worked long hours in a kitchen with you. Thought I knew a lot but then you taught me more. You got this calm about you. A serious comitic ora. Never hard to approach. Watch over us homie we all need you.*

Charles Cochran - July 26, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ *Danny I'm still waiting for this to be a hoax or not real. Lot people loved you man. I've worked back to back with you. Blood, Sweat but never no crying. You never know someone till you work a 10 hour shift in a hot ass kitchen. You had a calm about you that ive never seen with anyone else.*

Charles Cochran - July 26, 2016 at 05:42 PM

KP

Of the thousands of students whom I taught over my 38 years in education, Danny is one special young man whom I remember with joy. I taught Danny in the 8th grade at ECMS. I am so saddened by his untimely death. Be comforted by the kind young man he was. May God rest his soul. May God comfort all who knew and loved Danny. Karen Knight Poore

karen Knight Poore - July 28, 2016 at 10:15 PM

AB

It's been a week since my very special nephew was taken Home to Jesus. I'm still grieving as if it was that morning. Charles Cochran don't feel alone as I thought it a joke too. Danny loved to play jokes on those he loved so I figured this to be one. Nope, no joke, reality. This wasn't fair, but I know how happy you are to be with your Dad Tom, your friend Rob, your Uncle Tony and all those that loved you. We left behind will go forward, maybe not fast, but we will hold our heads high because we knew you Danny. I'm so blessed to have spent an entire day with you a couple of weeks before you went back on the boat. You said to me how after the year had passed of Tom's death you were going to begin making your life great. Danny you now have the greatest life ever. Love You my beloved nephew. Thank you for being there. I'll miss you. You rest in Jesus and see you again. Save a place for us.

Aunt Becky - July 30, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SM

“ *Danny and Tom!! They were good friends to me! I met Danny working at Locos. He was always a happy guy, full of jokes and a smart mouth lol. Always kind.*



Summer Shirley Miller - July 26, 2016 at 02:13 PM

PB

“ *Arden, Thanks for putting a picture of you three on our pontoon boat.in your tributes, Those were some happy days and we were so so fortunate to have had them. Our hearts break over the lose of Danny. What a joy to have around. Remember how goofy he thought Gary was to call him Danny Tomsson?*

Love, Pat and Gary

Pat Benson - July 26, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Of all the times and memories with Danny, I'll always remember the campfires, our under the bridge fishing endeavors, trips to the coke factory, and the list goes on. I miss you buddy.*

Kenny Hice - July 26, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *I met Danny for the first I time in Driver's Ed class and he was a good friend for many years. One silly memory was when he pretended to be my prom date (under a fake name! Chris) because my mom wouldn't let me go with Ben. He gave me shit about that for years!*

So many cookouts, bonfires, spades, Braves games. One of my favorite memories of Danny was a fun trip to Florida when he helped my sister and her family move. He was a great friend, always smiling and making everyone laugh. I will miss him. 💕💕

Blair Farmer - July 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM

FW

“ Ohhh, my sweet Danny!!!

My heart is in a thousand pieces... I don't even know where to begin. Almost 12 years of friendship, so many moments, some sad, some crazy, but most absolutely amazing!

You were always that one person that was dependable- you would do anything for me, if I asked (how many times did you help our family move without asking for anything in return). Even that time you dropped off teething gel for one of my baby boys just so I wouldn't have to go out myself. You played with my kids, (who called you Bandano) helped with projects around the house, and was a whole hell of a lot of fun when we were all out. You were always willing to "take over in the kitchen" teaching some new technique or sharing some delicious recipe. Your love for the Arts (history, music, etc...) was impressive. Any conversation with you was always informative and educational. Your laugh was contagious, and smile would melt any girls heart.

I will always remember that big "bad boy" persona that you would try to pass off. Rough and tough, independent, always sarcastic and absolutely hilarious, didn't care what anyone would think, or say... So we all thought... But really you were the sweetest, most compassionate, understanding, caring, tender hearted man that I have ever met. Even your hugs were unbelievable. The feeling of security, like all the wrong would be ok, your warmth and love restored the hope and faith in any situation.

Ohhhh, and starbursts, my favorite candy- you would always have a pack for me when you saw me, or even several of my favorite flavor in your coat pocket, so I could "steal" them when I was next to you, those and "hershey kisses". I will never forgot those moments, you were so sweet, just trying to make me smile.

I really can't even put into words my love for you Danny Williams... You knew the connection we had was like no other. I knew your secrets and you knew mine. You promised to always be a phone call away if I ever needed you and I was always one of your #1 cheerleaders through all your trials and tribulations, and your victories!

And I will forever be grateful for how you were there for me during

my own dark times of need. You always had the right thing to say or idea to help me move forward. You, saved me from making some terrible mistakes, even "saved my life". You taught me to love myself, be confident and find that inner happiness that in turn made me a better person on the outside.

I am deeply saddened, feeling very lost with the thought that you were just right there and then taken so suddenly. You were an absolutely amazing individual that will be missed more than words can describe. Every Time I look into a sunset or across the ocean blue and feel that warmth, I will know its your love radiating back to me.

I will forever hold onto that love and friendship that you shared with me "till we meet again". Love you Danny Williams!!! -Felicia



Felicia Williams - July 26, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 26, 2016 at 07:38 AM

MP

“ I remember the very first time I saw you, you were coming around the corner of the bar, from the kitchen at Mama Lucia's. I was there with the rest of the new serving staff for the new opening, and I turned to Brandy and said I knew we'd be connected, and we have been, ever since. Since that day, there were so many memories made, too many to share, but I'll carry them with me always. The way we were able to go through some things and come out with such closeness, is something I'll always be grateful for. I love you, and I'll miss you so much Danny. Now you're with Tom and Robert, and I know you're laughing with them, and at them (because you know Robert is ruffling his feathers about politics) and shooting pool with them. You're time was shorter here than expected, but you've started a new journey, where now you can look after everyone you love, in a way you couldn't before.

Love,
Meghan

Meghan Hubbell Proctor - July 26, 2016 at 06:07 AM

KM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Katy Hice Madriz - July 26, 2016 at 02:16 AM

JO

“ I remember Danny as a son to Arden. He would come to work and see his mom and stop by to say hello to me. What I will remember is his smile. He would always come in with a smile (and a half smirk). He had an awesome sense of humor, and would bring that sense of humor to each Governor's Awards in the Humanities as a volunteer. I always told him he reminded me of my funny younger brother.



One year Danny would lean over at the Governor's Luncheon and say "Jamila, want to raid the barbecue? No one will know..." I would chuckle and Arden would chide him in jest. Just remembering Danny makes me smile. Arden, you and Tom did well. Hugs to you from Texas.

Jamila Owens - July 25, 2016 at 10:09 PM

PV

“ The last time I saw Danny, I told him he reminded me so much of his sweet grandfather, Herbie. Danny was such a good and caring son especially after his dad, Tom, passed away just a year ago. He was taken too soon. Look after him, Tom and Herbie.

Patrice Vaughn - July 25, 2016 at 09:47 PM

NF

“ My Danny, you will truly be missed at the Fountain resident....I'm going to miss talking, laughing/joking, and you and Nick teaming up to get on my nerves LOL!! I have two stories to share the first one is about my mom she likes to watch scary movies and while she is watching she is covering her face or jumping and Danny would say Mrs Fountain what you sitting here watching these movies for and you already scary LOL, and the next one is when we got the news about Danny I told my 6 year old son that Uncle Danny had passed and he replied you mean the one who gave me the hat I said yes he said I have to take really good care of my hat now!! Man I'm going to miss you but God needed you more love you and the family!!

Nina Fountain - July 25, 2016 at 08:47 PM

WS

“ One of my favorite memories was kayaking down the river with Dan and my husband Travis. The weather was perfect and it was one of those days that I knew at the time was special. I was pregnant, and it was really nice having Dan home and spending some time with us. I'll always be thankful for that day when we named him River Dan. Mostly bc he spent a lot of time joking and out of the kayak. :)

Whitney Strickland - July 25, 2016 at 08:32 PM

PW

“ I remember the dad Arden and Tom brought my new cousin home. The love and joy of a baby. I got sit with him before the moved. He always seem to leave me presents in his diapers and down the front of me. I will never forget your smile and love of life. I was so proud of you. Blessing to all wishing I was closers to hug my aunt. Danny hug your daddy for me and his sister Judy. Love you.

Patty Ealy Wiltermood - July 25, 2016 at 08:26 PM

VD

“ Danny was the first person to welcome me to the neighborhood when I moved to Rolling Meadows, IL. He was on his tricycle, in the rain, holding an umbrella – he was three years old. That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship with the entire Williams family. Danny was brilliant in every way, shining his light wherever he went. Rest in peace Danny.

Vicki Duckett - July 25, 2016 at 08:14 PM

LB

“ I met Danny through my cousin, he was a interesting person to me.. He was laid back and very easy going.. He will truly be missed.. Rest easy my friend...

Lance Brooks - July 25, 2016 at 07:51 PM

DM

“ I met Danny for the first time when he was just four years old. I took him for a ride in the back of our pickup. Years later he said that he remembered that visit. What a cute little boy he was who grew into such a caring man. It's so unfair, isn't it? He didn't get to finish his life. It's not supposed to be that way. All the tributes I've read give evidence of how he touched people's lives and I guess that was his part. He played it superbly. May he rest in peace. My deepest sympathies for Arden and all her family. Love, Donna

Donna McGowan - July 25, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ RIP Danny.....met you through Nick you was one cool down to earth person you will truly be missed rest easy

Quint Ferrell - July 25, 2016 at 06:10 PM

KF

“ Meet danny 9 yrs ago.when I moved down to ga from ohio..we worked at a local place called badass together..it took a second for me and him to become good freinds ..Danny was sweet ,laid back kind of guy that would do anything for anybody,a hard worker.and was always the funniest guy in the room..we're gonna miss them jokes and that laugh..miss you big time Dano

Keith farmer - July 25, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ Danny was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I remember our freshman year at ECHS, I would make picnic lunches and me, Danny, and Ben Tynes would sit out in the courtyard and eat lunch, talk about music, life, and our future. We were quite the motley little crew. His smile and laugh were infectious. No matter what was going on in your life, he was always there to listen, cheer you up, celebrate accomplishments, or encourage you to keep going. After high school we lost touch some, but through social media we kept up with each other from time-to-time. He was always a genuine and caring friend that will be deeply missed by those fortunate enough to have had him in their lives

Jessica Pater - July 25, 2016 at 05:44 PM

BU

“ We meet Danny in Miami fl. He always seem to be willing to work with his crew and was well liked by all of the guys on the boats. We work with a diffrent company but the loss of a Fellow Mariner is thought . We send our Prayers to his Family and friends. Capt. Buster , Charlie and Shannon crew members of the tug Indian dawn



Buster - July 25, 2016 at 05:40 PM

AW

Thanks guys! He would have appreciated your comments and he never forgot all his tug friends. I appreciate the photo too.
Love, Dan's mom (Arden)

Arden Williams - July 26, 2016 at 12:40 AM

AL

“ Thinking of you, Arden.
With love,
Annette, Bryan, and Alec

Annette Laing - July 25, 2016 at 05:37 PM

SH

“ I remember when Danny was born, & he was the pride & joy of his parents, Arden & Tom. I got to meet him soon after his birth, with his big blue eyes, & blond hair, thinking how adorable he was! After my children, Katy & Ken were born, they became quite close with Danny, even though we lived far away from each other, in different states. But, whenever we would all get together, they had such a good time, & enjoyed having many different kind of adventures. Danny was a very smart & witty guy, as well as very vivacious, not to mention, he had a very kind heart. It goes without saying that he will be greatly missed, however, we will always have those wonderful memories of him, that will go on forever. He was my nephew, my sister's son. R.I.P. Danny. Love, Aunt Sharon

Sharon Hice - July 25, 2016 at 04:42 PM

 Laura
McCarty

“ Danny Williams was a great volunteer for Georgia Humanities, especially National History Day. We could count on him for doing whatever we needed, whether it was hauling boxes or cooking our holiday get-together treats. We'll miss him.

Laura and Phillip McCarty

Laura McCarty - July 25, 2016 at 03:50 PM

SP

“ The crew of the Indian Dawn would like to express their most sincerest sympathies to Daniel's family. To our fallen brother may we wish "Fair Winds and Following Seas". Eight bells has sounded signaling that your watch has ended. RIP shipmate.

Steven Pippin - July 25, 2016 at 03:32 PM

AW

Thanks Steve, beautiful words! from Dan's mom

Arden Williams - July 26, 2016 at 12:42 AM

AS

*Arden
My heart breaks for you
May God ease your grief,, you are in my thoughts and Prayers. Danny
left a lasting impression in alot of lives.*

Annie Smith - July 26, 2016 at 03:37 PM

RW

*Steve, you left very special words for my dear nephew, Danny. A friend
of mine has a son that's a tugboat captain and she told me the bell
ringing 8 times is a high honor. Thank you for that honor to Danny. May
God watch over you and your crew.*

Rebecca Williams - August 08, 2016 at 01:37 PM

SC

*“ I knew Danny since his birth and have vivid memories of visits
together when Arden, Tom and Danny traveled to see me and I and
my family visited Danny in Illinois, Utah and several locations in
Georgia. Danny was a spirited and spirit-filled young man, the child
of loving parents who doted on him, yet saw that he grew to be a
man able to make decisions and care for others. He was very
devoted to his late father Tom and missed him terribly when he
passed last year. He was able to maintain his balance through his
work as a seaman, a career for which he had a great passion, not
forgetting his love and capacity for cooking. Danny was quite the
chef! He remained close to his mother Arden and they supported
each other materially and spiritually. My recollection of Danny will
always be of a smiling, hearty, fun-loving individual who genuinely
cared about his friends, family and the world around him. God rest
your soul, Danny. You will indeed be missed by many.*

Steve Comm - July 25, 2016 at 02:50 PM

AW

Thanks Steve, beautiful words! You didn't mention that you were Danny's uncle! Danny loved all the times we visited you and couldn't wait to see Uncle "Bubba" every holiday.

Arden Williams - July 25, 2016 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ *The Seifert & Shapiro Families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Daniel Adam Williams.*



The Seifert & Shapiro Families - July 25, 2016 at 12:13 PM

TF

“ *The Burns/Walsh Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Adam Williams.*



The Burns/Walsh Family - July 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM