



## Dudley N. Williams Jr.

November 14, 1955 - May 21, 2021

Dudley N. Williams, Jr.

Dudley Williams passed on May 21, 2021, in Stamford, Connecticut, surrounded by the love and prayers of his family, friends and colleagues. In 1989, Dudley, his wife Juanita James – the love of his life – and newly born son Dudley III – the light of his life – moved to Stamford from Washington, D.C. and Brooklyn on the recommendation of close friends as a terrific community for a young family; a community on which he has had an indelible impact for more than three decades.

As a passionate, dedicated and involved member of the Stamford community, Dudley worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes with a range of city leaders, nonprofits, businesses, youth and other citizens, and was committed to providing opportunity and quality of life for all of Stamford's neighborhoods. Among the numerous community organization boards on which he served in leadership positions were The Connecticut Center for School Change, Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Ferguson Library, Childcare Learning Centers, the Rowan Center, Stamford YMCA and the Urban League of Southwestern CT. Dudley also was elected, as well as appointed, to several public and policymaking positions including the City of Stamford Boards of Education, Finance and Planning and the Connecticut State Commissions on Educational Achievement and Association of Boards of Education. And among the many

awards and recognition he received for his service was the 2017 Stamford Citizen of the Year.

Over his distinguished career Dudley held executive positions as a leader and strategist in business, publishing, education and philanthropy. Most recently he was the President & CEO of the Mill River Park Collaborative. Prior to that he served as Senior VP-Citizenship & Diversity for GE Asset Management, and before that was with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Simon & Schuster, Cahners Publishing and Time Inc. He also was a long-time member and steward at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Stamford.

Dudley was born on November 14, 1955 in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Evelyn Carlise Porter Williams and Dudley Norman Williams, Sr. He had two siblings, an older sister Anita Cheryl Williams (deceased) and a brother Leslie Eric Williams with whom he was very close. He attended NYC public schools and Columbia University, where he majored in American History. Dudley is survived by his wife Juanita, son Dudley III, his brother Leslie (Karel), nieces Eboni Henley (TJ) and Mignon Texidor, as well as many beloved cousins and extended family.

In addition to his brilliant smile that never failed to light up a room, Dudley possessed genuine warmth, compassion and amazing wit. He will be remembered for his wise, thoughtful counsel and genuine caring for family, friends and community.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private memorial service will be held, and the Williams family will be live streaming the service on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 11 a.m. at [dudleywilliamsjr.com/memorial](http://dudleywilliamsjr.com/memorial). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Ferguson Library, the Mill River Park Collaborative or Stamford Hospital. For additional information on Dudley, visit

[dudleywilliamsjr.com](http://dudleywilliamsjr.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences to your family during this difficult time. Your family is my prayers. May God provide peace to your family, comfort all of you with his love and give you all strength to continue his will.*

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**Tené Redmon** - June 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JR

“ *A very special person - a giant upon whose shoulders we all must stand!  
A wonderful, kind and generous man who cared deeply for kids and community!  
Thank you, Dudley, for all that you did with your time and talents!  
May God bless you eternally.  
Our deepest condolences to Juanita and the entire family. May God give you that peace that passes all understanding.*

*John and Jackie Ramos*

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**John J Ramos** - June 05, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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“ *Dear Juanita and D III. Please accept my deepest condolences on Dudley's passing. Having worked with him for years at GE and SSGA, I know you both were the light of his life. I am honored and humbled to have known him and be able to call him my friend. He will be greatly missed by me and everyone else that he touched. May God bless you and family.*

*Cheri Nicholas  
Friend*

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**Cheri Nicholas** - June 05, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Dear Juanita, I am so very sorry to learn of the loss of your loving husband, Dudley. A truly remarkable man who was loved and admired by so many people. Please know that you and Dudley Jr. are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying that the wonderful memories you have shared together with give you comfort and strength.  
Much love,  
Linda Tillman

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Linda Tillman - May 31, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Lorraine Hunter-Brown lit a candle in memory of Dudley N. Williams Jr.



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Lorraine Hunter-Brown - May 31, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ I offer Condolences to Juanita, Dudley,III and entire Williams Family. I will always remember Dudley's smile, his class, humor, and humility. A husband, a father and true gentleman. I treasure the fond memories of July 4th in Stamford, and on vacation in Florida. May he Rest in Peace, the Family is in my Prayers -



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Craig Brickous - May 29, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ Dear Juanita, Dudley III and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Dudley was a strong pillar in the community gracing all he came in contact with a warm smile and kind heart. He will be sorely missed for all his efforts in so many capacities to so many. May your memories warm your hearts and comfort you during this difficult time and in the days ahead.

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**Candace Burke** - May 29, 2021 at 03:26 PM

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“ Dudley Williams will be sorely missed in the community and in Connecticut. He has done so much for the public schools assuring grants for programs. We have lost an iconic giant. Dudley had character and wisdom beyond his means. Rest In Peace My Brother!

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**Ina Cameron-Winn** - May 29, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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“ Rest In Peace Dudley!



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**Bridget** - May 29, 2021 at 08:30 AM