

Date of Birth

**Feb 18, 1948**



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**Jan 28, 2016**

## **Rupert Burnett Williams**

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Rupert Burnett Williams Rupert Burnett Williams was the first child of Joseph Williams and Mae Nichols Williams born on February 18, 1948 in Beaumont, Texas. He was followed into the world 3 minutes later by his twin brother Reginald Frank. They were born into a loving home of parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, and lots of family through church and the neighborhood. Rupert was a fun-loving and gregarious child, youth and adult. He loved to laugh and loved to make others laugh. He attended elementary and high schools in Beaumont, graduating from Charlton-Pollard High School in 1966. In high school he played trombone in the marching band, and participated in a variety of school organizations. After high school graduation he attended Prairie View A & M University in Prairie View, Texas. By his own admission he was not ready for college yet though he

did find the time to pledge a fraternity and be involved in lots of activities - so he ultimately left school, worked for a while, and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1972. Rupert said he joined the Marines "to see the world", and during his 25 year career he did indeed see much of the world. After basic training he had assignments at Marine Headquarters in Virginia, with the Marine Security Guard, at Camp Lejeune, and at the Marine Corps Air Station. He served embassies in Afghanistan and Brazil, and the special interest section in Cuba. He did many "med cruises" and made stops in Asia, the Middle East, South America, Africa, and Europe. He retired from the Marines as a Master Sergeant. Upon retirement, he returned to school, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2003. He also worked part-time at the Marine Corps Air Station. As a member of the Beaufort community, he refereed intramural sports for 20 years. He was also very active with the Beaufort County Election Commission, and had been a member of the Board of Registration since 2005. He is survived by his wife, Janice, daughters Erika and Renee, grandchildren Destiny, Michael, and Mariah, all of Beaufort; his brother Reginald (Willa) of Dumfries, Virginia; his sister Coquese of Beaumont, Texas; and relatives and friends across the county and the country. Viewing and visitation is from 6-8 P.M. Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Chisholm Galloway Home for Funerals, 808 Bladen Street. Funeral services are at 9:00 A.M., Friday, August 5, 2016 in the Chapel at Marine Corp Air Station.

# Memories of Rupert

