



Joshua Rand Williams

July 4, 1974 - June 14, 2024

Wishing a long, sweet fair-thee-well to the tender, loving heart of our beloved son, Joshua Rand Williams. He cared so deeply for everyone he met. He passed from this life unexpectedly... and way too soon. He joins his adored grandparents, James & Regina Hamby and Claude Sr. & Rebecca Williams, and is awaiting all of us to join them.

He leaves behind his bereaved parents, Claude, Jr & Debora Williams; his dear aunts & uncles: Deborah & Danny Scott, Robin & Rick Hyde, Michael & Linda Hamby, and Daniel & Phyllis Hamby; all his cherished cousins: Melissa Pashayan, Dawn Donohue, James Micheal Hamby, Trace Hyde, Ryan Hyde, and Heather Harris, and their spouses; his most beloved second-cousins: Sonora Hamby and Jackson Hamby, and the littles: James, Trixie, Lilah, Brinley, and Remy.

To our gentle son who is forever in our hearts, "We will miss you forever more."

The cryptside service will be held at 1pm, Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Claude & Debora I came across this trying to find contact information. I had no idea about his passing. I send you both my deepest condolences. I am at such a loss of words. You raised such a talented, creative, genius, & caring son. Prayers for you both and all of his extended family. Love you both all of you treated me as family and taught me so many things. The last time we spoke we were making plans for him to meet my son & now I know why plans didn't come to fruition. gail dot my last name at the Y mail dot com

—Gail Keyes

I'm shocked! I couldn't believe it. You told me to move on and study all the way through because I'm too smart to be with you. I did. I'm a professor of engineering technologies now teaching and getting a chance to do research, I still have all the websites, music and games we made when we were students at SPSU. When I get a chance, I'll reopen them for you. I went back to school last fall to get another masters degree on robotics and ai. It's so popular now. To me, you are always living, we never die. Remember, the souls live beyond all the physical things we ever see and experience.

—Dr. Kay Rand Morgan

You will be missed

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Rand hosted our game developer meetups and will be sorely missed. I've spent many hours with him engaged in conversation over the years and it was always interesting and I've learned a lot from him. My condolences to his family, we've never met but you should know Rand was a pillar of our community, he worked hard to keep our group going and to help it grow.

–Johnathan Pardue



Rand you will be greatly missed. You were a good friend and such a great person! Johnny Moss 15 Lynn Cove Rd Asheville, NC 28804

–Johnny Moss

Debbie and Claude, My prayers and heartfelt condolences are sent to you both. May our Savior hold you both in His loving arms as you grieve the loss of Joshua Rand. I remember him being kind and sweet when I last saw him years ago. May your memories of him bring you some comfort. We are lifting you all up in our church as well. Love, Tammy

–Tammy Hoyle



Condolences and prayers be with the family in this time of mourning.

–Jonathan Archer

I hadn't seen Rand much the last year or so, but a few months ago we hung out all day, working on electronics projects for the first time in about 5 years. It felt good. We were making big plans for these things we were building. I thought it was the first of many sessions like that, but tragically, it was the last. Still, I am so thankful to have had that one day. I only wish I had known enough to cherish it even more. I love you, Rand. You were a true friend with a pure heart. Godspeed, my friend!

—Jesse Mesa-Savage



Rand and I were going to brunch on Saturday. I'm still going to go. Thank you Rand for being such a good friend to me and my family. You will be missed. Our hearts go out to your family.

—Paul B. Hartzog



I'll miss you dude.

—Matt Ramsey



Rand, we will miss your sensitive soul and sensibilities as well as your intellect. Wish you could have found some way to stick around longer and keep sharing your gentle kindness and talents. May your spirit roam free from stifling worldly trappings.

—Liz Twardon



We can not express how sorry we are for your experienceing



this tragedy. Know you are in our thoughts.

—Ray and Barb Geiser



Rand will be sorely missed. He was an awesome person and I was glad to be his friend. We shared lots of meaningful conversations and experiences. He was a psybrother. I'm sad that he has left and I wish him on his journey to the great beyond. Fly free brother!

—Chris Thurmond



I'm just so shocked. Rand was a big part of our game developer community and was always at the meetups. He was such a character and always had lots to talk about. We'll miss him greatly.

—Thomas Wright

So sorry for your loss. He was way to young to be leaving this world. With the recent loss of much older club members, I really feel your loss.

—Richard Moore

The Williams Family: The loving kindness of the heart bridges us together for harmony, tranquility, and compassion. Pause a moment and remember :-)

—Joe Barrett

—Ashley Armstrong