



Major General Harvey Dean Williams, Sr.

Major General Harvey Dean Williams Sr., 90, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at home in Maryland on August 7, 2020, due to Parkinson's disease. He is predeceased by his son Mark E. Williams, his parents Matthew Dean Williams and Addie Haynes Williams, and his brothers Matthew James Williams and Leon P. Williams (Lillian). He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary E. (Glenn) Williams, son Harvey Dean Williams Jr. (Jessica), daughters Karen D. Williams, Mignon Khargie Fowler (Thomas), and Joyce L. Williams (Delancy Jackson). He was the proud "G-Pop" of granddaughter Hannah Rose Fowler and "Pop-Pop" to grandson Mark Dean Williams. He is survived and loved by numerous cousins, in-laws, colleagues, family, and friends.

He was a son of North Carolina: born in Whiteville (on July 30, 1930), raised in Durham, and proud member of the Hillside High School Class of 1946.

A memorial service at Fort Myer, Virginia, and interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held on a date yet to be determined. Family and friends may visit www.josephgawlers.com: for service details, for

information on his military career, to offer online condolences and fond memories, or to send plants or other expressions of sympathy to the family. (More information on his life and career can also be found at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvey_D. Williams.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvey_D._Williams))

MILITARY CAREER:

Commanding General, First US Army (interim)
Deputy Commanding General, First US Army
Commanding General, US Army Readiness and Mobilization Region III
Deputy Inspector General, US Army
Commanding General, VII Corps Artillery and Community Commander
Chief of Staff, Military District of Washington
Deputy Commanding General, Military District of Washington
Post Commander, Fort Myer, Virginia
Brigade Commander, 75th Field Artillery Group
Senior Military Adviser, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (Dept. of Defense)
Director, Security Division, Asst Chief of Staff Intelligence, Dept. of the Army
Commanded 3 Artillery Batteries - one in combat in Korea; one in Germany
Commanded 2 Battalions - one in combat in Vietnam
Participation in Desert Rock, Atomic Bomb Detonation - Nevada

SERVICE DECORATIONS, CIVILIAN HONORS, AND AWARDS:

Legion of Merit
2 Bronze Stars; 2 Meritorious Service Medals; 5 Air Medals; 5 Army Commendation Medals
Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm – government of South Vietnam
United Nations Service Medal
Meritorious Service – Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Order of the Long Leaf Pine – Governor, State of North Carolina
Meritorious Service Medal – Governor, State of Delaware
Honorary Distinguished Citizen – Governor, State of West Virginia
WVSU ROTC Hall of Fame – Charter Member
Man of the Year Award – Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
Heroes in Business: RMOA and SDVE
Key to the City of Durham – 1991
Honorary Mayor/Bürgermeister of Augsburg
16th Black US Army General

1st Black US Army General from North Carolina

EDUCATION:

Master of Science Degree (International Affairs) - George Washington University - Washington, DC - 1972
Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) - West Virginia State College (University), Institute - 1950
Hillside High School - Graduate - Durham, NC - 1946
Advanced Officers Course - Graduate
Armed Forces Staff College - Distinguished Graduate - Norfolk, VA
US Naval War College - Distinguished Graduate - Newport, RI
Senior Executives Management Program, Harvard University - Cambridge, MA

ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK:

Dept. of Veterans Affairs—Mentor-Protege
Security Coordinator, Joint Chiefs of Staff for President Carter's Inauguration
Member of The ROCKS, Inc.
Member of AUSA
Board of Directors, MSTI
1978 activism against discrimination of black American soldiers in Germany made international headlines and caused Mayor of Augsburg to change policies
EVP COO—in IT, bringing technology to diverse communities
CARE water project—bringing water to Mozambique and South Africa