



Freddie Herman Williams

June 7, 1950 - January 14, 2024

In loving memory of Freddie Herman Williams, a beacon of kindness and a true servant leader, who passed away on 1/14/2024. His life and legacy are a testament to the power of compassion, selflessness, and a commitment to serving others.

Born on 6/7/1950 in Jackson, Kentucky, Freddie Williams dedicated his life to making a positive impact on those around him. Freddie never met a stranger, and those that met him never forgot his genuine kind soul. His leadership as an educator with Gwinnett County Public Schools was defined by humility, empathy, and authentic concern for the well-being of others. Whether in his professional career or personal relationships, he exemplified the qualities of a kind hearted and compassionate leader.

Throughout his career, Freddie inspired those he worked with through his unwavering dedication to teamwork and collaboration. He supported and cheered at every school activity while at Sweetwater Middle, Summerour Middle, Lawrenceville Elementary, Rebecca Minor Elementary, Norcross High, and Brookwood High. His reach in the school community focused on supporting and lifting up those around him. He believed in the potential of every individual and made each person around him feel special and loved. Beyond the workplace, Freddie extended his kindness to his community. He was an active member of his neighborhood, Coopers Pond in Lawrenceville, and he could be heard regularly saying “life is good” and “living the dream” when he spent time at the pool or out to dinner with friends. By everyone that

knew him, he was cherished for his warm heart and pure love of people. His kindness knew no bounds, and he touched the lives of many with his generosity, compassion, infectious laugh, and steadfast positivity.

Freddie is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Suzie, his two daughters Jennifer and Emille, and older brother, Buford. He will always be remembered as a loving and supportive family man and a pillar of strength. As we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate the incredible life he lived and the positive impact he had on the world; the world was a better place because of Freddie. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date and time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made for Parkinson's research at The Michael J. Fox Foundation (www.give.michaeljfox.org) in Freddie's memory. May Freddie's legacy of kindness and compassion continue to inspire us all. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him. Heaven gained a beautiful angel who will be listening to music, cheering on the Dawgs, Wildcats, and Braves, and watching over all those he loved.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770.962.3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com <<http://www.stewartfh.com>>.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ I knew Freddie from my years as a teacher at Summerour Middle School. J
He was an Assistant Administrator. I remember his infectious smile and being one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of knowing in my personal or professional career. Thanks, Freddie, for the memories.

Sana Olson - April 05, 2024 at 08:46 PM

CR

“ Freddie hired me as his assistant principal at Minor ES and then promptly proceeded to push me to go on to lead my own school. I couldn't have asked for a more exemplary mentor, coach, cheer leader. When I think of the epitome of fairness, empathy and wisdom, I think of Freddie. I'll always remember his love for his school family, his community and above all else, his own family. They were his number one priority. You knew that if a call came in from Susie or one of the girls he would drop everything to take it. That was Freddie. He lived his values. Truly a great loss to all. Deepest condolences to the Williams family. My wish is that their fond memories of his life with them will in time bring them comfort.

Carlotta Rozzi - March 23, 2024 at 02:41 PM

AB

“ I met Freddie at Sweetwater Middle when I was fresh out of college. I had no idea of what I should be doing during pre-planning. Freddie was not on my team but he took me under his wing and shared his Business Ed curriculum with me. I often think of him and how he went out of his way and gave up some of his precious planning time to help a rookie in need. Blessings for his family.

Angie Beals - February 29, 2024 at 02:10 PM

SA

“ I went to Rebecca Minor Elementary School in the late 90s and Principal Williams made it the best possible environment for us to feel safe, engaged, and curious about the world. My time there with the faculty, staff, and students shaped me into who I am today. I cherish my memories there and will be forever grateful for what he provided us. My condolences to him and his family.

Sabri - February 19, 2024 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ I was sorry to hear of Freddie's passing. We went through elementary and high school together at Jackson City School in our hometown of Jackson, KY. He was always so pleasant to be around!
I had lost track of him after we both moved away, but am so happy to hear about his successful life and especially his loving family, which all sound so wonderful. He certainly deserved it all!
My prayers and blessings to those who spent his adult years with him. I know you will miss him!

Donna Slone - February 09, 2024 at 04:59 PM

TE

“ Freddie hired me almost 25 years ago at Minor ES (still here). I thought then that he was a very sweet man. He was fair, gentle, and truly loved his Minor family. His retirement party was one for the books. The entire school participated in little skits, song and dance, and stories. One of his parting gifts from us was a pair of Jimmy Buffet tickets. He was thrilled, being the Parrot Head that he was. He was loved. And he will be missed.
Deepest sympathy to his family.

Teresa A Earnhardt - January 26, 2024 at 08:52 AM

JP

“ I worked with Freddie while he served as the Norcross High School Community School Director. He was kind and friendly and was a wealth of knowledge. Freddie knew everyone in the county and everyone knew and loved Freddie. Freddie and I spent hours talking sports, he loved the Dawgs and Braves. Freddie will be sorely missed. RIP

John Power - January 23, 2024 at 04:01 PM

JS

“ Suzie, I am so sorry for the passing away of your husband Freddie. I have seen so many pictures of the memories the two of you created. I hope these shared times together will give you comfort.
Jeannine Simmons

Jeannine Simmons - January 21, 2024 at 01:10 AM

JC

“ I was a teacher at Summerour when Freddie came to be our assistant principal. He was soft spoken and kind with teachers, students, and parents. He was so supportive of his teachers. He made a positive difference in my life for sure. I'm thankful for having worked with him. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Joyce Callahan - January 20, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TW

“ Mr. Williams hired me right out of college to teach fourth grade at Minor. My second year as a teacher he appointed me as grade chair, thus putting me on my path toward leadership. Over the years he kept up with me and checked in on me from time to time. He supported me and encouraged me, even when we were at different schools. He gave me advice and guidance as a teacher and on my journey toward becoming an administrator. I have such fond memories of my years at Minor. I am forever grateful for the positive impact Mr. Williams had on my career. He was a great man and such a blessing to me. His family is in our thoughts & prayers.

Tisha Williamson - January 19, 2024 at 06:40 PM

LP

“ Mr. Freddie Williams was the principal of Minor Elementary School when I was a student at Minor Elementary School. Having just arrived in America, I was always happy to see Mr. Williams in the hallways waving at the children with his index finger! Great times! I also remember being summoned to Mr. Williams' office together with my sister because we kept running towards the bus as it arrived to pick us up in our neighborhood. Mr. Williams had to call my parents about the matter. He tried to convince my parents that my sister and I were not in trouble and that he just wanted to make sure we were safe. Mr. Williams' tone and demeanor was so calming even though my parents had other plans for us when we got home. Nevertheless, Mr. Williams was a kind soul and always shared positive words with all. He will be missed! My condolences to the family. God bless you all!

Lidia Popovici - January 19, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DM

“ It was an honor to work with Freddie. He was a real nice guy and a resource of knowledge about Norcross and Gwinnett.

Drew F Madajewski - January 19, 2024 at 09:51 AM

GR

“ Freddie was always such an incredible asset to our Coopers Pond Neighborhood.

He was always the nicest guy at our community pool, providing music & friendship to everyone he met.

Always So Friendly, Positive, Thoughtful, Helpful, & Fun Loving!

Simply put, To know this man was to love him.

Freddie will be missed by All his Friends & Neighbors. ❤️

Ginny Ring - January 18, 2024 at 05:29 PM

CW

“ I didn't know him but I did know Suzie. He looks so happy and exactly as he is described. Praying for the family to have peace that surpasses ALL understanding.

Cindy Williams

Cindy Williams - January 18, 2024 at 11:07 AM

MM

“ Freddie was such an inspiration and such a loving man. I worked with him at Lawrenceville Elementary and was in awe of his work ethic and the way he always supported his staff. He was a role model and made made us all better teachers. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers are being sent to the Williams family.

Margo Martin - January 18, 2024 at 09:27 AM

LI

“ I will always cherish our swimming family and great times of friendships formed with sitting through endless heats and meets. Freddie was always so upbeat and truly had a kind soul. Arnold and I offer our prayers for all of the family.

Lori Isley - January 18, 2024 at 08:52 AM

CS

“ Freddie truly made Minor a family. He loved and supported his staff. I am so grateful for the 10 years I spent there with him as our principal. He continued to be an encouragement in my career for the next 15 years.

Carol Smith - January 17, 2024 at 09:13 PM

TH

I worked with Freddie at Summerour Middle. He was kind and thoughtful in everything he did with teachers and students. Rest in peace.

Teresa Hughes - January 22, 2024 at 08:49 PM