



Ronald Keith Williams

June 1, 1953 - November 10, 2020

Ronald Keith Williams, 67, passed away on November 10, 2020. Keith was born on June 1, 1953 in Louisa County Virginia, son of the late Frank Williams, Jr. and Dorothy Kennedy Williams. He worked 37 years at Delta Air Lines the majority of which were in the IT department. It was there he met his wife Jackie.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Jackie) Williams and brother, Robert (Bobby) Williams and Sister-in-law Melinda Williams.

Keith attended Covenant Presbyterian Church. He has been actively involved in Southside Theatre Guild since 1974 in every way imaginable from directing, acting, president, vice president of facilities, set building, etc. etc. it was a second home to Keith.

There will be a small graveside service for family and a few friends. At a later date there will be a celebration of Keith's life.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either Southside Theatre Guild or Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Jayne Bennett SSTG ALUMNI lit a candle in memory of Ronald Keith Williams



Jayne Bennett SSTG ALUMNI - November 21, 2020 at 10:27 PM

AS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Adam Schwam - November 17, 2020 at 04:58 PM

VS

“ I known Keith through my former co-worker, Jackie, who I worked with many years ago at Delta Tech (Delta's IT department). I always admired their dedicated love. Keith was a creative & kind individual. My deepest condolences to Jackie and the entire family.

Valerie Sam - November 17, 2020 at 03:15 AM

BH

“ I'm sorry I just found out about Keith's passing. We maneuvered for center stage several times, all in good fun. He was a grand theater guy and a friend. Mr deepest condolences.

Bill Hearnburg - November 15, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RK

“ I always looked up to Keith as I spent many of my childhood years at Southside Theatre Guild. His spirit, skill, and kindness is something I’ll never forget. I’m so very sorry, Jackie. I admired your inspiring love for one another.

Rebecca Kling - November 13, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Keith Williams.



November 13, 2020 at 07:12 PM

GB

“ Keith was a very good actor...I know this because I was in one play in college, learned quickly what acting needed, and I never did another play. He was always kind to me, and Leany and my world is darker these days.....God bless and keep you, Keith.....

GE Baldwin - November 12, 2020 at 02:22 PM

JM

“ I was on stage with Keith in seven plays, but was directed by him at least that many times again, and worked alongside him building sets, cleaning the theatre, hauling junk, etc. for over 30 years. There was a joke that if there was a set being built, there were the Williamses and the Mays. He taught me problem solving, a lot of jokes in questionable taste, and set an example of kindness and leadership. There's no one else that can banter "That's what she said" jokes with me like Keith could. I will always remember "Smiley's Handyman Service." Keith leaves a legacy of comedy and caring that will never fade, because he shared it with so many. I love you Keith, and Jackie. I pray for peace and comfort for you.

Jonny May - November 12, 2020 at 09:53 AM

TH

“ Keith you were a master of your craft. You were a wonderful actor making us laugh and at times cry. You were an icon at Southside Theatre Guild. You will always be in our hearts. Prayers for you Jackie as you go through this difficult time.



Tammy D. Hyder - November 11, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DE

I don't really have the words, I have nothing but love and respect for this man, he will be missed

Dwain Eidson - November 11, 2020 at 10:02 PM

PM

Keith was in the first play I attended at Southside. He was wonderful. Enjoyed every play he was in. He will be missed by everyone. Hugs to Jackie.

Pam MacAllister

Pam MacAllister - November 12, 2020 at 08:39 AM

WD

I was in the pit band on many of Keith's projects. He will be sorely missed. Hugs to Jackie.

William Dyson - November 12, 2020 at 10:17 AM

RC

A dear soul. Much loved. He will be sorely missed. Our love and prayers to Jackie.

Renee and David Califf

Renee Califf - November 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM

TG

Keith has become an institution in Fairburn and the South Fulton area and has shared his art and himself with so many people for so many years. Not only as an actor, but in just about every other theatre position known to man as well. Every role, whether on stage or off, always received his full attention. He just loved the theatre that much...it didn't matter what he did, as long as he was doing something with the theatre. Okay, I take that back...anybody that really knows Keith knows he loved acting the best! He relished in getting into that character and drawing the audience in and making them laugh or think or cry. Because of our mutual interest, I was lucky enough to be cast in a play with Keith about 45 years ago. We immediately became friends and we were in many other productions together. He was actually in my wedding almost 40 years ago! Though our paths haven't crossed as much over the last few years, our love for the theatre and each other has not faded. I feel as though I have lost a brother. Jackie, I can't even imagine the grief and pain you are experiencing and I want you to know that DeeDee and I are praying for you and your family as you navigate through this. Keith leaves behind so many dear friends and precious memories and it is a blessing that you have those to hang on to. Much love from Thom and DeeDee Grindle

Thom Grindle - November 12, 2020 at 05:32 PM

EB

Keith was a very special man. He loved his Jackie completely. It was in every word he spoke to her and every move he made with her. Their love was evident in everything that they did together. Keith's love for the theater was in everything he touched, did and said. Even when being roped into building massive sets(B &B) he was amazing! As well as acting in the show! Keith has left a hole in our hearts, but he has also left us with incredible memories of a gracious man. Go with God, my friend.

Eileen Baldwin - November 13, 2020 at 07:30 AM

JL

Although I've shed tears of Keith's passing, I think Keith would want us to celebrate his wonderful life and reflect on the fun, crazy memories we have over a course of 46 years. Growing up at STG meant Keith was a big part of that. My friendship, respect and appreciation for Keith began in my cameo role in the Crucible. I was in the 5th grade! Ironically, my last time on stage was 2 years ago at the event honoring my parents reenacting the scene in the Crucible. I will always cherish those moments on stage with him and all the years in between. Jackie, Chip and I send our condolences and please know you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Little - November 13, 2020 at 10:26 AM

MJ

I met Keith at my first audition at STG so many years ago. He greeted me with that big smile of his and I instantly felt welcomed. Keith was the kind of person who asked questions about your life because he was truly interested. He always remembered the names of my children and asked about them no matter how many years may have passed since our last visit. I will always count myself blessed to have known him I am smiling as I remember when he first brought Jackie to the theater. Like many others... I witnessed a bit of their love story. There are a group of people I will forever associate with STG and Keith is certainly among them. Jackie, my heart is breaking for you. Please know my family is lifting you up in prayer as you go through this very difficult time.

*Much love,
Melody Koppe Jones*

Melody Jones - November 13, 2020 at 12:19 PM



When I saw that Keith was in a play, I knew it was going to be a good one, he was a master of his avocation. Condolences to his family and prayers for comfort and peace.

Margaret Kilgore - November 13, 2020 at 09:02 PM

AS

I have many fond memories of my friend Keith. I regret I never got to share the stage with such a great performer, but I did have the honor of losing lots of money to him at the poker table. He was such a gracious host and just a good man. Peace and Love

Adam Schwam - November 17, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JA

*Many memories from back in the 70's & early 80's of time on stage and off and Keith's awesome smile, support and love for the theatre and of us. He was an integral part of keeping SSTG alive with his spirit and zest for everything he did. The show may be over but the memory of your life Keith and your legacy will forever shine brightly in our hearts. Respectfully,
Jayne*

Jayne Bennett SSTG ALUMNI - November 21, 2020 at 10:46 PM