



CEDRIC WILLIAMSON

October 29, 1955 - September 21, 2010

Cedric Williamson, 54, of Kankakee, IL, died Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Services at 10:00 A.M. at Lax Mortuary. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Cedric Colin Williamson was born October 29, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the fourth child born to proud parents Carl Sr. and Barbara Williamson. They preceded him in death.

He was baptized and confirmed at an early age; and attended both Catholic, private and public schools in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Lexington, Kentucky. Early on, Cedric enjoyed laughing, joking, singing, and dancing with his cousins and friends. He also loved the outdoors and spent fun summers in Lexington and Maddoxtown, KY, fishing, playing baseball, and horseback riding.

Throughout his life, Cedric was always a fast study and quick learner. Creatively inclined, he had a special mechanical intelligence and a gift for music. He taught himself to read and write music and to play several instruments including drums, bongos and the piano. He was also a self-taught tailor and master auto mechanic.

As a six-foot three, curly-haired, affable young man, Cedric was well liked and popular. A sensitive and deep thinker, Cedric was very interested in spiritual pursuits. Once, he even thought about joining the seminary.

Cedric's talent as a musical writer, composer, producer, and performer led him and friends Marlon, Craig, and Mercury, to form the funk rock band Black Money. When the knowledge of Rastafarian spirituality came to Cedric, he expressed his newfound rebirth through reggae music. He and his Rasta brother Bashamba formed the Nyah Binghi Conquering Lion reggae band. Cedric played keyboards, and other percussion instruments, and performed music with themes of positive vibrations, strong faith, common good, and the ONE LOVE worldview. The group performed throughout Chicago and the Midwest.

Cedric moved to Kankakee, IL where he and Carolyn raised their children and grandchildren. Cedric was a family man who was nurturing and affectionate. He loved Carolyn and his children. He praised JAH. Cedric had the heart of a LION.

Cedric Colin Williamson departed this life on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. He leaves to cherish his memory, his soul mate and lifetime companion, Carolyn Cox of Kankakee, IL; three sons, DeSedric Haley of Chicago, IL, Alahjawan Williamson and Jamar Williamson both of Kankakee, IL; one daughter, Raven Williamson of Chicago, IL; two brothers, Carl Haaruun of Chicago, IL and Kovak Williamson of San Francisco, CA; two sisters, Teresina Williams and Victoria Stephens both of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Syraiya, Briana, Arianah and Mekhi; special sons, Walter, Cleveland, Allen and Carlton; special daughters, Tiffany, Tasha and Sonia, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family asks that you honor Cedric by wearing the "RASTA" colors, green,

gold and red.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *I'm a very close friend of Cleveland Ivys. I'm sorry to hear of your losses. Nothing can ever replace a loved one.*

Donna Papineau - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Cedric, I love you and I am so sorry we lost touch over the years. I remember that you always saw good everyone and deeply loved our family. I miss you my cousin and know that the Lord Jesus will usher you in. Terry, Vickie, Carl, Kovac, I love you all*

Jeanine Evans - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Cedric will GREATLY be missed by all staff members!!!!*

Provena St. Mary's Dialysis - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *To the Williamson and Cox families: May the love and peace of God be with all of you during this moment of bereavement. Cedric will truly be missed by all and he is resting in his grave awaiting the almighty call when Jesus comes again real soon! God will*

Joyce Shoemaker - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Carol Ann & Family:*

Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with you all at this time. Cedric's quiet spirit will be missed. Love you all.

Michael & Rita Morris & Family - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *My condolences to the family of Cedric Williamson. I was sorry to hear of my cousin's passing. I am Ira Belle Martin's daughter. You all are in my prayers.*

Maxine C. Wood - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I am sorry for your loss and so thankful that Cedric was in the life of my cousins and aunt. My prayers are with your family.*

Capri Smith - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM