



## William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson

March 18, 1981 - July 31, 2014

William Bethell "Sonny" Williamson, V, 33, of Concord, passed away suddenly of a severe allergic reaction on Thursday, July 31, 2014, at Kershaw County Hospital in South Carolina. He was the son of Melanie Williamson and the late William Williamson, IV.

Sonny graduated from Asheville High School in Asheville, N.C., in 1999. He excelled as an offensive lineman for the Asheville Cougars where he was an All-Conference recipient in 1998.

While at Appalachian State University, Sonny double majored in Finance and Banking as well as Risk and Insurance, earning BA's in both; he was an active member and officer of the Kappa Alpha Order and member of Phi Eta Sigma Fraternity.

In 2004, he became an underwriter for The Hartford Insurance Company in Charlotte, where he worked for 5 years. He became a Production Underwriter in 2008 for Liberty Mutual and later was promoted to Senior Underwriter. In 2013, he became a Senior Underwriter with Employees' Mutual Casualty Company. During his time of employment, he distinguished himself as a dedicated and successful underwriter receiving several insurance industry designations, including CPCU, CIC, and AU.

Sonny was an avid outdoor enthusiast who loved to hunt, fish, and boat. He felt most at home in a deer stand or driving his pontoon boat. Additionally, he and his wife enjoyed traveling abroad and experiencing new cultures.

He is survived by his devoted wife of eight years, Chelsea (Turnblom) Williamson of Concord; his mother, Melanie Nicholson Williamson of Weaverville; his sister, Candace Williamson Wells and husband Keith of Weaverville; his nephews, Matthew and Drew Wells; his maternal grandmother, Lib Williamson; his cousin and best friend, Merrell Greenwood "Woody" Edney, Jr., and his wife of Asheville; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Central United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert Blackburn, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00PM until 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave.

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
info@morrisfamilycare.com  
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



August 05, 2014 at 06:03 PM



“ *I remember Sonny's numerous off-color jokes. He was also a person who would tell you straight up when you asked for his opinion whether it was something you wanted to hear or not. He was a big person with a big personality, somewhere in heaven someone is probably laughing at one of his jokes and most likely also blushing at the punch line. My condolences to his wife and family.*

**matt d** - August 05, 2014 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



August 05, 2014 at 12:28 PM

LH

“ *Melanie, I was so very sorry to hear about Sonny. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Lee and Pam Hyatt*

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**Lee Hyatt** - August 05, 2014 at 11:49 AM

TH

“ *Thomas Hunnicutt purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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**Thomas Hunnicutt** - August 05, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 05, 2014 at 07:12 AM

MC

“ *Mike and Martha Carlo purchased the Love's Journey for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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**Mike and Martha Carlo** - August 05, 2014 at 06:51 AM

DB

“ *David & Angie Harrison, Kent & Margaret Beck purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



David & Angie Harrison, Kent & Margaret Beck - August 05, 2014 at 06:03 AM

PD

“ *Pam Demos lit a candle in memory of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson*



Pam Demos - August 05, 2014 at 12:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



August 04, 2014 at 10:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



August 04, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 04, 2014 at 03:59 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 04, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 04, 2014 at 02:32 PM



“ *Stephen J Turnblom purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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**Stephen J Turnblom** - August 04, 2014 at 02:19 PM

KR

“ I had the pleasure of spending 16 weeks in underwriting training class with Sonny. I was always so impressed by his knowledge of insurance while I was trying to just learn the basics. We are all just young kids, fresh out of college and beginning the next chapter of our lives as adults. I regret now that we lost touch and I am so incredibly sad to hear of his passing. My prayers and thoughts are with Chelsea and his extended family.

*Kristian Sanders - Hartford - Nashville, Tennessee*

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**Kristian** - August 04, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.



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August 04, 2014 at 10:40 AM

WL

“ Walt and April Lehman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.



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**Walt and April Lehman** - August 04, 2014 at 08:57 AM

MA

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your sudden loss of Sonny...our love, prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Marlena, Steve & Adelyn

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**Marlena Andrade** - August 04, 2014 at 08:23 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 04, 2014 at 06:43 AM



“ *Joan B. purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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**Joan B.** - August 03, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ *Chelsea,  
I am so sorry about the loss of Sonny. My congregation prayed for him and for you and his family during our church service. I'm thinking of you and praying for you.  
Love,  
Auntie Joan*

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**Joan Balkus** - August 03, 2014 at 08:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 03, 2014 at 07:44 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.



August 03, 2014 at 03:52 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.



August 03, 2014 at 12:28 PM



“ I loved his jokes, even if I might have been one of the few. I enjoyed his sense of humor and wonderful personality. I will always remember the last joke he told me, and thou it is an off color joke I will tell it in memory of him.

Faith-Marie - August 03, 2014 at 12:21 PM



“ Chelsea, my heart is broken for you. Thinking of you and praying for you and Sonny's family.

Ashley Schneekloth - August 03, 2014 at 12:08 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson.*



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August 03, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sonny Williamson was a great man and a truly wonderful friend. Many of my best memories and favorite stories involve Sonny in some fashion...playing cards at his house or riding around in his big truck in high school, fishing with him on a stream in western North Carolina or at the beach, traveling abroad in Europe with Sonny, or going to concerts with Sonny and Chelsea at the CMA Music Fest in Nashville. His sense of humor was one of my favorite things about him...he always managed to find a way to tell a joke or inject a bit of humor into even the most difficult subject or situation. He was deeply loyal to his family and his friends, and he is one of the greatest friends I have ever known. Our condolences go out to Chelsea and Sonny's family. Sonny will be missed by all of us.*

*The Porter Family*

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**Joshua Porter** - August 03, 2014 at 09:56 AM

DH

“ Chelsea, our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our hearts are saddened by this sudden tragedy. We are so honored and grateful that you and Sonny welcomed us into your lives. Sonny had a heart of gold and a shining personality and has touched so many hearts, including ours. He was truly a blessing, taken way to soon. He will forever be missed but the memories will be held close to our hearts and will never be forgotten. Heavens got another angel. We pray for peace and comfort for you and your family and love to all. Our deepest sympathies. Love, Denise & Adam Halaszynski

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**Denise & Adam Halaszynski** - August 03, 2014 at 09:49 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Sonny and I worked together at Liberty and became fast friends. His easy and gentle ways and his amiable sense of humor won him friends from all walks of life. Sonny adored his family and spoke of them often, with much love. I worked with his dad in the insurance industry (as an underwriter) for many years and remember him speaking of Sonny as a child, so I felt like I knew Sonny when we started working together. I will miss Sonny. My heart goes out to you, Chelsea-he talked about you all the time at work. Prayers and love to you on your great loss.

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**Debi Moore** - August 03, 2014 at 08:48 AM

AP

“ We are saddened to hear of your sudden loss. Sonny was a great man and life long friend. Our hearts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you during this time. Adam and Abbie Payne

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**Adam Payne** - August 03, 2014 at 06:59 AM

MH

“ *Mark And Judy Hollis lit a candle in memory of William "Sonny" Bethell Williamson*



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**Mark and Judy Hollis** - August 02, 2014 at 06:35 PM

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*Chelsea, we send our love and prayers for you and Sonny's family.*

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**Mark and Judy Hollis** - August 02, 2014 at 06:36 PM