

Jeffery Williams

Jeffery Lynn Williams, 51, 2620 N. Washington St., died at 2:15 a.m.

Sunday, March 15, 1998,



at Saint Joseph Hospital & Health Center. He was

born April 28, 1946 in

Kokomo to Earl Robert and Lura Katherine (Sexton) Williams.

Williams had worked at Delphi Delco Electronics for 29 years as a custodian. He was a 1965 graduate of Kokomo High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of U.A.W.

Local 292;

V.F.W. Post

1152 and Viet-

nam Veterans

Association.

Surviving are

two sons and

one daughter-

in-law, Britten-

Ray "B.R."

Joseph

Williams,

Kokomo, and

Jeffery Lynn

and Catheryn

Williams II, Fairborn, Ohio; a grand-

daughter, Alexandra Rinne-

Williams, Fairborn, Ohio; a sister

and brother-in-law, Eva and Gary

Adkins, Kokomo; five brothers and

three sisters-in-law, E. Robert and

Sarah Williams, Billy Joe Williams,

and Elmer Wayne Williams, all of

Kokomo, Kenneth Gene and Pam

Williams, Anaheim, Calif., and

David Allen and Sue Williams,

Evansville.

Also preceding him in death were a

brother and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Satur-

day at Ellers Mortuary Main Street

Chapel, 725 S. Main St. Burial will

be in Crown Point Cemetery with

military honors by V.F.W. Post

1152. Friends may call from 4 to 8

p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Vietnam Veterans Associa-

tion or to the American Cancer Soci-

ety.



Williams
Jeffery Lynn
and Catheryn

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Remembering a loved one

■ The murder of Jeffrey Williams is still unsolved, but he is not forgotten.

By MIKE FLETCHER
Tribune staff writer

As he stood shivering in a short-sleeved shirt over his father's grave, B.R. Williams reflected back to two years ago when he found his father, Jeffrey Lynn Williams, 51, lying dead on the kitchen floor of his northside trailer in a pool of blood.

"I see it every day of my life. It's so clear I could tell you what movie I saw that day, where I was and what I wearing - it's that clear," B.R., 21, said as he hung his head at Crown Point Cemetery Saturday, the anniversary of his father's murder.

Besides family and friends, the honor guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars paid tribute to a fellow veteran by conducting a military service, including a 21-gun salute in Jeffrey's honor.

"He was a good man," B.R. said. "He deserves everything done here today. He was a good father and good friend."

B.R. went to his father's mobile home, 2620 N. Washington St. Lot 84, early on the morning of March 18, 1998, to visit. But what he found was his father's naked body with a gunshot wound to his head.

phone call that would clear this up.

"I have often said there's two cases I would like to see get resolved: this case and the Julie Johnson (missing person) case."

"It's important to us that he not be forgotten," said Candy Jones, a longtime friend and former classmate of Jeffrey's, who had been diagnosed with cancer before he was shot.

"It's hard," she said, wiping away her tears. "He was an ornery man, but he would give

the shirt off his back to you if you needed it. He was at death's door before battling with cancer. A couple of weeks before his death, he was over for dinner and said he feels better than he ever has. It's unjust that he had to go through all that he did and then was murdered. I just hope they get an arrest and conviction."

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Jeffrey's roommate, Jesse Gaddis, 51, was also shot in the head, but he survived. He couldn't give sheriff deputies any leads on what happened, though. Gaddis was shot once in the right temple - the bullet penetrating his eye socket, but not his brain.

An autopsy revealed the gunshot that killed Williams was not self-inflicted. It was a homicide.

The Howard County Sheriff Department has investigated the case, but no arrests have ever been made.

Maj. Dave McKinney, who leads the investigation, also was on hand at the memorial service and assured family and friends the case has not been forgotten.

Gaddis told deputies he doesn't know what happened and that the last time he saw Jeffrey alive was when Jeffrey was asleep on the couch. McKinney said Gaddis lost sight in his right eye due to the bullet grazing his eye socket.

The gun used in the shootings was found, but not until several months after the crime when a nearby shed was moved and it was discovered in a small pool of water and mud. Rust and corrosion on the gun made it impossible to get a fingerprint, McKinney said. The revolver had two spent shells that police say were from the bullets that killed Jeffrey and wounded Gaddis.

"I remember the crime scene vividly," McKinney said. "We spent so much time going through the trailer. I knew the family, so it kinda hits home. We're still pursuing any leads we get and hoping for that one