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Title:	Honorary street designation as "Lt. Dwain P. Williams Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of South Peoria Street from 95th to 96th (9500 to 9600 South Peoria Street) as "Lt. Dwain P. Williams Way."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Brookins, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.
Alderman, 21st Ward

Celebration of Life



Retired LT. Dwain P. Williams

April 19, 1955 - December 3, 2020

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto
all them also that love his appearing.

A Life Well Lived

Dwain's Beginning

Dwain P. Williams was born in Chicago, Illinois to the union of James and Vivian L. Williams, both of whom preceded him in death. He was the third of five children and was affectionately known to many as TC. Dwain acknowledge Christ at the precious age of 8-years-old while attending Harris Temple AOH Church of God in Christ; this led to a profound spiritual awakening and contributed to his close walk with the Lord. While attending Mount Vernon Church, Dwain developed a passion for two loves that followed him into his adulthood – Basketball & Music! He excelled at playing basketball for both school and church leading to many awards and notoriety for being the "Dunk Banger". His love of music, singing and learning to play various instruments such as the keyboard, guitar, and saxophone led him to creating his first music group. Dwain also loved to act and participated in many plays and skits written and produced predominately by his mother, Vivian.

Dwain's Service

Dwain attended Altgeld Elementary School and then Harper High School where he matriculated to the United States Army in 1976. He served in numerous duty stations around the world as a Wire Systems Installer/Operator with his last duty station being the 501st Signal Battalion of the 101st Airborne Assault Division. Following active duty, Dwain spent two years in the Army Reserves continuing to serve his country while attending college. He was meritoriously decorated and was a stellar soldier receiving many national and international commendations and platoon achievements. His decorations include expert badge M16 rifle/sharpshooter and hand grenade expert. Dwain loved serving in the military and remained an active member of the American Legion- George Gilles Post #87.

Our foundation. Our example. Our rock!

Dwain was a passionate and supportive husband and father. As a dad to four girls, he set an extraordinary standard for love, education, civic responsibility, work ethic, unity, peace, and commitment to the betterment of humanity. He instilled in his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren the importance of self-worth, self-expression, confidence, and hard work. His teachings and approach to life was "come big or don't come at all". This bold idea for living was commonplace in the Williams household and contributed to many of the family's accomplishments small and large. Building on his military legacy of service and community. Dwain mentored many at risk youth and understood that protecting the community essentially meant protecting his own family. For over 10 years, Dwain's mission was to save as many youth as he could reach. His work with the Chicago Park District as a physical instructor allowed him to help mold the youngest Chicagoans in an attempt to keep them off the streets and out of early graves.

The Legacy Continues

His tenure at St. Phillip Nerl School as a computer and physical education teacher further increased his ability to make an impact on young minds as a black male educator. Dwain exemplified what it means to be a hero! He utilized his talent and every synaptic transmission to ascertain the knowledge needed to complete his life's work. Dwain acquired four degrees, over 80 certifications in numerous mathematical, scientific, and independent studies. He earned countless awards, and accolades too many to list. His life accomplishments were selected to be detailed in the prestigious book of "Who's Who of Outstanding Young Americans".

Dwain's Career

In December of 1992, Dwain began a 26 year career with the Chicago Fire Department. He was assigned to Engine 122 as an Emergency Medical Technician and CAD – Computer Instructor. From 2000 – 2005, Dwain was assigned to Command Van-274, Hazardous Incident Team/5-1-1, and served as a Chicago Fire Academy Instructor (Response to Terrorism Basic Concepts). Dwain was promoted to Fire Engineer in 2005 and then to Lieutenant in 2011. Prior to retiring in 2018, Dwain was assigned to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications as a Fire Tactical Desk/Watch Officer.

Dwain risked his life innumerable times to save the lives of others. His emergency management acumen was pivotal in the success of the city's advancement in intelligence and tactical response.

Dwain as D-Sharp

Dwain was a man of many talents. He developed a deep passion for music when his grandfather gave him an acoustic guitar. He played with many bands including RAM Band and Mixed Nutz and was known to all as "D-Sharp". He was also a lover of all things science, technology, engineering and math. He could calculate the number of atoms in the human body, map the sky like Copernicus, teach others how to handle hazardous materials, and test computerized switchboards that interfaced multi-channel (VHF) systems. Dwain was an avid chessman because, after all, life is a big game of chess.

Dwain's Legacy

Dwain lived a life well spent with the family he loved and cherished. He leaves an extraordinary legacy of love, commitment and dedication to his wife, Karen; his four children, Tarmarcea (Chail III) Humphrey, Kenya (Carlos) Hester, Diona Williams, and Dakeeda (Quintin) Williams-Barton; sister Anunka (Stanley) Rowell, brother Keith (Jacquelyn) Williams; a brother and sister who preceded him in death Grayling Williams and Galletta Lucky; a special sister-in-law Linda Petite; God-son Eric; Nine grandchildren Chail IV, Chailzon Sr., Michelle, Michael Jr., Chatari, Chabreel, Charity, Jordan, and Zion; Five great grandchildren Chailzon Jr., Kalzon, Anthony, Royal and Nazara Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, and colleagues.

Date:

Office of Budget and Management
121 N. LaSalle, Room 604
Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Howard B. Brockins Jr., Alderman of the 21 Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Lt. Dwain P. Williams Way from my:

- Ward's annual menu program budget
- Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.

Sincerely,



Alderman

