

Winged Warrior Denise G Williams

Winged Warrior Denise G Williams, married 51 years to Rudy Williams, transitioned to Heaven in 2024 and prayed daily that God, Family, Love and Medicine would collaborate a union with our Warrior daughter Nicole W. Milisists and spouse Andrew and 3 granddaughters Kylin, Ava & Ana and great granddaughter Leila who reside in Montgomery County.

Denise & I arrived in Harford County from Ct. in 2010 and Denise age 57 had experienced many crises, stroke and partial paralysis in college, acute chest syndromes, neucrosis of hips and shoulders and pulmonary hypertension. The most challenging SCD experience was kidney disease and Apheresis blood exchange therapy at Johns Hopkins in 2017 allowed Denise to live seven additional years to see two of our 3 grandchildren graduate from HS. The expert care at JH SCD Center in Baltimore helped Denise to reach age 71 and the toll of loosing a Warrior daughter and Warrior sister four months apart in 2023 was devastating.

Our Winged Warrior daughter Nicole had different experiences in Montgomery County. A Howard U. grad she had successfully transitioned from pediatrics to adult at Howard U Hospital who excels in expert SCD care. A second generation entrepreneur, Nicole & Andrew's lives were busy managing 3 busy daughters and companies. Nicole, her Dad Rudy and Hopkins tried to discuss SCD protocols with Shady Grove hospital in Montgomery County in 2018 with no success. Ironically Nicole transitioned to Heaven in 2023 at age 50 and if Shady Grove hospital had the Hub & Spoke SCD care model like at Hopkins, UM and UMCRH in Prince George County, Nicole and other Warriors may be alive today. In most cases Warriors desire care where they live.

I unequivocally support HB 1306 which support the SCD Hub & Spoke model and funding for Warrior care in Harford and Montgomery Counties and Eastern Shore and HB1352 which supports the implementation of SCD policies, procedures and educational campaigns in institutions of Higher Education.

Rudy Williams

Warrior Caregiver and Advocate

