

Art Williams - Profile

PERSONAL

I began my life's adventure in Greenville Hospital on August 3, 1950. My parents, Art and Norma Williams, raised me along with my sister Sondra (now Sondra Wiggins) in the Transfer area about one mile from my alma mater, Reynolds High School.

My dad, a graduate of the former Transfer High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Fire Controlman on the destroyer U.S.S. McGown 678 (1943-1946), in the south Pacific during WW II. After returning home he worked as a carpenter 10 years and then 33 years at the CB&I (Chicago Bridge & Iron) Greenville Plant, where he retired when the plant closed in 1982. He passed away in 2006.

My mom, the former Norma Jean Stuver, graduated from Greenville High School in 1944. She was a Stanley Home Products dealer, a girls softball & basketball coach and a former bus driver for Reynolds School District. She passed away in 1990.

In addition, my maternal grandparents, Peter and Mabel Williams (Transfer Area) and Troy and Ruby Stuver (Greenville Area), and their families were from the Transfer/Greenville area. My roots and relationships have connected me fondly to the Greenville area all my life.

EDUCATION

I attended Transfer Elementary School in grades 1 - 6 and Reynolds High School in grades 7 - 12. I graduated from Reynolds in 1969 after lettering in both football and basketball for three years. I was awarded the Best Back in football and in basketball I held the career rebounding record with 806 rebounds for 39 years. I started my collegiate career at the local branch campus in Farrell with the then Edinboro State College where I played on the Off-Campus basketball team. I completed my Bachelor of Education degree on campus in 1974. While teaching in West Virginia, I earned my Master's Degree in Speech Communication at West Virginia University in 1979.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I began my teaching career at the Whitesville Junior High School in Whitesville, West Virginia in 1974 and continued there until 1990. I taught a 5th grade self-contained classroom and a computer class for the 9th grade students. In addition, I was head coach for the girls' junior high basketball team and assistant coach with the junior high boys' basketball team. Locally, when I moved back to the Reynolds area in 1990, after my mom's death I substituted as an elementary teacher in the Greenville, Reynolds, and Sharpville School Districts. In 1995 and 1996, I taught a basic computer course and coached a girls and boys varsity basketball teams at Sharon Christian Academy. I also taught a Multimedia class at Lane Bible College. In 2018, 2020 & 2026 I taught classes at Slippery Rock University's Institute for Retirement on Camp Reynolds and the Destroyer USS McGowan during WWII in the Pacific.

VIDEO & INTERNET BUSINESS

In 1989, while still teaching in West Virginia, I established a video service business, ACW Productions. When I returned home after the death of my mother in 1990, I continued my video business in the local area. From 1991, I have worked full time with my video business that has expanded into a variety of projects and many specialty services. I have videoed over 278 weddings, hundreds of business and personal projects including Graduations, Proms, Dance Recitals, Sports Videos, Video Scrapbooks, Plays and First Communion, Anniversaries, Reunions among others. I produced the Grove City Outlet Malls Grand Opening, the Camp Reynolds 50th Anniversary, and the Reynolds High School's 50th Anniversary. I also produced several TV programs for Crossing Paths, a Christian Ministry. The bulk of my work has been done in Greenville and the surrounding areas. I have worked with Horizon Hospital System (presently UPMC Horizon), ENT Allergy and Associates, and Trinity Industries, etc. In 1997, I expanded my business to include web design and hosting. Presently I only manage and host my personal websites; ACW Productions (www.acwpro.com), Camp Reynolds (www.campreynolds.com), ACW Museum (www.acwmuseum.com) and the Greenville Area Web Site (www.greenville-pa.com). My ACW Productions website houses the Reynolds Wrestling, Reynolds Raiders and USS McGowan websites.