



WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

March 17, 2017

To the Family and Friends of Willie T. Summerville:

I was saddened to learn of Willie's passing, and I send my condolences to all those gathered in Urbana today to celebrate his homegoing.

Willie was a great educator, a pillar of the Champaign-Urbana community, and a good and faithful servant of the Lord. Throughout his 38 years as a choral music teacher, he inspired countless young people to push further in their studies, aim higher in their aspirations, and express themselves through the power of song. From Arkansas to Illinois, he brought comfort and joy to all who knew him, and he will live on through his legendary legacy and in the voices of the many students whose lives he touched.

My thoughts and prayers are with Derrick, Shandra, William, and all who loved him.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*