

Video: Monty Williams Speaks at His Wife's Funeral (7 minutes)

Monty Williams Life and Career

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty_Williams

Tavares Montgomery Williams (born October 8, 1971) is an American professional basketball coach, executive, and former player of the National Basketball Association (NBA) who is the head coach of the TMI Episcopal boys basketball team. He previously served as the head coach of the Detroit Pistons. Williams played for five NBA teams during a playing career that spanned from 1994 to 2003. His NBA coaching career has included stints as an assistant coach, associate head coach, and head coach.

Williams was the head coach for the New Orleans Hornets/Pelicans from 2010 until 2015. He served as an assistant coach with the United States national team under Mike Krzyzewski, and he has worked as a vice president of basketball operations for the San Antonio Spurs. In May 2019, Williams was hired as the head coach of the Phoenix Suns. In 2021, he led the Suns to their first NBA Finals appearance since 1993 and was named the NBA Coach of the Year the following year in 2022, when the Suns finished the regular season with a franchise record of 64 wins. After being dismissed by Phoenix in 2023, Williams agreed to a six-year, \$78.5 million coaching contract with the Pistons, making him the second highest-paid coach at that time.

What Happened to Monty Williams' Wife, Ingrid?

<https://www.the-sun.com/sport/3322159/what-happened-monty-williams-wife/>

Ingrid Williams passed away in 2016 after a car accident in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the time of the accident, she was driving with her children Faith, Janna, and Micah when a sedan approached her car from the opposite direction and crashed into her head-on. The driver was identified as 52-year-old Susan Donaldson. According to police, Donaldson was in the left lane, traveling more than twice the speed limit of 40 mph. She swerved to avoid the car in front of her, sending her vehicle across the centerline.

Police also believe she had her dog on her lap and had taken a substantial amount of methamphetamine, according to the toxicology report. Donaldson and her dog died at the scene, while Ingrid and the children

were transported to the hospital. Faith, Janna, and Micah survived without life-threatening injuries.

What Did Monty Williams Say about Ingrid's Death?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Xlz14VuQik>

Following Ingrid's death, Williams wrote a eulogy about her life and how he was processing the sudden grief. The NBA basketball coach said: "During times like this, it's easy to forget that because what we've gone through is tough and it's hard and we want an answer. We don't always get that answer when we want it, but we can't lose sight of the fact that God loves us and that's what my wife and that's what I, however badly, exhibit daily. But God does love us."

"I don't care what you're going through. This is hard for my family, but this will work out. And my wife would punch me if I were to sit up here and whine about what's going on. That doesn't take away the pain. But it will work out because God causes all things to work out [see [Romans 8:28](#) below]. You just can't quit. You can't give in."

Williams also added that those praying for his family should also consider the Donaldson's as well, as she was a victim of the accident. "Everybody's praying for me and my family, which is right," said Williams. "But let us not forget that there were two people in this situation. And that family needs prayer as well."

Important Bible Passages:

- **God is in control:** ^{NAS} [Romans 8:28](#) "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
- **Forgiveness is important:** ^{NAS} [Mark 11:25](#) "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions."
- **Christians are alive physically and spiritually:** ^{NAS} [John 11:25-26](#) Jesus said to [Martha], "...he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die..."
- **People who die in Jesus are not lost:** ^{NAS} [Luke 23:43](#) And [Jesus] said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."