BREAUX BRIDGE —
The late Judge Carl Williams used to play in the fields where a park was renamed in his honor Saturday.

In a ceremony where more than 250 residents gathered, Parc Dominique was renamed Judge Carl Williams Memorial Parc. Williams, who would have been 41 on Saturday, became the youngest judge to be appointed to the Louisiana judiciary in 1993.

But more of what Williams did for children was done outside the courtroom.

“He answered and wrote letters,” Celestine said. “He visited offenders that were incarcerated. He would drive around the neighborhood and stop to visit with them.”

Marie Nelson, Williams' mother, knew he was special from an early age.

“He always had a dream different than my other children,” Nelson said. “He was a young man who had a vision,” Fuselier said.

The city will add a community gathering place with a gazebo, a sidewalk and an arched entranceway with the park’s name to the site.

The renovation will be made possible with a $26,000 state rural development grant and $20,000 in matching funds from the city. The park’s renovation was designed by architect Glenn Angelle.