



Gene Williams

June 6, 1929 - June 29, 2018

Gene Williams, 89, of Kankakee passed away June 29, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born June 6, 1929 in Carrier Mills, IL to Uriel C. and Eva Mae (Evans) Williams. Gene proudly served our country in the U. S. Navy. He married Elizabeth Poole October 24, 1953 in Buncombe, IL. He worked for the state of Illinois for 36 years at Shapiro Developmental Center and then as chief engineer at Howe Developmental Center in Tinley Park, IL until he retired. Gene enjoyed his church and loved spending time with his family and was devoted to his wife and family.

Gene is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Kankakee, and 2 sons and daughters-in-law; Matthew (Kelly) Williams of Kankakee and Mark (Jennifer) Williams of Tampa, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The visitation will be 4-8 pm, Friday, July 6, 2018 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel and 9- 10 am Saturday. The funeral will be 10 am Saturday, July 7, 2018 at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Rev. L. Wright Eavenson will officiate. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church as per his request.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Williams*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I worked with Gene and Liz at the Kankakee State Hospital in the late '60s and early '70s. What a wonderful couple and Gene was such a great and sweet man. I'm so glad I got to see him three years ago when I was in town.*

Sandy Hubert - August 31, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Gene and Liz and I go way back to Kankakee State Hospital. In fact, my father use to live in Liz's old neighborhood near Carterville and play with her sister, Mae. I send my apologies for not coming to his service. A note is in the mail explaining my absence. Yes, Gene and Liz were great people as well as their children when I became acquainted with them at Kankakee High School. Condolences to all of you and know I will say a special prayer for all of you. Phyllis (Craig) Manker*

Phyllis Manker - July 07, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Gene was such a wonderful Christian man. My sympathy to Liz, Matthew, and Mark. May God bless you and keep you in His a loving arms giving you all of the comfort and strength that you need right now.*

Rick and Marybeth Segert - July 07, 2018 at 03:31 PM

MO

“ We were so sorry to hear about Gene’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

Gary and Mary Ott

Mry Ott - July 05, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AC

“ Uncle Gene will be missed by all who knew him. He was a very special Uncle.

Alice Campbell - July 04, 2018 at 10:16 AM

DK

“ Worked with Gene at Howe Developmental Center such a nice man may he Rest In Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time 🙏

Dianne Kariotis - July 04, 2018 at 08:16 AM

BW

“ Liz, Matthew and Mark,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Love,
Beth White*

Beth White - July 04, 2018 at 08:05 AM

SU

“ I was Gene's boss for many years at Howe. He was one of the good ones - liked and admitted by everyone. Scott Umbreit

Scott Umbreit - July 03, 2018 at 11:39 PM

VR

“ *Liz, Matthew (Kelly), Mark (Jennifer), my sincere heartfelt sympathies in your loss. Gene is now heaven's gain. You were all great neighbor's to my Aunt Maryann & Uncle Dude & dear friends to all. We all need more of Gene in this world, to make it a better place. My thoughts & prayers in the days to come. Vicki*

VICKI RICHEY - July 03, 2018 at 01:02 PM

MH

“ *MR AND MRS H lit a candle in memory of Gene Williams*



MR AND MRS H - July 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM