



Gerald Patrick Williams

September 27, 1940 - October 28, 2007

Gerald Patrick Williams

67, Richmond, died unexpectedly Sunday October 28, 2007 at the Harbor Beach Community Hospital emergency room.

He was born in Detroit September 27, 1940 the son of the late Don and Ruth Enos Williams.

His marriage to Lynn Mawdesley was in Caro at the First Baptist Church December 17, 1960.

Gerald served his country with the U. S. Army for 30 years and retired in 1994 as a Colonel. He had served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. They moved to Richmond in 1994.

Gerald was a former City Manager of Richmond from 1994 to 1999 and former executive vice president of Huvaere Land Company, Richmond, from 1999 to 2006. He was a past member of the Richmond Rotary Club and had served as president for one year. He was a novice sailor of small boats on Lake Huron, and was a great cook and golfer, but best was his love of family. He served the Salvation Army many times as a bell ringer, and was always available to serve the community.

Surviving in addition to his wife Lynn, his daughters Kerry and Keith Steiner of VA, Krista and Carlton Chadwick of VA and Kathleen Williams of Richmond, his 10 year-old granddaughter Brianna Lynn; siblings Kay and Robert Dykes of FL, Charles and Valerie Williams of Lexington, and Susan Tait of Oscoda and nieces and nephews.

His family honors the memory of Gerald and invites you to visit and share Wednesday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Rev. Karl Zeigler, pastor of Goodrich United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial with military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Memorials are suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202

For information and Guest Book

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Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

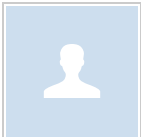
Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond
71235 Memphis Ridge Road
Richmond, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Williams, Krista, Kerry, and Kathy: My heartfelt sympathy goes to you at this time. I always held a high level of respect for Mr. Williams and feel privileged to have witnessed the father, husband, military man, and yes even at times, I believe friend that he exemplified. John 14:1-3 says "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me, In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" and 2 Timothy 4:7-8 says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day". I pray that you find some comfort in these two verses and know Mr. Williams is wearing his crown of righteousness today IN the presence of the Lord. – Possibly manicuring His Rose Garden.##imported-begin##Ron Carter##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 05:54 PM



“ Krista, and the Williams family. We are so sorry hear of Gerry's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ron and Sandy Carter##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 09:34 AM



“ *Krista, Brianna & the entire Williams family...my deepest sympathy on the passing of Gerry. In the time we spent together he was always a fun and caring man. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Tracy Alt (Carter)##imported-end##*

November 08, 2007 at 08:39 AM



“ *The Williams Family my deepest sympathy to you all. Col. Williams was a inspiration to all who knew him for his military success and most of all his success with his family raising 3 wonderful daughters who have grown to become incredible woman. Mrs Williams his love, devotion, friendship to his wife all these years their marriage is the definition of true Soul Mates. Their marriage is inspiring to us all. I love you guys and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

love always

Kelly Myers##imported-begin##Kelly Myers##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:55 PM



“ *Please allow me to express heart felt sorrow at this difficult time. My prayers and best regards to the family.##imported-begin##Bob Melvin##imported-end##*

November 05, 2007 at 08:05 AM



“ Dear Lynn,
The news of the passing of Jerry was so unexpected. My sympathy is extended to you and your family. I cannot imagine the grief that you have at this time. It was a joy to know both of you from the early beginning of WOL Germany. May you feel His presence during this time.
Len Wiebe, Saskatoon, SK Canada###imported-begin##Len Wiebe###imported-end##

November 01, 2007 at 08:30 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Gerry. We only found out today and were not able to attend his service. My Dad and my brother Paul had just seen him a couple weeks ago in Lexington. I met Gerry when he was City Manager and had the pleasure of talking to him about Little League when I was the L.L. president. Later when he was at Richmond Chrysler, he hired my brother Paul and was like a second father to him. My whole family is aware of what Gerry did for Paul, and will never forget it. Paul and our family send our regards and prayers in this time of sadness. He truly was a man of great honor and compassion and will be missed by many. God bless you and your family.###imported-begin##Jerry and Doris Lesinski###imported-end##

November 01, 2007 at 07:12 PM



“ Dear Lynn:

You and your husband have been such a blessing and support to our missionaries, Larry and Joy Locken, over the years. Thank you for being so faithful to the Lord! So many lives have been impacted by the gospel as a result. Please know that we here at Word of Life are praying for you and your family during this time.

Don Lough, Word of Life International###imported-begin##Don Lough & The Word of Life International Family###imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 04:39 PM



“ Lynn-I can't remember the last time I saw you, but I always thought it was an honor to be named after you. It is my mom and dad who knew you better, and only spoke fondly of you. You 2 are pretty much on the top of their list of friends, and they know LOTS of people! I can't even begin to imagine the big hole that is in your life now. You almost had 50 years together, and we have only almost made 15. Somehow God will help you through, or He would be a liar. Tim and I have a few sayings of mom's that will stay with us forever, "be thankful for small mercies, beggars can't be choosers... (: "one day at a time" was also one that might help you a little. with love and respect-LYNN###imported-begin##lynn behrends (locken)###imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Lynn and family, The Mawdesley family (Tom, Mary, Jane, Nancy, Joe and Hartie) send our love and heartfelt sympathy. We were so grateful for your support last Dec. when our father passed. We are glad you and Gerry came to the funeral home and we were able to share some precious time with the two of you. God will be your strength as you grieve the sudden loss of this wonderful man. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Nancy Mawdesley Buchman##imported-begin##Nancy Buchman##imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 10:08 AM



“ Krista and Brianna - I am so sorry to hear of your loss - know that we are all thinking and praying for you! Love, Sherry, Randy and Lexi##imported-begin##Sherry Bove##imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 08:54 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Dan & Barbara Quann##imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 07:15 AM



“ Hello Kerry and Family,

Our thoughts are with you at this time. If there is anything you need or anything I can do for you from here just let us know otherwise like I said our thoughts are with you there.

All my love,

Jo##imported-begin##Jo Garringer##imported-end##

October 31, 2007 at 07:12 AM



“ I was very sad to hear of Gerry's passing, for he was truly one of those classy, honest, and intelligent people who was truly a credit to his community. He will be missed by a great many people, but the way he conducted himself in his life is timeless and inspiring. He was someone who I would be proud to call a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. With our deepest sympathies,

Eric and Michelle Lundquist##imported-begin##Eric Lundquist Jr.##imported-end##

October 30, 2007 at 10:59 PM



“ THANK YOU

I dreamed I went to Heaven

And you were there with me.

We walked upon the streets of gold

Beside the crystal sea.

We heard the angels singing

Then someone called your name

You turned and saw this young man

And he was smiling as he came.

And he said, "Ger" you may not know me now

And he said, but wait

You use to teach my Sunday School

When I was only eight

And every week you would say a prayer

Before the class would start

And one day when you said that prayer

I asked Jesus in my heart.

Chorus: Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am a life that was changed

Thank you for giving to the Lord

I am so glad you gave

Then another man stood before you

He said, remember the time

A missionary came to your church

His pictures made you cry

You didn't have much money

But you gave it anyway

Jesus took the gift you gave

And that's why I'm in Heaven today.

Chorus: …….

One by one they came

Far as your eyes could see

Each life somehow touched

By your generosity.

Little things that you had done

Sacrifices you made

They were unnoticed on this earth

In heaven now proclaimed.

And I know up in heaven

you are not supposed to cry

but I am almost sure

there were tears in your eyes

as Jesus took your hand

and you stood before the Lord

He said, "Ger" look around you

great is your reward.

by Ray Boldz

*These words so much remind us of the
life of Gerry. We have had a very special friendship over the past 43
years. Thank you for your support, love and prayers.*

Your family will not be forgotten.

*Larry and Joy##imported-begin##Larry and Joy Locken##imported-
end##*

October 30, 2007 at 10:33 PM



“ *Krista, Brianna, Family*

You are a tribute to your Father. He must have been very proud of you, as we are. The shock of a sudden death is overwhelming, please know you and your family truly have all of our love and support. Please do whatever you need to do to get through this. We are with you.

Sincerely,

Junie and Karen##imported-begin##John Rose##imported-end##

October 30, 2007 at 09:27 PM