

Michael R. Williams

March 12, 1942 - March 23, 2021

Michael R. Williams, 79, of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 3:33 A.M. at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Michael was born March 12, 1942 in Centralia, the son of Rollin Williams and Mildred (White) Williams. He married JoAnn Hagedorn on July 20, 1993 in Las Vegas, NV and she survives in Centralia.

In addition to his wife of 27 years, he is also survived by a daughter: Kristy Tipsword and husband Kevin of Sorento, Illinois; two grandchildren: Kyle Tipsword and Kolbie Tipsword both of Sorento, Illinois.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Kerry Jo Reynolds, who passed in 1993, and several aunts and uncles: Faye and Howard Allwell, Marge and Dale Pence, and Virginia Clark.

Michael lived in Centralia all of his life. He graduated from Centralia Township High School with the class of 1960. He then graduated from SIU-Carbondale with his Bachelors Degree in Education. Michael worked as a teacher with the Centralia City Schools for 30 years and retired in 1992. He was a member of the SIU Alumni Association and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

Michael was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to play bocce ball with his friends, fish, garden, and spend time outside. Michael cherished the time he spent with his wife, daughter, grandchildren, family and friends.

A Private Service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street

Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Williams Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Joann and family, We are just at a loss for words. Mike has been a true and trustworthy friend and neighbor from the first day, 27 years ago, when we bought and moved into his childhood home. Our three children fell in love with that old house the first time they laid eyes on it. While growing up next door, they knew, "Mr. Mike", would be a safe haven if ever there was a problem when Joyce and I weren't home. He was a warm and kind neighbor whom you could never get ahead of with favors. Our three grown children liked and respected him from day one. Neighbors will all miss the sight of him on his green tractor tending to the land he loved and waving at friends.

We are so sorry for your loss. Joyce and Jer Mulvaney

Jer and Joyce Mulvaney - March 29, 2021 at 11:01 PM

LH

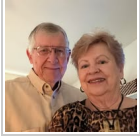
“ Jo so sorry for your loss. I worked with mike off an on at coke..hang in there

larry hays - March 28, 2021 at 09:51 PM

AC

“ Our sincere condolences are expressed to the family of Mike. Roger and Alice Campbell

alice campbell - March 27, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ I am so sorry for you loss. Mike and I grew apart as time went on. We attended high school together, Jr college, traveled to Montana to visit Robert Stoltz and his parents. Started SIU as roommates for quite awhile. I can remember getting up early before high school and we, Mike, JD, and myself hunting ducks before and then after school. He was a great friend and I will cherish all our memories.
James (Jim) Loyd, 22327 N. Douthit Lane, Dix, IL (618)-918-1239

Jim Loyd - March 27, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ Dana Potter lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Williams



Dana Potter - March 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM



Thinking of you, Kristy, JoAnn, and the Grandchildren at this difficult time. I remember spending many nights where JoAnn and Mike would cater to the gang after Prom, or many Christmas nights. Love you all, and you're in my prayers.

Dana Potter - March 26, 2021 at 03:35 PM

BK

Joann I am so sorry that Patrick and I were unable to attend the services today and sorrier still that you lost your dear husband Mike. I always enjoy the casual conversations we had in the yard and the easy way he went about life. He certainly was someone to roll model. I never told Mike and he probably never knew but in an indirect way he taught me to mow the grass. Oh I know how to push mower or a riding mower but in watching him I learned how to do it efficiently and correctly. He did indeed love his time spent outdoors. I know you are especially going to miss him And if we can do anything during this time or in the future to help you please don't hesitate to let us know. Even though we're moving let's stay in touch.

Barbara and Patrick Kyker - March 27, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Ann Breuer lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Williams*



Ann Breuer - March 26, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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RIP my friend you will be missed Sympathies to your family

Ann Breuer - March 26, 2021 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ *MaryAnn Long(Monken) lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Williams*



MaryAnn Long(Monken) - March 25, 2021 at 07:44 PM