

Robert Carl Williams was born to Walter Carl Williams and Ethel Mae (Thorp) Williams on March 15, 1933. He grew up on the family farm in Sherburn, MN. He attended school through the 10th grade and two years later he enlisted in the US Navy when he was 18; following in his brother's footsteps.

He served as a fireman on the ship the USS Luzon during the Korean conflict from 1951 through 1955. After being honorably discharged in 1955 he would meet and then marry Delores Lorraine Luckenbill on March 16, 1956. They lived in the Estherville and Algona, IA area for most of their married life. Their union would produce seven children, 23 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren. Later in life he would go back to college and receive his AAS degree in Logic and also a chief boiler operator's license; he worked as a boiler operator for 30 plus years. Many times, during these years he would work two and three jobs; including working on the railroad and hauling coal, to support his family. During these years he served as a Sergeant in the US Army National Guard.

He went by many names from friends and family, Robert, Bob, Rabbit, Papa, Grandpa. He loved spending time with friends and family playing cards and chess, or as one granddaughter put it, "He loved Jesus, Jokes and Cards!" He also enjoyed fellowshiping with folks over a meal at the Family Diner in Spirit Lake, IA and after moving to Alexandria, MN, The Diner became his new favorite hangout.

He followed hard after his first love, Jesus Christ. He never hesitated to share Jesus and the plan of salvation with those he would meet or fellowship with. He held a boy's club every Saturday in Estherville, IA. These evenings started with teaching them sports/sportsmanship, and taking them camping, followed by supper at his home and closing with a short bible study.

Robert C. Williams passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at his home in Alexandria. Left to cherish Robert's (Papa's) memory are his children, Deb & Doug Holmgren of Alexandria, MN, Marci Voigt & Josh DePolis of Spooner, WI, Dirk & Kathy Williams of St. James, MN, Bekah Johnson of Round Rock, TX, Luke Williams & Cary Buss of Algona, IA, Bobby John Williams & Delina Wallin of Adrian, MN, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great, Great Grandchildren and brother Dale Williams of Filer, ID and Sister, Margaret Williams of Algona, IA.

Preceding Robert in death after 62 years of marriage the love of his life, Delores Lorraine Williams passed away on June 9, 2018, one child, Janelle Lynn, his parents and two brothers and two sisters.

The desire of his heart was to always live for Christ. Philippians 1:21 For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

In Loving Memory



Robert C. Williams
1933-2021

Celebrating the Life of
Robert Carl Williams

March 15, 1933 † August 10, 2021

Funeral Service

Reach Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

August 13, 2021

2:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Nick Grey

Funeral Service

Regional Worship Center
Sherburn, Minnesota

Saturday, August 14, 2021

10:30 AM

Eulogies

Dave Sterk Tom Rooney

Honorary Pall Bearers

Robbie Williams Ryan Williams
Josh Aanonson Andrew Aanonson
Jordan Voigt Jason Holmgren
Brandon Carter Brian Anderson
Seth Williams Chase Moeller

Interment

Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery
Fairmont, Minnesota

Military Honors performed by

American Legion Post #36
VFW Post # 1222

¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God for the
salvation of everyone who believes:
first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness
from God is revealed, a righteousness
that is by faith from first to last, just as
it is written: "The righteous will live
by faith."

Romans 1:16-17 (New International Version)



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