



R.L. (Willie) Williams

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R. L. (Willie) Williams of Mandeville, LA on Monday April 16, 2007 at the age of 87.

Beloved husband of 65 years to Bertha Abbott Williams and son of the late R.L. and Sissili Williams of Gorman, TX. Beloved father of Wesley L. Williams of New Orleans, LA, Jane and husband Webb Jay of New Orleans, LA and Robert Keith Williams and wife Debbie of Diamondhead, MS. Grandfather of Roger Williams, James Jay, William Jay, Meghan Williams, Victoria Williams and the late Kristi Jay Grounds. Also survived by 9 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Williams was born in Gorman, TX and graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX with a degree in Mechanical Engineering before going to work with Freeport McMoran in Port Sulphur, LA where he was President of the Freeport Sulphur Division and Vice President of Freeport McMoran. He lived in Australia for two years setting up the Freeport Indonesia Gold and Copper mining project before returning to New Orleans, LA and retiring in 1985 after 44 years. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran having served during WWII, a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, he was very active in the Parkinson Support Group of Mandeville, LA where he lived for the past 21 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4375 Hwy 22, Mandeville, LA on Wednesday April 18, 2007 at 1:00 PM. Visitation at the church from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family request contributions to the Parkinson Society (Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, N.Y, N.Y. 10163), online donations at michaeljfox.org) or Charity of your choice.



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EF

Ellen And Steve Frischhertz And Family posted:

Dear Williams Family, We just found out about Mr. Williams. We were so sorry to hear about his death. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Ellen and Steve Frischhertz

April 18 at 7:00 PM

ML

Michael Lousteau posted:

Miss Bertha, My very deepest condolences and best wishes for you in what must be an unbearable time. I will always remember Mr. Willie and place him in some of my most precious memories; I can picture him now on countless Christmas Eves, sipping his gin and tonic and joking with us as little children. Take what comfort you can in knowing that when I remember him, he's always smiling and comfortable. My thoughts are with you. -Michael

April 18 at 7:00 PM

CW

Cherie Zeringue Wallace posted:

Dear Bertha, Jane & Keith - John and I were terribly sad to hear of Willie's passing. We just looked at our wedding pictures the other day and commented on how grateful we were you had both come to Houston for our wedding. Willie was such a huge part of my life growing up and was one of the reasons I went into engineering. Your friendship has meant the world to Mom and Dad. We pray Willie did not experience any pain since his fall. May you all begin to heal now. We will keep you in our prayers. Cherie & John Wallace

April 17 at 7:00 PM

KA

Ken & Sharon Addison posted:

JANE, WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE THINKING OF YOU AND WEBB DURING THESE TRYING TIMES. KEN & SHARON

April 17 at 7:00 PM

TF

Tip Fowler posted:

Dear Bertha and family, My wife Lynn and I send our deepest condolences on your loss. Willie Williams was a seminal influence in my life and is a man I'll never forget. He provided encouragement and opportunity for me professionally and continues to be a role model to me and many others who had the pleasure to work for him. Sincerely, Tip Fowler

April 17 at 7:00 PM



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MK

Martha & Don W. King posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go with you in your loss. May God bless both of you. Willie was loved and respected by all Freeporters and will be remembered for his great leadership. Martha and I lived on townsite, working in Shipping and Marine during Willie's tenure until 1977 and retired from Freeport McMoRan Engineering in 1993

April 16 at 7:00 PM

PC

Pat And Newman Collins posted:

Deepest sympathy.

April 16 at 7:00 PM

EH

Eileen Hingle posted:

So very sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. This must be a very difficult time for you and your family. My sympathy to you.

April 16 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring R.L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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