



## Mary Ellen Williams

November 6, 2011 - January 6, 2011

Mary Ellen Williams, born November 6, 1924 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, joined her late husband of 62 years, Scott L Williams, on January 6, 2011. Married to a career Air Force Officer, she lived in many places, including Bermuda, Stockholm, Sweden, and Lebanon, Illinois. Mary Ellen had a career that revolved around her interest in drama, speech and people. While a faculty member at McKendree College in Lebanon, she was chair of the Speech and Drama Department and served as Dean of Women. She also taught speech at the University of Maryland and Prince George's County Community College. While living in Bermuda, she hosted a radio show. Throughout her life, she acted in and directed plays, and wrote plays for children. In addition to her professional life, Mary Ellen was involved in a variety of organizations, most notably the American and International Red Cross, and was a life member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Methodist Church. She was honored by the American Red Cross for her 50 years of service. After their retirement, Scott and Mary Ellen enjoyed sailing cruises along the Eastern seaboard from Nova Scotia to the Bahamas. When the Williams gave up their sailing activities, they moved to Heron Point in Chestertown, where Mary Ellen was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Chester Valley Ministers Association, was actively involved in planning events to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was instrumental in the creation of the Kent County Human Rights Commission, and served as its chair. She was also an enthusiastic participant in many activities at Heron Point over the 17 years she

lived there.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her loving husband Scott and her parents, John L and Ruth B. Smith. She is survived by her sons, Lansing Williams and wife Sue Caswell of Chestertown, Donnell Williams and wife Wanthana, of Herndon, Virginia, granddaughters Eva Sangolish, Galadreal and Lorien Williams, and grandson Robert Caswell and wife Pornsuree. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her spirit and determination, devotion to her family, and as a champion for making the lives of others better. A memorial service will be held on January 22, 11 AM, at Wesley Hall, Heron Point, in Chestertown, MD. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Red Cross 761 Washington Ave. Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heron Point - Wesley Hall  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Williams*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Williams*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Williams*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Don and Lance,*

*My heart is with both of you as you go through this time of saying good-bye to your Mum.*

*She was, and always will be, a guiding force in my own life and I am ever so thankful for having had her in it.*

*Thank you both for having taken such good care of her. She was so very proud of both of you and all of your families; you all gave her such joy.*

*My best wishes to both of you.*

*Love, Lori##imported-begin##Lori Vanderman Wilmot##imported-end##*

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January 14, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ *A life well-lived is a precious gift.*

*May you find comfort in remembering someone so special.*

*Thinking of you with sympathy.##imported-begin##Elwina  
McDonald##imported-end##*

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January 09, 2011 at 02:35 PM