



Peter Williamson

August 20, 1935 - August 2, 2014

Peter Williamson, most recently of Gulfport, MS, formally of Chestertown, MD, died peacefully surrounded by his children on August 2, 2014, at Hospice of Queen Anne's in Centreville, MD, after a long illness. He was 78.

Peter was born on August 20, 1935, in Keene Valley, NY, the son of the late David Williamson and Rachel Price Williamson of Chestertown. After graduating from St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA, in 1953, he continued his education at Princeton University, where he graduated Class of 1957 with a B.A. in Biochemistry. An early environmentalist, Peter then continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Research Director at Duhring Laboratories. He focused his research on the effect of environmental conditions on bacterial populations and other aspects of bacterial biochemistry.

After finishing his post-graduate studies, Peter began his career with Rollins Environmental Services in Wilmington, DE, where he was the Vice President of Environmental Affairs. He then spent over 30 years as a specialist in the field of hazardous waste disposal, in particular, the treatment and disposal of industrial residues. Peter's work took him across the country, living in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Louisiana, and Texas, and included two international tours working with grants from The World Bank - once in India for the remediation of heavy metals in the water supply, and once in China for the

remediation of atmospheric industrial heavy metals. When Peter retired, he became a real estate agent, working in the Gulf Coast regions of Florida and Mississippi, where he was able to be near the water and a landscape that reminded him so much of his Eastern Shore home.

Mr. Williamson was a life-long and devout member of the Episcopal Church. Peter was always active in his local parish – often serving as a vestry member, Sunday school teacher, or as volunteer, particularly loving to help feed the community. In his last parish, St. Mark's of Gulfport, MS, Peter served as lay minister, having completed a four-year-long course of study sponsored by the University of the South. He also chaired a food pantry for a local charity and every spring the congregation of St. Mark's looked forward to his lamb with special sauce, which was always a treat at the Parish Seder Supper.

A charming and gregarious man, Peter knew how to enjoy life. His interests were many, but his passions were sailing, reading, cooking, gardening and traveling. The door was always open, the pantry and freezer stocked, waiting and ready to welcome you in fellowship and good cheer.

Mr. Williamson is survived by his first wife, Sandra Shupp Williamson of Trappe, MD, and their four children, Georgiana Williamson Noll (Eric) of Haverford, PA, Peter Butler Williamson of Ottawa Hills, OH, Kirk Price Williamson (Trena) of Chestertown, MD, Jennifer Williamson Murdock (Brad) of Charlotte, NC; his second wife, Joyce Huey Williamson and two stepsons, Kim Kochenderfer and Randy Kochenderfer both of Gulfport, MS; two sisters, R. Lee W. Hitchcock (David) of Bethesda, MD, Edith W. Kean (Hamilton) of New York, NY; sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Williamson of Bethesda, MD; ten grandchildren, Alexandra, Kathryn, Meredith, Parker, Lauchlan, Riley, Jack, Darby, Owen, and Daniel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents; his sister, Anne Williamson; his brother, David

Williamson Jr.; and stepson, Lane Kochenderfer preceded him in death.

A Rite 1 Memorial service will be held Saturday, September 13, 2014, at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Church Hill, MD. Preceding the service, the doors will be open at 12 p.m. for a period of visitation and quiet reflection. Following the interment in St. Luke's Cemetery, a reception will follow in the Church Hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Churchyard Restoration Fund, 401 Main St. Church Hill, MD 21623 or to the Hospice of Queen Anne's, 225 Comet Dr. Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

St. Lukes Cemetery

Church Hill, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
401 Main Street
Church Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Peter Williamson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Peter Williamson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Peter Williamson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To Peter's family:*

As a classmate of Peter's at St. Mark's School, I knew him as a warm and multi-talented young man. His life and career seem to have borne out that early promise.

My regrets to his family on his passing.

*Tim Sherwood
St. Mark's '53*

Tim Sherwood - September 08, 2014 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ Dear Georgiana; You spoke so positively about your DAD . He must have been a fine man! . Your grieving is shared by all that knew him and those of us who wish we had. With many prayers . Jeff Bezanson

Jeff Bezanson - September 05, 2014 at 04:42 PM

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“ TO THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY
I RECENTLY READ OF YOUR
LOSS...PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE
CONDOLENCES.
IT IS TIMES LIKE THIS WHEN WE ALL
NEED COMFORT WHEN A LOVED ONE DIES. 2 CORINTHIANS
1:2-4 .. SAYS"THE FATHER OF TENDER MERCIES AND THE
GOD OF ALL COMFORT COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR
TRIBULATION". ...MAY YOU FIND COMFORT SOMEHOW
KNOWING THAT JEHOVAH GOD HATES DEATH AND WILL
SOON BRING AN END TO ALL OUR SORROW...SAYS
1CORINTHIANS 15:26 THAT HE HAS A YEARNING TO
CONQUER AND UNDO DEATH .
SOON THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR PAIN OR
SICKNESS ...A PROMISE THAT WILL SOON BE FULFILLED.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD'S
PROMISES FOUND IN THE BIBLE GO TO [WWW. JW.ORG/EN](http://WWW.JW.ORG/EN)
AND GO TO (PUBLICATIONS >BIBLE).
MAY OUR GOD OF TENDER MERCIES BE WITH EACH OF YOU
DURING YOUR TIME OF GRIEF.



MS I - September 03, 2014 at 05:58 AM

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“ Peter was so loved at St.Marks Episcopal Church in Gulfport.He always sat behind me in church and always had kind words to say to me.He was very active in many things in our church and loved by all who knew him.My condolences to his family during this time..May God bless all of you during this difficult time.I am so glad I got to know Peter.We all miss him !

ann ryan - August 23, 2014 at 09:34 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Jesus Christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. (Isaiah 65:21,22) You can have the hope of being reunited with your dear dead loved ones here on earth. The Bible also assures us: " And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. (Revelation 21:4) No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible says: "it is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

For more encouragement please visit www.Jw.org

sherries lee - August 04, 2014 at 04:58 PM