



## William John Williams

June 19, 1928 - September 15, 2012

William John Williams, 84, of Chester, MD, died on September 15 at St. Agnes Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, on June 19, 1928, he was the son of Andrew Hugo Williams and Helen Elizabeth Gernhardt Williams. After graduating from Girard College in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Williams enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served our country for 28 years, including three tours of duty in Germany. After his retirement from the Army in 1972, Mr. Williams earned his Real Estate License and worked for the Board of Realtors from 1979 – 1991. He oversaw the computerization of the Anne Arundel County Multiple Listing Service, and retired as a Vice President in 1979. In 1991, Mr. Williams came out of retirement to assist his son, William, in establishing Backyard Billy's, Inc., selling outdoor furniture until he resumed his retirement in 2001. He made his home with his wife, Valentina, in Laurel, MD, for 30 years, before moving to the Eastern Shore in 1999. His wife predeceased him in 2007.

Mr. Williams enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Laurel, MD.

He is survived by his children, William A. and his wife, Quyen Tran Williams, of Chester, MD, and James Andrew Williams of Joppa, MD; five grandchildren, Cheryl Lynn Williams, Brandon James Williams, Christina Lynn

Williams, Jennifer Lynne Williams, Christian Son Williams and Anh Kiet Le; and one great- grandson, Nicholas Alexander Williams. He was preceded in death by his wife, Valentina Williams (nee Dabrowozski); a son, Richard Andrew Williams; his sisters, Ruth McGinnis and Edith E. Williams; and a brother, Andrew H. Williams, Jr.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD, on Tuesday, October 2, from 6-8 p.m. A prayer service will follow at 8 p.m.

Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at 1 p.m. on October 23, 2012.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vets With a Mission, P.O. Box 202, Newberry, SC 29108.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William John Williams* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 22, 2023 at 09:41 PM



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William John Williams* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William John Williams* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ The word "Pop" or grandfather too me is synonymous with savings bonds, honesty and making-a-decision. Why? Well, every single holiday, Christmas or Easter Pop gave us a savings bond! Birthdays too! For decades on end without a doubt! BUT then he introduced a maze-like game where we had to maneuver a steel ball bearing thru a plastic maze in order for the cash inside to be revealed! I quickly accelled at disarming the device and would offer my services to siblings and cousins for a piece of their pie! BUT good old' pop he would allow a trade... A trade by which investing a \$50 bill of cold hard cash into a \$100 EE Savings bond. Now a decision had to be made, take the cash and run or invest it and get double, but wait for it too "mature".

Years later I've entered into a successful journey as an investment executive/financial advisor. Subconsciously my grandfather was bestowing upon us true fiscal responsibility and maturity which has shaped my entire life. Coupled with the support and guidance of my father and years of honing my business acumen with my uncle I'd like to think I made Pop proud.

You'll be forever missed,  
Love,  
Brandon

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**Brandon Williams** - September 28, 2012 at 09:06 PM