



Marvin C. Williams

November 26, 1937 - June 19, 2018

Marvin C. Williams, 80, of Kearney, died June 19, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Society St. Luke's in Kearney. Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 a.m., June 22, 2018, with Fr. Joseph Hannappel officiating. Private family burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., June 21, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church followed by a Wake service at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the UN Foundation Marvin C. Williams Family Biology Fellowship & Scholarship Fund or St. James Catholic Church.

He was born on November 26, 1937 to Carl G. & Helen L. (Harrison) Williams in Wellington, Kansas. He grew up in Neponset, Illinois, graduating from Neponset High School in 1955.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1959 & began his teaching career in Tiskilwa, IL. On June 13, 1959 he married Lila Junis in Kewanee, Illinois.

Marvin went on to receive his master's degree in Botany from Western Illinois University in 1966.

The start of his 34 year teaching career as a biology professor began at Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska in 1966--with a two-year hiatus

at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, to finish his PhD.

He was a member of the National Association of Biology Teachers, the National Science Teachers Association, Sigma XI, the Mycological Society of America, & the Association of Midwest College Biology Teachers. Marvin was an active member of St. James Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Club.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lila Williams; son, Randy Williams; daughters, Cindy Laue and husband Mike, Nancy Boyle and husband Todd; grandchildren, Ryan Laue and wife Joyce, Kent Laue, Justin Williams, Aaron Williams, Stacy Laue, Marissa Boyle, and Elise Boyle; great grandchildren, Zoey, Zachary, and Zola Laue; brother, Paul Williams; nephew, Eric Peterson; great nephew, Evan Peterson; and several cousins.

Marvin was preceded in death by his sister, Marlene Bell.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Christian Wake Service

JUN 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin C. Williams*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lila,
With deepest sympathy, so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts
and prayers are with you all.
God Bless.
Michele*

Michele Mitchell - June 25, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ *Lila,
I was saddened to hear of Marvin's passing. We shared many
"adventures" from nights fishing on the canal, working on cars, and
other things, which, believe it or not, were "mostly" socially
acceptable. I learned a lot from Marvin, and he was one of the most
decent individuals that I have known. (You, too, fall in that category.)
Ruth and I send our condolences.
Love, Bill Studley*

Bill Studley - June 24, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *Lila, our condolences to you and your family. Marvin was a good
classmate and a very good guy. He will be missed. Sandy and Dick
Heise*

Richard Heise - June 23, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marvin C. Williams.*



June 21, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *From Susan Wheeler, Kristan Poast, Gayle Rawlings purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Marvin C. Williams.*



From Susan Wheeler, Kristan Poast, Gayle Rawlings - June 21, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin C. Williams.*



June 20, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ *Ann Sepich & family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Marvin C. Williams.*



Ann Sepich & family - June 20, 2018 at 01:17 AM