



## Donald J. Williams

December 24, 1938 - July 10, 2018

Donald J. Williams, 79, a longtime resident of North Versailles, died Tuesday July 10, 2018. He was born December 24, 1938 in Lincoln Place, a son of the late James and Dolores (Ohm) Williams and was also preceded in death by a brother Paul Williams. Don was a graduate of McKeesport High School, class of 1957 and worked for 42 years at Westinghouse Airbrake Company, Wilmerding. He was a longtime volunteer for East Allegheny Meals-On-Wheels and was a willing and helpful neighbor to many. He was a true Christian and his willingness and cheerful spirit will be missed by all. He was a devoted husband for 47 years to Janet L. (Arnosky) Williams; brother of Rev. Robert (Yvonne) Williams, John D. Williams, and Mary Jean Sherrill; and uncle of Deborah Sammons, Cristin Kersten, and Lance and James Williams. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, 412-823-8083, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with his brother, the Rev. Robert Williams officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to East Allegheny Meals-On-Wheels, 600 Lincoln Highway, East McKeesport, PA 15035. For online condolences visit [snyderfuneralservices.com](http://snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

1443 Lincoln Highway  
North Versailles, PA 15137

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forgie Snyder Funeral Home  
1032 Broadway Ave  
East McKeesport, PA 15035  
(412) 823-8083  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

**JUL 14.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald J. Williams*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Donald J. Williams*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *To all the William's family affected by this great loss, I want to extend my deepest condolences and only wish I had the pleasure of meeting this lovely soul. All I can do is express my thanks to him and the rest of the village it took to raise James and Lance. Jasper, who I now know as JJ, is my husband and the love of my life. Uncle Don helped raise a beautiful man, devoted to his daughters, to me and to our family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and Pops, Lance, My Love...know that your beloved brother and uncle is rejoicing beside our Lord, filled with joy and love for the long and beautiful life he shared with all of you.*

**Ruby Williams** - July 14, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Today we lay to rest not just an uncle but a mentor of life. A kind man with a gentle soul. He helped raise two little boys to become men, who went on to raise their own. Many of times I reflect back to recall those days of the past watching and listening to him speak and act out life. I shall miss you my uncle and mentor, I shall hope to see you beyond. Much love goes out to the angel who stood by his side, love to my aunt Janet.*

**JJ Williams** - July 14, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ There has never been, nor ever will be a greater man created on the face of this earth. He was always there - not only for me, but for everyone he ever met in life. I will miss you Donald. Never, without question or hesitation did you ever fail to come through for all of those around you. You truly were the soul of our family, a giver, a supporter. You truly were the strength of love. It was never about you - your focus was on everyone else. You epitomized the spirit of Christianity in everything you gave, or in the work you did for everyone around you. I will always remember our conversations at the table late at night, our breakfasts together, dinner promptly at 5:20pm, the picnics and friendly competition of all the holiday games (none of us able to move the next day), Crooked Creek, Kooser, - all of the good times. So many memories come flooding in to replace the huge hole in my heart. I love you - and so fortunate that you were my brother. Separated by distance over the years cannot change that I will carry you with me in my heart the rest of my life. RIP, my brother, and know that you are loved and will be dearly missed.

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**Mj Sherrill** - July 13, 2018 at 11:49 PM



“ Donald you will be so missed; the many conversations shared with Janet and you, each opening with a laugh and an embrace .... today I received a copy of the infamous menu you had and for a moment was certain that Janet wanted me to help her in making a selection for the dinner she was going to share with each of you following the internment service ...

many have commented on his kindness, generosity etc., and I would like to add ... but Janet and he performed these acts of kindness without ever using the word I or wanting credit, or the folks to requite their kindness.

brought together by my father and perhaps it was his most infamous act ... he needed an angel and Dad delivered ... because of Janet, Donald was able to realize many of his hopes and aspirations and despite their differences, which were extreme, they were perfect for one another

I recall the first whiffle ball game that Janet participated in with the family and if you knew Donald, you knew that the gifts that God gave him with a stunning voice, good looks, a green thumb and such a gentle disposition, God balanced with a total and complete disregard of passing along any athletic talent ... when I made a comment, I swear to all that is both holy and unholy that I thought she was going to lay punishment upon this arse ....

as the dark side of the family, he was always there for me and mine ...

miss him Jesus I love the man ... miss him does not begin to describe the size of the bottomless pit his departure left ...

so many laughs, so many tears and so much love, a pure love without judgement exchanged almost weekly openly and honestly ...

Donald you and Janet humble me

may your heart now be with that of your mother

I love you

and

goodbye

John



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald J. Williams.*



July 13, 2018 at 01:40 PM

CF

“ *Mrs. Williams,  
I was so sorry to hear about your husband. May God grant him eternal rest. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers Cathy Filiano Feryus*

Cathy Feryus - July 13, 2018 at 10:34 AM

LW

“ *Too my Uncle Don  
The memories, that we all forge together in our lifetime.. Brings so much joy in other people lives. Especially mine.  
He was my "Hero" A true blessing In my life..  
The compassion he shown me, the kindness, helping others. So humble he was an alittle sauve...lol  
He did so much for me and my brother.  
Always made sure we a great Christmas and on our birthdays  
What I admire most....his total devotion  
for FAMILY  
That is what I tried to pass along to my kids.*

*The memorial and 4th of july picnics at Granny and papa house when living in Elizabeth twnshp...*

*The competitive battles of badminton, volleyball n of course whiffle ball and the famous lawn darts....*

*But the best moments are Christmas eve time*

*Uncle Dons birthday..*

*The dinner follow by all my uncle's and aunt's doing those \$.50 cent n 5.00 gag gifts*

*So hilarious*

*My condolences to Aunt Janet you where his sunshine*

*Also to my Dad,his family , Uncle Bob and family , Aunt Mary and family*

*God bless you all*

*Love*

*Lance Williams and family*

Lance Williams - July 12, 2018 at 10:22 PM

DS

“ *My Uncle Don was a man with a quiet nature that will be truly missed by those whose lives he touched.*

*He had great compassion for others and was always willing to lend a hand to family, friends, or strangers. He frequently assisted neighbors in care of their properties as he loved gardening and creating wonderful landscapes for others to see and appreciate. His volunteer efforts with the East Allegheny Meals on Wheels provided a helping hand to others who were grateful that someone took time to recognize their need and reach out to them with the gesture of simply delivering a meal.*

*My uncle was a “peacemaker” and sought to avoid conflict by bringing together those with disparate interests, perspectives, and backgrounds. He made all in his presence feel welcome and at home. Don was non-judgmental and accepted people as they were...despite faults, imperfections, and limitations. This was a gift that few others have mastered, but was one of his greatest talents. Just a simple smile and a flash of those dimples made others feel welcome and part of his “extended family.”*

*Some of my fondest childhood memories were of the WABCO company picnics at Kennywood where I was his guest. What wonderful memories of cotton candy and amusement rides! In my early years, he always chose and bought an Easter outfit for me...right down to the details of the hat and, of course, matching gloves. I smile when I look at those pictures and am grateful that he showed me such kindness and took the time with me to make memories that remain all these years later.*

*He will truly be missed, but the memories he created for me will always hold a special place in my heart and be a reminder of what an impact a single life can have on so many others.*

*Deb Sammons*

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**Deborah Sammons** - July 12, 2018 at 10:21 AM



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July 12, 2018 at 09:10 AM

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“ to Janet and the Williams family --my deepest sympathies ---Don was a very kind man and I was always impressed that he had welcomed me and my daughter whole heartedly into the Williams clan. May you find comfort in knowing he is at peace and you will be reunited with him one day. terrie

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**terrie smith williams** - July 12, 2018 at 08:14 AM

DM

“ Dear Janet: Because we care, your sorrow is ours. Gary and Donna Mueller, from Redstone Highlands. We loved Don's dimples and smile. We are all here for you.

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**Donna Mueller** - July 12, 2018 at 07:37 AM

GW

“ Be assured of our thoughts and prayers with each of you

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**Galen Winebrenner** - July 12, 2018 at 04:42 AM