



## Danny Williams

April 27, 1935 - January 16, 2018

Danny W. Williams, 82, received eternal rest and peace on January 16, 2018 at Christian Northeast Hospital.

He was born April 27, 1935 in Alton, Illinois to the late Arnett Williams and Virginia (Hyndman) Williams. He graduated from Alton Senior High School in 1954. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army where he was stationed in Western Europe. During his service, he held the Army's Welterweight Champion title for all of Western Europe.

After an honorable discharge, he returned to Alton. Then after, he was united in holy matrimony to Gail (nee Gersman ) Williams on November 19, 1960. He then moved to St. Louis and attended Hadley Tech for auto-mechanics and worked within the field for several years. In 1964, he joined the St. Louis Fire Dept. Company at Engine House # 11, where he served his entire career until he retired in July of 1989.

After retirement, he continued to do what he enjoyed: working on anything from a car to lawnmower. Even with his numerous hospital stays, you could not get him to stop moving his hands as he persisted to fix anything and everything he deemed to be broken. He was never idle.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by his two children: Steven J.

Williams of St. Louis, MO. and Melissa A. Williams-Tauriac of Dallas, TX; three grandchildren: Jerron A. Benson (Charre) of St. Louis, MO., Leah A. Tauriac, of Dallas, TX., and Lauren A. Tauriac of Dallas, TX; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Karen Swanson, of Alton, IL., Joan Williams- Alton, IL.; two brothers: Benny Williams of St. Louis, MO, Gary Williams of Elgin, IL.; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers: Roy, Bernard, Arnett Jr., Lloyd, Lamond, Jimmy; and his dear sister Sarah.

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

2090 Oakwood Ave.  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
info@archwaychapel.com

## Funeral Services

**JAN 27.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Danny and I served together in the St. Louis Fire Department at Engine House #11 for many years. We were good friends and enjoyed working together and sharing many happy memories. I will always remember my dear friend. Bob Hercher.



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**Bob Hercher** - January 26, 2018 at 02:23 PM

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“ Danny was my first mentor after I graduated from the Fire Academy in 1984. I was fortunate to have his guidance. But I had known him for many years prior to this, so not only was it easy listening, I expected his guidance. Danny and my dad were real good friends. As a young man I'd watch Danny and my dad chew the fat, often in Danny and Gail's back yard. Danny would be working on something, a car, a lawnmower, a wash machine, heck Danny could fix anything. Years later myself and my brother Wade, would imitate Danny's delivery on multiple subjects (He was such a word smith). To this day I consider Danny as one of the influences in my life. He was a leader, entrepreneur, get your hands dirty kind of man. If ever any of us needed Danny he was there. He may have some choice words for you, but his purpose was to serve, and he did it with style. I'll miss you friend. I know daddy is glad to have you with him again.



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**Miles Strickland** - January 22, 2018 at 11:31 PM

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“ Love Patty Bryce Sydney & Mathew Calton purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Danny Williams.



Love Patty Bryce Sydney & Mathew Calton - January 22, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ Kenneth McGhee sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Williams



Kenneth McGhee - January 19, 2018 at 11:31 PM



“ Kenneth McGhee lit a candle in memory of Danny Williams



Kenneth McGhee - January 19, 2018 at 11:31 PM