



## David "Hap" Williams

January 20, 1945 - November 4, 2012

David L. "Hap" Williams, age 67, of Evansville, passed away Sunday, November 4, 2012 at the home of his sister after a short illness. He was born January 20, 1945 in Evansville, IN.

David served in the Army as a M14 Guidance Control Technician and retired from the City of Evansville.

Hap was a true Westsider, an active supporter of F.J. Reitz High School and Mater Dei High School, including involvement in the Reitz Men's Club, past president of the Reitz Big Blue Boosters and a member of the Mater Dei Men's Club. Hap was actively involved in government, politics, civic affairs and the history of Evansville. He was a member of the Evansville and Indiana Historical Society and St. Boniface Catholic Church. Hap also had a passion for the Evansville Fire Department and volunteered his time to documenting the history of the Evansville Fire Department. One of his proudest moments was becoming an Honorary Evansville Fire Department Fire Fighter and receiving the Reitz vs. Mater Dei game ball signed by both coaches, assistant coaches and team captains.

The family has been overwhelmed by the show of support from his extended Evansville Fire Department, Reitz, Mater Dei and political families. When Hap wasn't visiting his numerous friends, he was bleeding Blue and Gray or Red and Gold.

Surviving Hap are his sisters, Delcie (Clyde) Winiger of Evansville, Dorothy Williams of Milwaukee, WI and Delma McLeod of Park Forest, IL and half-

brother, Dwayne Williams of Indiana. Caregivers include his niece, Carol Winiger-Redman, nephew and his wife, Chris and Jeanne Winiger, other nieces, Stephanie Williams, Tina Hile, Tanya Haas, Tara Hardaway, Tricia Small, nephew, Robert McLeod, 13 great nieces and nephews and one great great niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ruby (Turner) Williams and a brother, Dennis Williams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Kenneth Herr officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:30 A.M. until service time on Thursday at St. Boniface.

The family would like to express a special thanks to all of the Evansville Fire Department, friends and neighbors of Hap, who supported and assisted him during these past two months. The family would also like to thank Dr. Alex Dela Llana and staff for their care and compassion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Reitz Big Blue Booster Club, Mater Dei Men's Club or to the St. Boniface Men's Club

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

NOV 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN

## Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *David "Hap" Williams*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I have fond memories of working with Dave during his Western Electric employment. His great attitude and smile will be missed.*

*Mike Farley*

*mfarley126@hotmail.com*

*Dublin, Ohio##imported-begin##Mike Farley##imported-end##*

November 08, 2012 at 02:37 PM



“ *Hap, Was a loyal friend i will always remember all good things he did for people chris&kelly##imported-begin##chris walsh##imported-end##*

November 08, 2012 at 09:44 AM



“ *We were very sorry to hear about your loss.##imported-begin##Ron & Cathy Yagur##imported-end##*

November 08, 2012 at 09:22 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss will miss him talking about westside history. May God comfort you.##imported-begin##Steven & Connie McClintock##imported-end##*

November 08, 2012 at 08:54 AM



“ I am a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. I remember Hap when I was in high school. He is quite a bit older than me, and I don't remember how or when, but I just remember his smile. I remember kids made fun of him for his happy smile and always called him "Happy Jack." I hated that and told them so. I had been away from Evansville's Westside for many years as I was a teacher at Harrison High School. I moved to the eastside so my kids could attend Harrison. When my kids grew up and moved away, I moved back to the Westside. I started attending Mass at St. Boniface again and there he was. Still had that genuine smiling face. Not fake, but so real. He was such a unique individual.

I always saw him in church as I went to St. Boniface every Saturday night. I don't know if it means anything, but my brother is Bill Mahan and my sister is Kathy Alms. She took him home from church a few times these last few weeks. He followed my nephew, Reid Mahan, who I am sure will be the next great quarterback at Reitz. Hap took him aside one Saturday night at church and told him he was sorry that he won't be here to see him be a great quarterback at Reitz. Reid didn't quite know what to say, but I am sure those words Hap said to him will be with him forever. Perhaps Hap will be an inspiration for Reid. I know Reid respected him and appreciated his loyalty. Reid will be a freshman next year at Reitz. I know he is and will be one of Reitz's great athletes. Perhaps one of the best quarterbacks they have ever had. And I know he will remember Hap giving the wisdom and encouragement, the praise and loving pats on the back. We all will certainly remember Hap as Reid will carry on his destiny. Hap will always be a part of that as our family will always remember him as part of that destiny. I assure you, every game we go to, our thoughts will be with Hap. Hap will certainly be there with us every game and with every award Reid is going to earn. Hap said he is going to be great. Reid is going to be great thanks to Hap. I truly believe that. God bless Hap. We wonder why God takes all the good people in this world. I don't know the answer. God took my Mom when I was 31 years old. She was the most wonderful person in the whole wide world. My Mom was my best friend. I love her so very much and still do. But I remember her

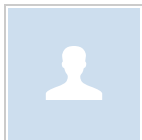
*words to this day, Susie, never question God.##imported-begin##Susie Distler##imported-end##*

November 08, 2012 at 12:36 AM



*“ Our deepest sympathy on the death of Hap. A good man and a friend##imported-begin##Ted & Marian Niemeier##imported-end##*

November 07, 2012 at 06:35 PM



*“ We'll miss you Hap, Rest in peace##imported-begin##James C. Roberson (Lightnin)##imported-end##*

November 07, 2012 at 11:22 AM



*“ delcie i am so sorry to hear about david.you are in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Betty Steinkamp##imported-end##*

November 07, 2012 at 09:48 AM



*“ Attended the old Daniel Wertz gradeschool and Reitz High School with David. I would run into him everywhere and he would always catch me up on everyone. He was a good man. Excellent mind when it came to any type of history and always anxious to stop and visit. I am glad I knew "Hap" and I am sure the good Lord is proud to have him home. God be with you always David, may you be at peace.##imported-begin##DONNA (GROVES) BOSWELL##imported-end##*

November 06, 2012 at 11:42 AM



“ love you Uncle David. Heaven has gained an angel.##imported-begin##tricia williams small##imported-end##

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November 06, 2012 at 07:56 AM



“ Hap you will be missed by many, your kindness and the way about was so special, I Pray for your loved ones that they find a way to deal with your passing, I know your on the wings of an Angel, tell my Dad I said I love him, and we Love you too Hap.....##imported-begin##Bill Mullen##imported-end##

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November 05, 2012 at 11:28 PM



“ hap will be sorely missed by my family and the crews of hose house #5.rest in peace hap!##imported-begin##jim morrow##imported-end##

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November 05, 2012 at 09:52 PM



“ We're so sorry we can't be with you to celebrate Hap's life. His love of our community and his heart for service make me think that he's the kind of person Heaven was created for.##imported-begin##Patty and Dennis Avery##imported-end##

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November 05, 2012 at 08:12 PM



“ R.I.P..Hap##imported-begin##Mike Tooley##imported-end##

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November 05, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ *By cousin David .##imported-begin##Peggy Collins##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2012 at 05:54 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss you Hap! You were a true friend to everyone.##imported-begin##Joey Jones##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ *RIP Hap!!!##imported-begin##Larry Quals##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2012 at 05:17 PM