



Roger James Williams

March 1, 2020

Roger James Williams, 87, of West Hartford, died peacefully Sunday, March 1 at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, MA. Born on Feb. 27, 1933 he was the son of Patrick J. Williams and Bridget (Grennan) Williams and was the youngest of 4 children.

Roger was born and lived in West Hartford, and was a lifelong resident there except for his time at St. Anselm College and 2 years in the Army. He worked for decades for the State of Connecticut spending the majority of his time with the Office of the Chief States Attorney, retiring 1995.

Roger was a very gregarious and generous person. He always had a joke at the ready and enjoyed making people feel at ease, laugh and easily brightened everyone's day. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

As an avid sports fan he could name the last 20 teams to have won the World Series or know where every college in the country was due to their sports programs. He spent more than 30 years umpiring for the West Hartford little league. His love for baseball finally paid off when the Red Sox beat the Yankees to break the curse and then go on to win the World Series in 2004. He was also an avid Hartford Whaler fan and took his children to numerous games which created lasting memories for all of us. For many years he played with his teammates at T-Bowl Duckpin Lanes in Newington. He also spent

much of his time helping out at the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Hartford. Roger was a Lector for many decades and was beloved by the people who knew him everywhere. Roger was always generous with his time and would do what he could for those in need.

Roger was predeceased by his loving wife Hedwig S. Williams, brothers Tom and John Williams as well as his Son in Law, Wayne H. Cochrane.

He is survived by his son Kevin and wife Jennifer of Middletown, VA, along with three grandchildren Mac, Harrison, and Ava all of whom he loved dearly; His daughter Kathryn (Williams) Cochrane of Haverhill, MA; his son Michael Williams of Haverhill, MA.; and his older sister Margie Stewart of Glastonbury. He leaves behind a nephew, many nieces, and a plethora of cousins & friends.

Calling hours are Sunday the 8th from 1:00-3:00 pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. The Funeral Mass will be Monday March 9th at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 79 New Park Ave., Hartford. Burial will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In life of flowers kindly consider making a donation to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Sorrows
79 New Park Ave.
Hartford, CT
(860) 233-4425

Tribute Wall

MW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Williams - March 19, 2020 at 06:48 PM

MW

“ There are too many memories of my father that I cannot pick just one. He was the best father I could wish for and I will miss him. I find myself wanting to call and talk with him but I cannot. We enjoyed watching the Whalers play and going to Tanglewood for a concert outdoor. I can picture him handicapping the races. I was blessed to have such an amazing father and friend.

Michael Williams - March 19, 2020 at 06:39 PM

RL

“ To Kathy, Michael, and Kevin,
So sorry for your loss. Your Dad will be sorely missed by you and anyone who knew and loved him.
our sincere condolences to you and your family.

The Boisse's Rick and Lucy

Rick and Lucy - March 07, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger James Williams.*



March 07, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *I always looked forward to the long walks with Roger after dinner at family functions. If you knew Roger then you knew how much he loved talking and walking. Our conversations revolved around family and friends, life in general, and of course, a little Red Sox talk in there somewhere. Folks were always drawn into talking to Roger because of his pleasant welcoming personality that pulled you in his direction. His gift of gab made him a standout in the crowd. Roger loved to spend time with family and friends, bowl, read, golf, play cards, walk and place a wager or two on the grey hounds. Roger was a lover of life and dedicated much of that time to a strong fellowship with our Lord.*

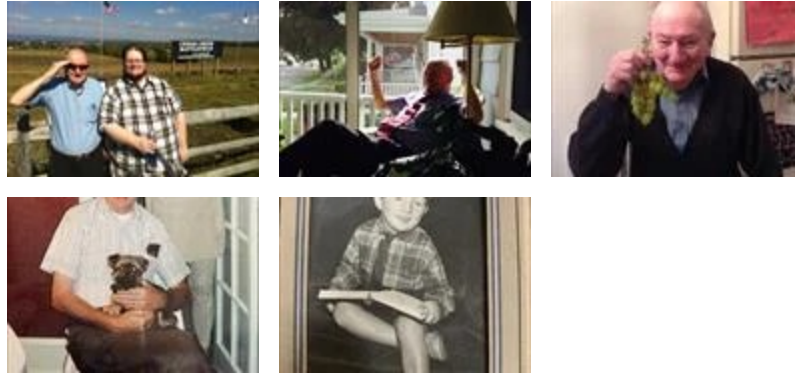
And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43

Roger will be missed dearly by our family.

Paul Slomski - March 06, 2020 at 01:05 PM

KW

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



KWC - March 05, 2020 at 05:07 PM

BW

“ *I got to know Roger by being with him to watch the horse and dog races at Bradley Teletheater. He was a loving character and it was much fun to argue politics and religion with him. We always had a great time discussing sports and I admired his vast knowledge of the game!! I will miss him dearly and always looked forward to being with him. He made times so enjoyable!! God Bless You Roger..you were a great friend.*

Bill Weigand - March 05, 2020 at 11:52 AM

CT

“ My sincere condolences to Roger’s family! When Roger retired from the Chief State’s Attorney’s Office in 1995 I replaced him; but not before he mentored me in all aspects of the job I was inheriting. Trained prior to the time of computers, Roger performed all complex financial calculations by hand. I marveled at the detail and accuracy of his work. He also shared with me much of the history of the office including humorous stories and memorable “characters”. It was a delight working with him if only for a short time. I saw him a few times post retirement at gatherings with other colleagues. So sorry to hear of his passing. I will remember him in my prayers.

Catherine Trentini - March 05, 2020 at 11:04 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all during this difficult time. I had worked with your father at the Division of Criminal Justice for many years. He was one of the kindness and funniest people I've had the ultimate pleasure of knowing. Although I have not seen him after his retirement, he was asked about frequently. Always were fond memories of mine or other coworkers when conversing of past stories which would always lead to laughter. Such a wonderful picture and wonderful man to remember.

Laura Buonfiglio - March 05, 2020 at 09:22 AM

MB

“ My thoughts and prayers to Rogers family. Baggsie, as my father fondly referred to him as ,will be missed dearly. It was always a pleasure running into Roger and talking about baseball,golf and of course the dogs. Roger left the world a better place .Wishing the Williams family Peace and prayers during this difficult time.
Michael Burnett and Family

Michael Burnett - March 05, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roger James Williams.*



March 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Jennifer Hayden lit a candle in memory of Roger James Williams*



Jennifer Hayden - March 04, 2020 at 02:38 PM