



## Tempie Holman Williams

December 22, 1926 - November 4, 2025

Tempie Holman Williams, the beloved wife of the late Col. Cyrus L. Williams, IV, passed away Tuesday, November 4, 2025, after a brief illness at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. Tempie was born in Suffolk, Virginia, the eldest daughter of William and Catherine (Valentine) Holman. Tempie was a bright child who began college at 16. She graduated from Virginia State University, Class of 1946, and began teaching before marrying Cyrus in 1949. Tempie lived in West Hartford for over 40 years and was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church of Hartford. She never wavered from her strong belief in God, which guided her throughout her life.

As the matriarch of her family, Tempie provided love and support whenever and wherever it was needed. She was the epitome of the military wife, steadfast in her love, devotion and support. In her capacity as “Grandmommy”, she helped raise her grandchildren and played a significant role in their intellectual and spiritual development. Tempie was courteous and dignified and always carried herself the “right way”.

Tempie leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Fabienne (Daniel) Jackson and Barbara (Spencer) Peterson, both of West Hartford; her grandchildren, Heather Williams, Tacoma, Washington; Nicole Jackson, Bronx, NY; Spencer Peterson II, Manchester, CT; Meagan Calderon, Lakewood, Washington; Thomas Jackson, Lisbon, CT; Adam Peterson of

West Hartford; Dallas Peterson, Newington, CT; Savanna Williams, Everett, Washington; Madison Williams and Cyrus Williams, VI both of Tacoma Washington; 16 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives.

In addition to her parents, Tempie was preceded in death by her husband Col. Cyrus L. Williams, IV the love of her life, her son Cyrus Williams V, her brothers Samuel Holman and William Holman, and her sister Katherine Fraiter.

A memorial service will be held November 22 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Avenue, in West Hartford. Burial will take place at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

NOV **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

HM

“ Fabienne and Barbara,  
I just drove past the house this weekend when I returned to town for Thanksgiving and thought of your mom. She was the most outstanding next-door neighbor - we loved her so. Her strength, steadiness and faith was an inspiration. Thinking of you.  
Helen McCarthy

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**Helen McCarthy** - November 30, 2025 at 09:05 AM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss. Rest assured that your mom’s legacy of kindness and dignity will live on through her beautiful family. Peace.  
  
The Berry-Samuel Family

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**M.E. Berry** - November 22, 2025 at 12:29 AM

MB

“ Marcia B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tempie Holman Williams.

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**Marcia B.** - November 22, 2025 at 12:15 AM

DJ

“ Dawn J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tempie Holman Williams.

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**Dawn J.** - November 21, 2025 at 05:46 PM

RF

“ Rance Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Tempie Holman Williams.



Rance Family - November 21, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LF

“ Love from Sharon, Karen and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tempie Holman Williams.



Love from Sharon, Karen and families - November 19, 2025 at 06:21 PM

BS

“ Beth Ann Loveland Sennett lit a candle in memory of Tempie Holman Williams



Beth Ann Loveland Sennett - November 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LE

“ Love Deborah, Lezlie and Erik purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Tempie Holman Williams.



Love Deborah, Lezlie and Erik - November 14, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LE

“ Love Deborah, Lezlie and Erik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tempie Holman Williams.

Love Deborah, Lezlie and Erik - November 14, 2025 at 10:46 AM

HC

“ We will sorely miss Tempie, who, for decades was our friend and fellow worshipper. Among all other things, Tempie was a model of gracious humor, steadfast belief and warm presence, a delight to be around.

Tempie and Cyrus were bulwarks in our Church, treasured and revered, admired, respected and emulated. Sandra Ann and I are grateful for God's gift to us for our years in their presence. oh, how much they shared with us and how much we miss them.

Harold and Sandra Ann Craig

Harold Craig - November 08, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ Drs. Steven & Chandra Madden-great-niece purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Tempie Holman Williams.



Drs. Steven & Chandra Madden-great-niece - November 07, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album *Pure Elegance!*



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**Matt** - November 07, 2025 at 11:19 AM

LR

“ *Lew & Amy Robinson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tempie Holman Williams.*



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**Lew & Amy Robinson** - November 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM