



## Dan Williams

December 11, 1946 - May 15, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Lawrence Daniel Williams, 75, of Olive Branch passed away Sunday, May 15, 2022. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Mineral Wells United Methodist Church (5400 Center Hill Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654). Reverend Millsaps Dye and Pastor Arthur Burdick will officiate.

Dan was born on December 11, 1946 in Memphis, TN. He graduated from Olive Branch High School in 1964. Dan continued his education at Memphis State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting. He was the owner of Ajax Construction Company in Olive Branch and a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Fireman for Olive Branch Fire Department. Dan was a member at Mineral Wells United Methodist Church, where he was the choir director for 35 years. He also was a Habitat for Humanity Desoto County Board Member and was inducted into the City of Olive Branch Hall of Fame in 2019. In his spare time, Dan enjoyed playing golf, tennis, and singing gospel music. Dan was loved and deeply appreciated by everyone in his family and will be truly missed.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Mary Williams; sons, Tim Williams (Virginia) of Memphis, Chris Williams of Walls, Jarrod Lyon (Jessica) of Hernando, and Brandon Lyon (Jessica) of Olive Branch; sister, Florence

Williams Jermyn of Olive Branch; brother, Tracy Franklin Williams of Germantown and eight grandchildren. Dan is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Eugene Williams and Dorothy Rogers Williams.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials can be made in honor of Lawrence Daniel Williams to the Habitat for Humanity Desoto County ([www.desotohabitat.org](http://www.desotohabitat.org))

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mineral Wells United Methodist Church  
5400 Center Hill Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

# Tribute Wall

GE

“ Dan was an incredible human being. I first met Dan as a builder in 1989 when he was building a house on Sequoia Drive in Olive Branch, I asked him how much he was selling the house for and his loving wife Mary said... "it's not for sale. it's going to be my home"! It later sold to a good friend of ours and that was the beginning of a good friendship between our family and the Williams. Dan was my friend, my landlord, my client, and my brother in Christ. I will miss him and look forward to our reunion one day.

*RIP my friend.*

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**Gil Earhart** - May 31, 2022 at 04:13 PM

KK

“ So many memories with Dan when he lived on Pleasant Hill Rd. As kids we would go over and sing, watch movies and play basketball. Our family cherished a lot of good times with them. Dan will be greatly missed but has definitely left behind a legacy. RIP and May God bring peace and comfort to the family.

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**Karen Payne Kellogg** - May 20, 2022 at 08:05 PM

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“ - Birmingham, AL purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dan Williams.



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**- Birmingham, AL** - May 20, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.*



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May 20, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.*



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May 20, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.*



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May 19, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.*



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May 19, 2022 at 03:18 PM



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



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May 19, 2022 at 12:32 AM



“ *Don has know Dan his entire life. I met Dan in the early 1970's at Mineral Wells Church. Dan had so many titles and has left a living legacy behind. We loved him and love Mary. They both have dedicated their lives to the work of God, their church, community, family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Dan has helped Don in the years past to hang in there when all hope was lost. Don said he was the best of friends with very big shoulders as everyone took there heartache to him. Our love and prayers to Dear Mary and each member if the family in their huge loss.*

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**Karen Ragsdale** - May 18, 2022 at 10:10 AM



*Great Guy He Was God Bless His Soul!*

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**william Cartwr** - May 18, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *I met Dan when I started to go to Mineral Wells United Church about 28 years ago. Dan always had a smile on his face and was a wonderful man with a special voice. When I lost my mama, almost 11 years ago, Dan spoke and sang at her funeral. We all love and will miss him.*

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**Kay Diehl** - May 18, 2022 at 01:31 AM

CW

“ Charles & Crissie White purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dan Williams.



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**Charles & Crissie White** - May 17, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.



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May 17, 2022 at 01:18 PM

AP

“ Dan was a doer for others. Everything in the obituary is true. His impact was more than that though. He was faith friend (mentor) to Johnathan when he was being baptized as part of the confirmation class. He taught Nick how to use his saws and sanders at his shop when Nick made a guitar. He was a fantastic Sunday School teacher...gifted at weaving us all to the point. And could Dan sing! Christmas and Easter highlights were Dan singing Oh Holy Night and Were You There? He did a whole lot of work for me at my house and if he couldn't do it, he knew who to call. Dan gave the best hugs and just cared for us all. I will miss him dearly but I am glad he is in no more pain. Everyone needs a Dan.

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**Alicia Parr** - May 17, 2022 at 08:06 AM

SL

“ Dan was one of the first people in Olive Branch that my husband and I met when we bought our home. We had quite of bit of work to be done and we called Ajax Construction! Dan was a God send! What a wonderful man who loved the Lord and was a gifted in so many ways! He and his small crew did amazing work for us over many years. We became friends quickly and then fellow members of Mineral Wells United Methodist Church. Dan had such a quick wit and he made me laugh every time we spoke! I am so glad I have many memories of comical moments we shared and I always enjoyed hearing him sing at church especially “Oh Holy Night” on Christmas Eve! I loved him as a Christian brother and I will miss him dearly, until we meet again! My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the rest of his loving family, Olive Branch will not be the same without Dan Williams!

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**Susan Laros** - May 16, 2022 at 06:41 PM

JP

“ John, Teresa, Zach, and Cody Payne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dan Williams.



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**John, Teresa, Zach, and Cody Payne** - May 16, 2022 at 06:09 PM

JW

“ I love you so much Uncle Dan and shall miss seeing you and that big Rv pull into the driveway at Thanksgiving time.



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**jessica warren** - May 16, 2022 at 05:35 PM

PW

“ *My dear brother in law. I will always remember how the neighborhood looked for the RV to pull down our street at Thanksgiving. We loved spending time with you. You opened your heart and home to our family, to Lil, daddy and Pete. I am blessed to have known you. We will meet again and I promise to bring a lemon meringue pie.*

Pat Warren - May 16, 2022 at 04:41 PM

SL

“ *I've been on this Earth for over 50 years and Dan Williams was one of the best men to ever walk on it. I'll be telling his story to the younger generation for as many years as I have left on it. He was like a father to me and I will never forget him. Love you my friend.*



Shane Laughter - May 16, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dan Williams.*



May 16, 2022 at 02:04 PM