



John W. Williams Jr.

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John W. Williams, Jr. left his world on April 2, 2022 at age 80 with his family by his side. Born in Gainesville, Florida, John graduated from Northeast High School, University of Florida and University of Florida College of Law. John practiced law for 54 years; beginning his career in Titusville, Florida. Returning to St. Petersburg in 1974 he soon founded the firm of Williams, Brasfield & Wertz. In 1999 he became a sole practitioner until his retirement in 2019. John was passionate about his practice and devoted to his clients. He was known for his civility, honesty, and integrity. He had many accomplishments and held numerous committee appointments throughout his career. John led an adventurous, fulfilling life that included traveling with his wife of 36 years, Laura. They were often joined in their travels by family and friends. John loved having a good time and making sure everyone with him enjoyed themselves as much as he did. Whether he was spending time with his grandchildren, traveling, attending a concert, relaxing on the beach, hiking a 14er, attempting a bogey, diving for "bugs" or sitting on the deck of his Colorado home, John celebrated life. In addition to his wife Laura, John is survived by his son Jay (Janice); daughter, Nila Gaspar; two grandchildren, Lange and Grace Gaspar; brother Jim (Denise) Motes; sisters Holly Williams and Judy (Robert) Serata; stepmother Ingrid Williams; seven nieces, three nephews, and two great nieces.

Please join us on Saturday, April 9th at 4:30 pm at The Karol Hotel, 2675 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater, to celebrate John.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to one of John's favorite charities: Saving the Children, Feeding America, Habitat for Humanity, Southeastern Guide Dogs or a charity of your choice. Please visit www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com for Celebration of Life information.




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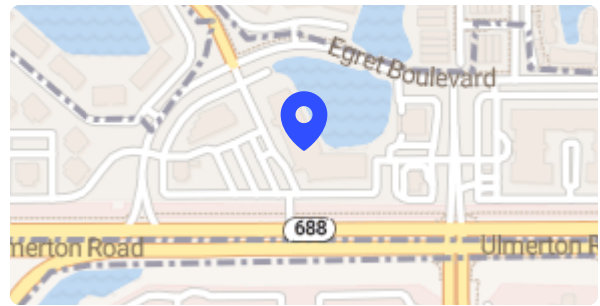
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, April 9, 2022

 4:30 PM ET

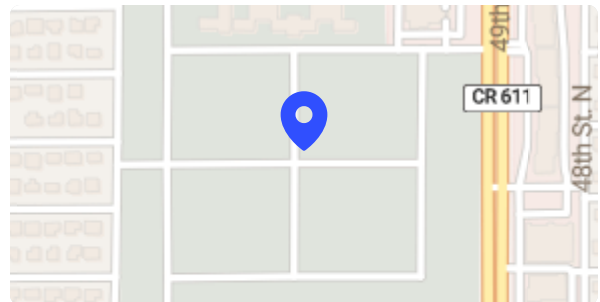
 **The Karol Hotel**
2675 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater FL 33762



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

 **(727) 369-8228**





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Larry & Bev Foster posted:

I was sorry to learn of John's passing. We've been friends since our NEHI days and enjoyed seeing him at reunions and other gatherings over the years. He was truly a good guy. RIP.Larry and Bev Foster

April 8 at 12:49 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Williams family.



April 8 at 11:15 AM



Dana Shea posted:

Fortunate is the best word I can think of.John was so many things to me. He came into my life more than 60 years ago when he married my sister Diane. He was a brother-in-law, a father figure, and a friend to me throughout the years. He has left me with so, so many fond memories as I'm sure he has with others.I was fortunate to have had you in my life John. Rest in peace. You will not be forgotten.Dana Shea

April 8 at 7:13 AM



Marie Wertz posted:

John was an exceptional person. His kindness and friendship will always remain in my heart. Special family times will remain with our family and never be forgotten. Those of us that were fortunate enough to be a part of John's life are grateful and blessed.My thoughts and prayers are with the family for comfort and peace.Marie Wertz

April 8 at 6:06 AM



Mike Mcnerney posted:

A donation to Save the Children has been made in John's honor.Mike McNerney

April 8 at 5:30 AM



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MM

Mike Mcnerney shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Having been a classmate and team member at Northeast High School with John, he was always one that you could count on have your back. As the years progressed and John and I went in different directions, he was always someone who continued to be there for his friends, to help you in times of need. As a professional, John was always in control of his emotions, but those of us who knew him well knew another wildside to John. Occasionally, it would surface in some hilarious venues! Those of you who knew John know what I'm talking about. I will remember my time with John as one of many, many happy thoughts and exciting teenage memories that I will take with me forever. Mike McNerney



April 8 at 5:26 AM

DS

Dawn Shea shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I knew John for over 50 years and say from the heart he was deeply and dearly loved. He gave so much to so many, asking little or nothing in return. John was a very warm, fun, down to earth person who loved to be surrounded by family, especially his children and grandchildren. When I think of him I am completely filled with gratitude, because I was lucky enough to know him in this lifetime. John, thank you for being you, for being so kind and for loving all of us throughout the years.



April 7 at 5:50 PM

DP

Diane Shea-Piser posted:

Even though John and I took different paths many years ago I cherish the memories of our years together as a young family with our two children - Jay and Nila Dawn (Bootsie). He was a wonderful father and such a positive influence in their lives. As a person I always respected John for his kindness, loyalty, and concern for all of my family members. He became a surrogate father to my three nephews who tragically lost their father when they were young. I am so thankful we remained friends throughout the years sharing our children and grandchildren. I'm deeply saddened by John's passing but comforted by knowing he had a full and happy life.

April 7 at 3:56 PM



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April 7 at 3:44 PM

CS

Chuck Sanders posted:

Chuck, Tammie, Chas, & Carly (Sarlo) Sanders are all sadden to hear of John passing but we know he is with his dear friends and family in heaven and probably at the dinner table with Mentholee, Jay, Donald, Doris, and my mother Jenny. Each time we saw John at the Williams Family Reunion in Old Homosassa, he was always smiling and wanting to know all about you and family. John was a very smart and polite man and did so much for so many including me when I was young and dumb. Thank you John for being a great cousin and organizer of our reunion for many years. Laura, Aunt Ingrid, Jay, Bootsie, and family, we are so sorry for your loss and will pray for strength in days to come. God Bless you all. The Charles Sanders Family.

April 7 at 1:41 PM

BO

Bud Ogle posted:

This world has lost the kindest, most caring, and gentle man I have ever known. A busy attorney who would push work aside and fly across the state upon hearing that a close friend was hospitalized with a disease that confounded the doctors. John recognized the symptoms from his case trials, and helped speed a diagnosis and recovery. I will never forget, the times together. Alaska, golf, North Carolina, and Colorado. Bud Ogle

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BO

Bud Ogle posted:

This world has lost the finest, most caring, and kindest gentleman that I have known. A busy attorney who would put aside work to fly across the state to help a friend hospitalized in a coma from a disease that confounded the doctors. John suspected the answer and helped turn it around. I will never forget you John. Bud Ogle

April 7 at 1:03 PM

DM

Denise Motes shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



April 7 at 9:29 AM

DM

Denise Motes lit a candle in honor of John.

John was a wonderful person, brother, and brother-in-law. We loved him dearly and will miss him. It was an honor to have him as part of our family. Jim and Denise Motes



April 7 at 8:50 AM

LH

Lee Hatch posted:

John was instrumental in keeping the Williams family together and in close touch with one another. John played an important part in keeping the family reunions going until Covid shut our gathering down. I will miss our time's together at the hunting camp and spending time around the camp fire. Rest In Peace John we will miss your warm smile and infectious personality. Lee Hatch

April 7 at 8:12 AM

JD

Jack Day posted:

Laura and Family, John was a great lawyer and a great gentleman, and a man who understood the worth of both those titles. May your pride in him be a comfort. Sincerely - Jack Day

April 7 at 6:32 AM



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Charles Williams posted:

Laura, we won't be able to come to John's service, but know we will be thinking of you and that we loved John!

April 7 at 3:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Heart's Companion Bouquet to the Williams family.



April 6 at 4:38 PM



Jamie Arévalo shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Uncle John was a special person in my life and someone you could always depend on. Whether it was a birthday or a day at the beach, you knew you could always count on him being there and it was always a wonderful time had by all. We will miss you terribly. Love, Jamie, Oscar, Gianna and Kinleigh



April 6 at 5:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Williams family.



April 6 at 11:51 AM



Barb Macconnell posted:

John was an integral part of our family and was always there to celebrate and commiserate with us, good times and bad. It was an honor to have him as a brother-in-law. His wit, wisdom and compassion will be missed. We love you, John, and you'll never be forgotten. Love, Ford, Barb, Kelly and Andrew

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Nila Gaspar shared an album called **Memories Album**.



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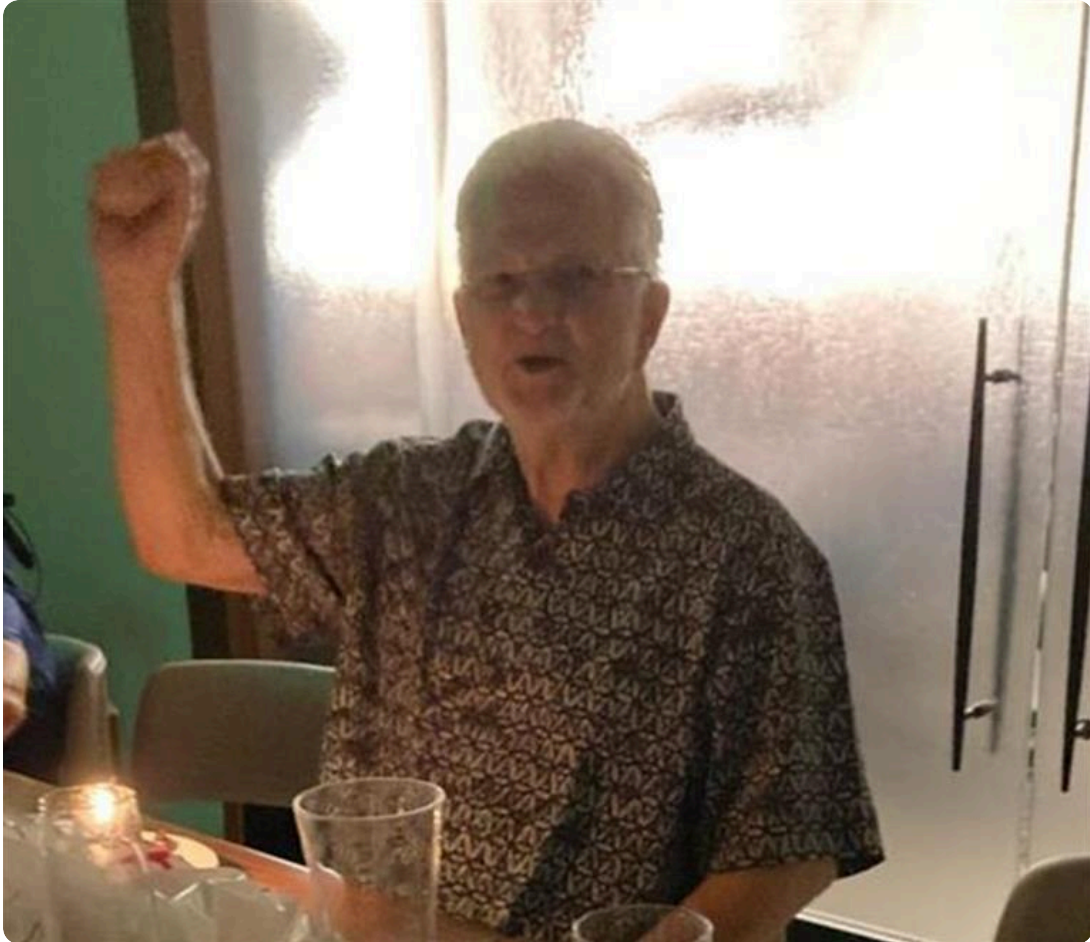
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John's 80th Birthday



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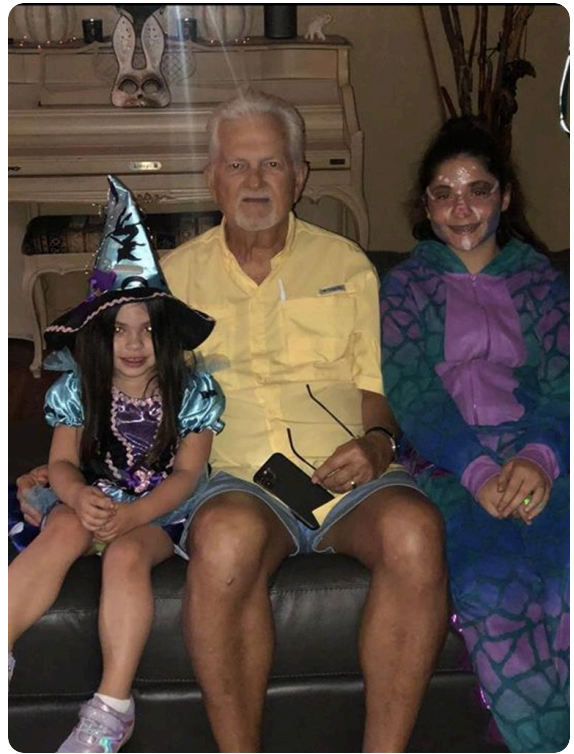




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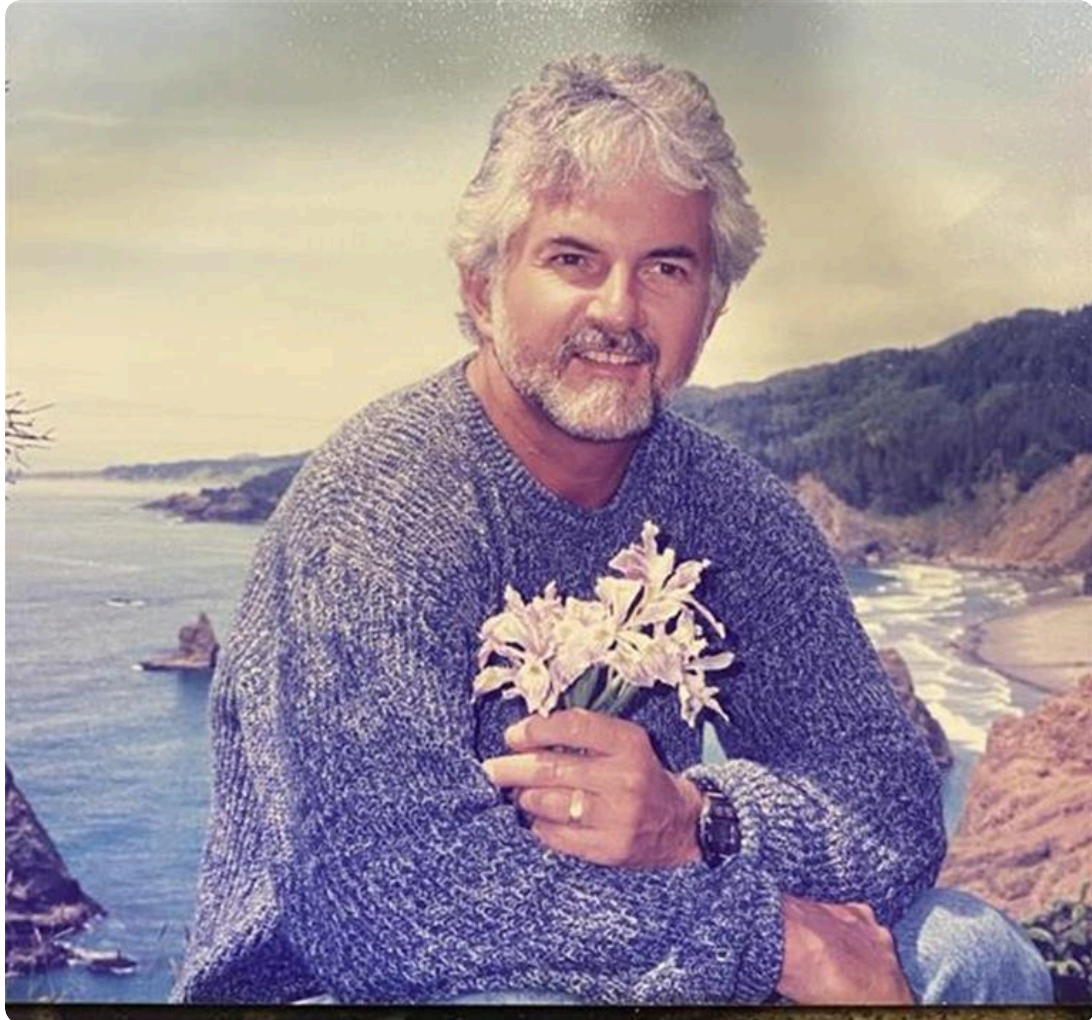
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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