



## Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III

September 9, 1944 - January 5, 2026

Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams, III, 81, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, January 5, 2026 at his residence.

Tom was born September 9, 1944 in Forsyth County, NC in Thomas Richard Williams, Jr. and Rachel Elizabeth Maness. Tom was a graduate of Lenior Rhyne University and obtained his Masters Degree from Wake Forest University. He was a teacher at Rowan Cabarrus Community College, serving as Head of the Math Department until his retirement.

Tom was a member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Crosstalk Sunday School class. He was an Eagle Scout and active with the Boy Scouts throughout his life, serving as a scoutmaster.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 55 years, Dale Free Williams; son, Thomas Richard Williams, IV; daughter, Jeri Williams Fisher (David); sisters, Gaye Meade and Sarah Proctor; and grandchildren: Natalie Williams, Madelynn Fisher and Rachel Fisher.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Thursday (Jan 8) in the Fellowship Hall of Milford Hills United Methodist Church. The memorial service will follow at 11 AM at Milford Hills United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Jim Parson and Rev. Steve Haines.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Williams family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist  
1630 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144-2250  
(704) 636-0471

## Memorial Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church  
Salisbury, NC

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Tom was my math teacher at RCCC when I got my first degree. He was always nice, and I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face.

Jason Reid - January 13 at 05:27 PM

EC

“ Eric, Hannah and the children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.

Eric, Hannah and the children - January 07 at 11:54 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.



January 07 at 11:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.



January 07 at 06:32 AM

JD

“ JACK, RUTH, GRANDDAD, GRANDMA, MAMA & DAD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.



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**JACK, RUTH, GRANDDAD, GRANDMA, MAMA & DAD** - January 06 at 03:26 PM

JD

“ JACK, RUTH, GRANDDAD, GRANDMA, MAMA & DAD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.

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**JACK, RUTH, GRANDDAD, GRANDMA, MAMA & DAD** - January 06 at 03:26 PM

JR

“ JACK & RUTH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.

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**JACK & RUTH** - January 06 at 03:07 PM

JR

“ JACK & RUTH purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.



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**JACK & RUTH** - January 06 at 03:07 PM

GC

“ Dale and family, we pray that you will feel God’s comfort as you grieve the loss of Tom. We have wonderful memories of him and will cherish them.

Gene & Sue Clary

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**Gene Clary** - January 06 at 01:01 PM

JD

“ Tom Williams was a gentle soul. He adored his family. He was an avid hiker, especially in the mountains where his grandfather owned property in Linville Falls. He was a Boy Scout leader and helped his scouts earn many badges. He encouraged them all to reach their goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, including his son, Richard.

Tom will be missed by many. He was truly a special husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. May he find peace with our Heavenly Father and join his family and friends that have passed before him. My sister, Dale Williams, was a lucky woman to have been married to Tom for 55 years. We all will miss his smile and his love of family.

His sister in law,  
Jackie DeWitt

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**Jackie DeWitt** - January 05 at 09:14 PM

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“ The Spicers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.

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**The Spicers** - January 05 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.



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January 05 at 06:05 PM



“ *Drew, Makenzie, Katie, & John Andrew purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" Richard Williams III.*



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**Drew, Makenzie, Katie, & John Andrew** - January 05 at 02:19 PM



“ *Tom was always a kind and considerate man. He always treated me well. I pray that God grants Dale, his children, sisters, and grandchildren peace and comfort.*

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**Johnnie Harris** - January 05 at 12:14 PM