



Arthur Dean Williams

August 27, 1934 - February 21, 2025

Arthur Dean Williams age 90, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away Friday, February 21, 2025.

Dean was an active member of the First Baptist Church Newport for over 50 years. There he served on various committees, taught Sunday School Classes, was a deacon and later became Deacon Emeritus.

Dean was an active member of many organizations in the community during the course of his life. These included; being on the board of Cherokee Health Systems, Kiwanis Club member, and the Jaycees. Dean also served as a board member of Cocke County Baptist Hospital, and "Big Baptist" in Knoxville which later became Tennova Healthcare. During college at East Tennessee State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business, Dean was involved in ROTC. He later became an active Army first lieutenant and then did Army Reserve duty. Dean worked with Arapahoe Chemicals in Newport before relocating to Bush Brother's as their Human Resource Director. After retiring from Bush Brother's, Dean held the interim position of Economic Development Commissioner in Newport for seven years.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents, David Arthur and Bessie Hicks Williams; sister's Kate Huff and Marjorie Webb. Brothers, Ellis, Hollis and Dib Williams, son; Christian Dean Williams, and first wife Alice Thornton Williams. Dean is survived by his wife, Carolyn Williams, children, Amy (David) Pitts, Sharon (Carl) Daugherty, Jennifer (James) Greene. Grandchildren, Megan (Rickey) McReynolds, Kathryn Williams, Noah Pitts, Drake Daugherty, Turner

Dean (Riley) Williams. Great grandchildren, David, Jacob, and Benjamin Greene, River Williams, Daughter in law, Amanda Williams, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, February 23, 2025 from 5PM to 7PM with services to follow at 7PM at First Baptist Church Newport, TN.

Burial will be Monday February 24, 2025 at 11AM Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to the Arthur Dean Williams Scholarship Fund at First Baptist Church, 599 Amanda Circle, Newport, TN 37821.

The family of Arthur Dean Williams would like to thank everyone for your texts, phone calls,

cards, food, flowers, hugs, and most importantly your prayers during this difficult time. The

family would also like to thank Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice, and Charlie

Grooms for your excellent care. We also thank special sitter Debbie Yelton.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Newport
599 Amanda Circle
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

FEB 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Newport
599 Amanda Circle
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur Dean Williams*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - February 22, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JC

My deepest sympathy to Carolyn, Amy and all the family. Dean and I go back a long time. I was a bridesmaid at his marriage to his first wife, Alice. He was a fine man.

Jan Carpenter - February 23, 2025 at 03:48 PM

AP

Thank you Jan.

Amy Pitts - February 27, 2025 at 01:09 PM

BV

“ *Dean was a unique and powerful source of support in my life. He was a mentor, example, and friend. Always positive, supportive, and helpful in regards to any problem I brought to him. He treated me with respect and love even when I didn't deserve it. He left a long legacy of good. As long as I live I will remember Dean. And bye and bye we'll see each other again.*

Bill Vinson - March 04, 2025 at 07:01 AM

GS

“ Gail samples lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams



Gail samples - February 24, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

*Beatrice Brooks
Jan Brooks and Family*

Jan Brooks - February 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ May God's loving Presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss.

*With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis
Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice*

Tammy Francis - February 24, 2025 at 10:05 AM

EA

“ Mr. Dean was always so sweet. He and Carolyn were kind to my son Addison when he was visiting with Irene and Eliza Painter. I will miss seeing him sitting in his chair outside. My daughter Ellis always loved their annual yard sale and never wanted to leave because Mr. Dean and Carolyn were so sweet to her. Prayers for your entire family.- Emma & Shane Allen (Addison McGaha & Ellis Allen)

Emma & Shane Allen - February 24, 2025 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ Amy and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Dean was such a very special man. Our deepest sympathy with prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Jay Harold and Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Ann Chrisman - February 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JH

“ Prayers!



Jimmy Hux - February 23, 2025 at 01:08 PM

GB

“ Greg and Deanette Bryant purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Arthur Dean Williams.



Greg and Deanette Bryant - February 23, 2025 at 10:35 AM

GB

“ Greg and Deanette Bryant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Dean Williams.

Greg and Deanette Bryant - February 23, 2025 at 10:35 AM

CL

“ We send deepest sympathies.
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock

Charlotte Leibrock - February 23, 2025 at 07:41 AM

KL

“ Carolyn & Williams Family,
We're so sorry to hear about Dean's passing. You all are in our
thoughts & prayers! ❤️🙏
Judy & Kim Loveday
Sevierville

Kim Loveday - February 22, 2025 at 09:00 PM

MS

“ Dean will be missed by so many of us who loved him and felt his
love in return. He led others through his gentle servant's heart. He
always had something wonderful to say, whether it was a story from
the past, a funny joke, or words to live by. I'm so glad he came to be
part of my life. Love and prayers for the Williams family.

Maureen Smith - February 22, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BC

“ Was honored to call Dean a friend for many years. Our sincerest
sympathy to all the family and his loved ones.

Bettye & Jay Carver - February 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JF

“ Amy and family, we are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you and all the family in the coming days. James and Gail Frisbee



James and Gail Frisbee - February 22, 2025 at 04:34 PM

NS

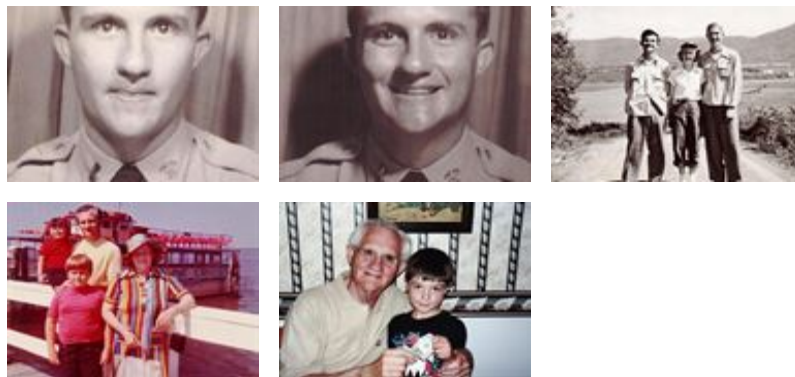
“ Amy, I'm so sorry! Sending you all love and Prayers! Nola Shaver



Nola L Shaver - February 22, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ 155 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - February 22, 2025 at 01:46 PM

SR

“ Prayers for the Family Dot Jr and Linda Ramsey

Sabrina Ramsey - February 22, 2025 at 01:42 PM

SO

“ Carolyn, Amy and all the family: I am so sorry to read that Dean has passed away. He was a fine man with a big heart. Dean has helped many many people in this county by hiring them and caring about them being successful.

He was a good soul. I've known him for many many years. He was a very selfless man and will be missed. Rest in peace Dean. God be with this precious family in the days ahead and give them comfort and strength. I'm so sorry 💔



Susie O'Dell - February 22, 2025 at 12:44 PM

PR

“ Carolyn, you and Dean have been great friends. We just met about 3 yrs ago when my dog (Cody) and I would walk past your house. Dean was always excited to see Cody. You started to give Cody water and he never would past by your house without dragging me over to say hi. You and Dean were a very special couple. Y'all had so much love in your hearts. I loved listening to Dean's stories. I will miss Dean very much. You did such a great job taking care of Dean for the past year. I could see the love you had for him. He is in heaven looking down on you smiling. Carolyn, remember to keep Jesus in your heart and He will show you the way. My prayers are with you and your family.

Your Friend, Patsy

Patsy Roman - February 22, 2025 at 12:08 PM

BF

“ Thoughts & prayers for all the family!

Brenda Fancher - February 22, 2025 at 11:49 AM

LB

“ Amy and family so sorry to hear of your loss. You all in my thoughts and prayers. May God offer each of you comfort in the days ahead.

Louise (Gunter) Brown - February 22, 2025 at 10:27 AM

VE

“ Amy, Many prayers and your loss is Heaven 's precious gain. 🙏

Vickie Etherton - February 22, 2025 at 09:58 AM

VS

“ Amy, we are so very sorry for your loss. Many Blessings in Christ Jesus. 🙏

Vickie Etherton & David Swanger - February 22, 2025 at 09:56 AM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss Carolyn and family. Dean hired me at Bush Brothers and was a great mentor. He will be missed

Sandra Kinkead - February 22, 2025 at 09:26 AM

RS

“ one of the finest Gentlemen I have ever known
RIP prayers for Family

Rev. Adam Sanders - February 22, 2025 at 09:22 AM

AB

“ Amy and family, prayers for strength and comfort during this time.

abby balch - February 22, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ Dean was personnel manager at Rock Hill Lab when I interviewed for a position as lab tech. Dean was very helpful as I became an employee of the lab. I still remember and use some of his sayings to this day. One of his sayings; "Be true to your teeth and they won't be false to you". His wife, Alice, taught a class of mine at Cosby when I was a student there. His son, Chris, was a friend of my son, Phillip. Years of my life were intertwined with Dean and his family. He will be missed. The family is in my prayers.

February 21, 2025 at 10:52 PM



Amy and Carolyn I am so very sorry for your loss Dean will be missed. My prayers are with you in this difficult time 🙏

Elizabeth Williford - February 22, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Amy, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I am praying that God will wrap his arms around you and your family.



Joy Large - February 21, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur Dean Williams.



February 21, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Arthur Dean Williams.

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“ Randy & Joyce Mullins lit a candle in memory of Arthur Williams



Randy & Joyce Mullins - February 21, 2025 at 05:31 PM

“Dean has been my neighbor for 42 years. When we first moved to Newport we rented from Dean on Mineral Street. We moved and bought a house in the golf course community. Dean married Carolyn and bought the house next door to us in the golf course community. We have been neighbors there ever since that time. We used to sit out in the garage and driveway and talk for hours. He would talk about the fact that GOD had worked all that out for him. He had lost his Job, lost his wife, and was down as low as you can get. He told God to lead him and Guide him and he would follow. He said God found him the house beside me found him Carolyn and found him the Job at Bush Brothers. This is the short version, but GOD was with him every step of the way. Anyone that knew Dean would not doubt that GOD had his hand on him in all things. He is one of the few people I know that would actually witness to people in all settings when he had a chance. I truly believe GOD brought him into our lives. He and Carolyn have stood by our family's side through happiness and sadness, through highs and lows. We have laughed and cried and watched our children grow up and shared many stories and broke many beans on the porch. Truly exhibited true southern hospitality that is becoming a thing of the past. Carolyn and Dean have been the best neighbors and friends that you could ever ask for.

When my children were small and first met Dean next door they called him Mr. Dean. Therefore, Carolyn became Mrs. Dean. so, they refer to them this way even now. This reference is even used at First Baptist church where he became known as Mr. Dean. It became a Loving Moniker by all

Mr. Dean became my Sunday school teacher and had a hand in forming the majority of the classes at our church. There are not many that have not touched by his life. He was an inspiration and motivation to all. If you want to know how to be a good person, or a good Christian then watch Mr. Dean and do what he does, and you will be fine.

He was my friend, neighbor, Advisor, Mentor, Supporter, teacher and my second father. He filled my father's role after he passed. There is a giant hole in my heart that will be hard to fill. He would say to me have faith in GOD and never give up. I know he is with the LORD looking down on us. What i have written does not do Justice to one of the finest people I have ever known. I hope when I get to heaven, I can hear him say Come on in Good Neighbor.

To Carolyn and the family we truly love you and may God guide you through the sorrow you feel and the light ahead.

Randy and Joyce Mullins and Family

Randy & Joyce Mullins - February 21, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DO

What a beautiful tribute, perfectly worded for this wonderful man!

Duay and Kay O'Neil - February 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM