



Donald Eugene Williamson

December 12, 1932 - July 15, 2023

Donald Eugene Williamson, 90, Bradenton, FL, went to be with the Lord on July 15, 2023. He was born in New Castle, IN on Dec 12, 1932 to Dennis and Cora Kennedy Williamson. After high school he attended Olivet Nazarene College (University), graduating in 1954 with a business administration degree. He and his wife of nearly 72 years, Marilyn Harter, from Richmond, IN, were married in August of 1951. They located in Richmond in 1954 and then in Fort Wayne, IN in 1958. By then they had three children, Denny (Elaine), Steve (Cheri) and Rhonda Watson (David). They also lived in Downers Grove, IL from 1968 to 1971.

His greatest legacy was his love and devotion to the Lord. His family saw in him a model of consistency by the eloquence of his example. He was an avid student of the Word as well as a teacher of an adult bible class in his church for over 40 years.

In 1955 Don began a career in insurance and financial planning services that spanned 56 years. He held designations as a Chartered Financial Consultant, Chartered Life Underwriter and Registered Investment Advisor. He was the owner of D.E. Williamson and Associates, an agency for Mutual Security Life, Williamson Financial Services and Underwriters, Inc in partnership with his son Denny.

Don was very active with his church, university, industry and community, serving on numerous boards, several as president or chairman, including Fort Wayne Area Youth For Christ, Parkview Hospital Foundation, Fort Wayne

Rotary and several local church boards. He served as a trustee of Olivet for over 25 years as well as the Olivet Foundation and Alumni Board. He was awarded both the "O" Award and an honorary doctorate degree from the university. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Country Club for over 32 years before relocating to Sarasota and Bradenton, FL.

Upon retirement he and Marilyn relocated permanently to FL where he continued to be active in their local church and as an avid golfer until just a few years ago. They enjoyed traveling to many places in the world.

Don is survived by his wife Marilyn, their three children and spouses, seven grandchildren and spouses and 15 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Delores Barkdoll, June Powell and Jenis Williamson.

A memorial service will be held on August 26 at 10:30 AM at Sarasota Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 3101 Wilkinson Road. Final resting place will be on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University. Preferred memorials are to Olivet Nazarene University, One University Ave, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Church of the Nazarene
3101 Wilkinson Road
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Williamson.*



August 22, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Williamson.*



August 21, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Eugene Williamson.*

August 21, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Dear Steve and Cherie! We are saddened to get the news of your father's passing. I read his obituary, and I was amazed to see how dedicated he was to the kingdom of God and extended it by teaching Sunday school for so many years and being involved in so many ministries as well. God bless you as you mourn his loss knowing that he is in the arms of Jesus and one day Lord willing we will all be joining him in glory. God bless you both, we will keep you in our prayers. Don and Janice Scheske.*

Don Scheske - July 26, 2023 at 09:45 PM

ML

“ *Very sad to learn of Don’s passing. He was a fine man - gifted, clever, and caring. He will be greatly missed, indeed.*

Marshall Lawrence - July 26, 2023 at 06:13 PM

SA

“ *Thinking about you at this time, sorry for your loss. Love and prayers 🦋🙏*

Sandra Anderson - July 21, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DR

“ *Don is gone, but no forgotten. What a man and what accomplishments! To say he will be missed is surely an understatement. While we know where Don is, our hearts share your sorrow . . . but there’s coming a day! Prayers!*

Donald L. Runyon - July 21, 2023 at 03:36 PM

MF

“ *To Marilyn & family. My heartfelt sympathy, I will always remember when Tom & I shared a meal in your home, precious memories.*

martha fisher - July 21, 2023 at 03:17 PM