



Rev. James Walter Williams

January 24, 2015

Rev. James Walter Williams age 84 of Fulton, formerly of Farber passed away Saturday January 24, 2015 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia.

Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday January 28th at the Farber Presbyterian Church with Rev. Brad Sheppard and Rev. Bob Balwanz officiating. Final disposition will be at Auburn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorial Visitation will be held Tuesday January 27, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green.

Jim was born July 31, 1930 in Farber, the son of John Velton and Melva Gray (Roberts) Williams. On February 1, 1964 he married Selma Quade at the Silex Presbyterian Church. She survives. Also surviving are son John F. Williams of Warrenton; daughter Cynthia A. Williams- Phelps and husband Chuck Phelps of Omaha, NE; brother Dalton Williams and wife Carrie of Farber and sister Anita R. Hoyt of Vandalia. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was raised and educated in Farber, graduated from Huron College in Huron South Dakota, then graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. He served in the United States Air force during the Korean conflict. In 1963, Jim was ordained as a minister at the Farber Presbyterian Church. For 50 years, he served as a pastor at the following Presbyterian Churches – North Lincoln Parish (Silex, Whiteside and Auburn), Green Ridge, Knob Noster, Old Auxvasse – Nine Mile, Troy, Bethel, Owensville and Curryville. He moderated many churches, two being Belleflower Presbyterian and Frankford Presbyterian. Jim worked and helped organize many church camps. He served as a member and leader of 4-H, leader of Cub Scouts, member of Optimist Club, Rotary and served on the Presbytery Senate and committees. Jim enjoyed raising hybrid Iris, collecting bottles, jars and other antiques. He loved to go to sales and visit with the people.

Memorials may be made to Presbyterian Church Camp, Covenant Point Presbyterian Camp, Parkinson's Foundation or memorials to the family c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, 606 W Main, Bowling Green, MO 63334

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Jim Williams meant so much to our family. Jim officiated my Mother's funeral and Mother would always say that Jim was her favorite of all time. Jim was truly a man of God and touched the lives of so many people. God bless him and his family.

Gene & Frances Hall - June 23, 2015 at 02:47 PM

DC

“ Jim will be missed by so many people. He grew up in Farber, where I was the pastor many years ago. He worked in many churches of this area and I know many of his friends, as well as family. He helped many people in many ways. My sister was in school at McCormick Seminary when they were both students there. A member of the Odessa church where I was pastor also knew him at McCormick when they were students. I could go on and on but I asked him to help out at the pastor installation services I had in several locations and that meant a lot.

Sympathy is extended to family and friends.

D. Randall Cone - June 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM

BB

“ Jim is in a far better place and many of the churches in MUP have been strengthened and blessed with his ministry.

My prayers are for Jim's family and all in MUP that were touched by his ministry.

Bruce Berry - June 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM

RR

“ The most pastoral of pastors! Jim was our mentor as we made our trek through seminary. He instilled in us a great love and appreciation for the value of the rural churches and taught us how much the church has to learn from them. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends and all who will miss him. He leaves a Jim sized hole in our hearts.

Rev. Bertie Rose and Dr. Phil Rose - June 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ Jim was a faithful member of the board of Missouri School of Religion Center for Rural Ministry, Jefferson City, (now the Mid-America Center for Ministry), a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) specialized educational institution with an ecumenical mission. He served for many years during my tenure as Director, 1996-2005. He retired from the board in 2002. Thus, being a good Presbyterian, he had an ecumenical witness as well. As noted by others, he had special gifts and graces for rural ministry. Thanks be to God for his life and ministry.

Rev. Dr. John Bennett - June 23, 2015 at 02:46 PM

JR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rev. Williams passing. He married us 25 years ago in June. We were just thinking of him yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. He was so good to us.

John and Tina Ratermann - June 23, 2015 at 02:45 PM

MJ

“ What a warm, caring person! Jim was always reaching out to others. When he wasn't able to get around so well, he made good use of the phone to keep asking "what is your church doing about this or that". Encouraging us to reach out as well. Love to his family & friends. We share your loss.

Marilyn Johnson - June 23, 2015 at 02:45 PM

TK

“ I have lots of memories of Jim. Church, Sunday School, Bible School. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Terri Colbert Kunza - June 23, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Our deepest sympathy to Selma, Cynthia, and John.

Joe & Susan Petrowsky - June 23, 2015 at 02:44 PM

JC

“ I had the privilege of knowing Jim when I served the Silex, Whiteside, and Presbyterian congregations (1979-83). As a predecessor pastor there, he was very kind and helpful to this fresh-out-of-seminary pastor. I shall always be indebted to him.

Jim Currie - June 23, 2015 at 02:44 PM

BK

“ *Our condolences to Jim's entire family.*

Bob & Betty Kuda - June 23, 2015 at 02:44 PM