



## Gerald L. Williamson

December 28, 1931 - January 3, 2026

Gerald L. Williamson, 94, of Pekin, formerly of Havana, passed away at his home at 10:30 a.m.

on Saturday, January 3, 2026. He was born on December 28, 1931 in Peoria, Illinois to Richard

W. and Ruby (Lane) Williamson. He married the love of his life, Barbara J. Chown on March 25,

1972 in Havana, and she preceded him in death on March 15, 2016.

Gerald is survived by his children, Peggy (Steve) Respress of East Peoria, Kent Williamson of

Pekin, and Charlie (Judy) Williamson of Tampa, Florida; granddaughter, Robin (Jay) Respress-

Boyd of Morton; several great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Robert (Chris) Chown of Topeka

and sister-in-law, Bonnie (Steve) Bennett; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

death by his parents; wife; brothers, William and Kenneth; son-in-law, Steve Respress,

daughter-in-law, Judy; niece, Lisa; and nephew, Greg.

Gerald served in the U.S. Army. He loved his family, gardening, fishing, and the St. Louis

Cardinals. He liked to spend his free time sitting by the river or porch sitting and visiting with

friends. He was fond of saying “They’re all good, some are just better than others.” when someone told him to have a nice day.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in Gerald’s name to the Havana Athletic Boosters Club.

Online condolences can be left for his family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Laurel Hill Cemetery**

1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2986

# Tribute Wall

VJ

“ *Vickie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Williamson*



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**Vickie Johnson** - January 08 at 04:31 PM

LT

“ *Lisa Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Williamson*



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**Lisa Ulrich Thompson** - January 07 at 09:15 PM

SS

“ *We are very sorry to hear about your Dad. What a gentleman. Our Dad;s are so precious to us and thank God for them. Your Dad was very special. May you find peace, Jesus comfort and love and know your Dad is with Jesus, Peg. Take care my friend,.....In Christ.*



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**Steve and Kim Singley** - January 07 at 06:48 PM

PG

“ Jerry will always be remembered by those who met him, he was such a good person.



PATRICIA GILBREATH - January 07 at 03:50 PM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mark & Carol Buchanan family

carol buchanan - January 07 at 02:00 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss 🙏❤️



Dan and Chris Wilson - January 07 at 09:47 AM

CR

“ My condolences to Robert & Chris. I am so sorry for you loss. May the good Lord be with all of you at this time. Cindy

Cindy Riggins - January 07 at 09:18 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Williamson



Larry and Mary Hundt - January 07 at 08:27 AM

SW

“ Gerald and I talked a few times. We were distant cousins. His grandmother: Rebecca Waterworth Williamson was my great-grandfather's sister. He will surely be missed.

Steve Waterworth - January 06 at 09:24 PM

RB

“ Loved talking with Jerry at lunch time down at the river, he will be missed so much. Always in our memories. Bill and Robin Baughman



Robin Baughman - January 06 at 07:40 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riggins lit a candle in memory of Gerald Williamson



Cindy Riggins - January 06 at 06:12 PM

JE

“ Jenny and Ed Edwards lit a candle in memory of Gerald Williamson



Jenny and Ed Edwards - January 06 at 01:15 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Butler lit a candle in memory of Gerald Williamson*



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**Brenda Butler** - January 06 at 12:36 PM

JS

*I will miss talking to Jerry he was a good friend sorry for your loss*

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**JUDY Sarnes** - January 10 at 10:17 PM

SW

“ *Gerald was a good man, he and I worked together for years and later on spent times talking to each other while sitting at the river front. He will be missed by many. God bless 🙏*

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**Steven Wilcoxon** - January 06 at 09:51 AM

BB

*I always talked to him at the river. He was a great man and will be missed.*

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**Brenda Butler** - January 06 at 12:36 PM