



## Chris Williams

January 1, 1964 - January 4, 2023

On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, Christian Dean Williams, loving husband, father of two children, and grandfather of one grandchild, passed away at the age of 59.

Mr. Williams was born January 1, 1964, the New Year's Baby, in Newport, TN, to Mr. Arthur Dean Williams and the late Mrs. Alice T. Williams. He received his Bachelor's of Industrial Management from the University of Tennessee in 1982 and on October 14, 1989, he married Amanda Turner. They raised two children, Kathryn Christian Williams and Turner Dean Williams.

Mr. Williams was a member of Springfield Baptist Church. He loved being involved with his church where he taught Sunday School and served as a Deacon.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and was described as having a "gigantic smile and twinkling eyes, with a rare personality that made you feel better just by being around him".

In addition to his mother Mr. Williams is preceded in death by his grandmother, Iota Wilson Thornton, and several beloved cousins, uncles and aunts. Mr. Williams is survived by his wife of 33 years, Amanda Turner Williams; his daughter, Kathryn Williams; son, Turner Williams and his fiancé, Riley; his father and his wife, Arthur Dean and Carolyn Williams; sisters and brothers-in-law, Amy and David Pitts and, Sharon and Carl Daugherty; brother-in-law, Bruce Turner; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Jimmy Lee; grandson, River Solomon Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 9, 2023 at 11am in the Springfield Baptist Church with Brother Martin Babb officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Kevin Wood, Kelvin Penuel, James T. Marshall, and Richard Beirne serving as pallbearers.

Visitation will be held at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield on Sunday, January

8, 2023 from 2-6pm and on Monday at the church from 10am until the hour of service at 11am.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to J.D.R.F. Diabetes Research. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-  
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Cemetery Details

## Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 8.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Visitation

**JAN 9.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Springfield Baptist Church  
400 North Main St.  
Springfield, TN 37172

## Funeral Service

**JAN 9.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Springfield Baptist Church  
400 North Main St.  
Springfield, TN 37172

# Tribute Wall



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - January 08, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Chris Williams*.



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January 08, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ *We first met Chris and his family in 1982 when we lived in Newport TN. Every time we saw him he was always smiling and such a joy to talk to. Sending prayers to all the Williams family. Hugs and prayers for you Amy. ❤️*

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**Dennis & Sherri Beckner** - January 07, 2023 at 10:18 PM



“ *Turner,*

*I am sad to hear of your father's passing. I wish you didn't have to know this pain. My heart goes out to you.*

*Paula Childers-Auerbach*

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**Paula Childers-Auerbach** - January 07, 2023 at 12:25 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 06, 2023 at 08:06 PM

MW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of loss. I went to high school with Chris. Everytime you saw him in the hall way there was a smile on his face. . He was a awesome guy and friend. He will be missed.

Missy Wood - January 06, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ I attended high school with Chris. We had two Chris Williams in our class and so he became "Rex" or "Big Chris" to us. He was a joy to be around, smart, funny, a beautiful singing voice. We sang together in a talent show and did an Oak Ridge Boys Tribute. That was a lot of fun!! I will always remember our disco classes that his mom taught way back in the 80s when disco was cool. Rest easy, my friend. We will miss you. Cheryl Ottinger Lang

Cheryl Lang - January 06, 2023 at 05:41 PM

TA

“ I attended high school with Chris and remember him as one of the best! He was a kind soul! Sending prayers for his family and friends. Sincerely Tammy Presnell Binkley

Tammy - January 06, 2023 at 05:28 PM

JB

“ Chris will always be remembered as a very sweet, ambitious young man. He was a favorite cousin of my children as was his sister Amy. He was loved by everybody he has known. Our deepest sympathy and love is expressed to his wife- Amanda, His Children, Parents, Sister Amy and all family members and great friends.

Jeanne Wilson Birdwell - January 06, 2023 at 05:23 PM

SB

“ Sharon Belcher lit a candle in memory of Chris Williams



Sharon Belcher - January 06, 2023 at 04:03 PM

BT

“ Bruce Turner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Chris Williams.



Bruce Turner - January 06, 2023 at 01:06 PM

NB

“ My heart goes out to Chris' family as well as his work family. I had known Chris for many years through our business relationship. He was such a wonderful human and well loved by us all. He made an impact in our lives. God bless you all. You will be in my prayers in your grief. Nicie Bailey of HUB

Nicie Bailey - January 06, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Chris Williams.



January 06, 2023 at 11:35 AM

DO

“ Like the rest of the world, Kay and I are heartbroken. Our connections with Chris stretch back generations. He and I are cousins through the Wilson family while Kay kinship comes through the Williams clan. My dad once dated Chris's grandmother Iota (much to my mom's displeasure!) I remember his parents' wedding, his birth, and then his wonderful presence as a student in my freshman English class at CCHS. So smart, so talented, so wonderful to have around. The rest of us would do well to live as happy and as full a life as Chris. The world is a brighter, happier place because of his time with us. Until we meet again!

Duay and Kay O'Neil - January 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM

TS

“ From the New Year’s baby to a grandfather—what a life Chris led! He made a positive impact and was a Christian example in every every arena life! Much love to all his family! Thankful for our memories! We love you all, and you will continue to be prayers! We will miss our friend!

Tommy & Karen Smith - January 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM

RM

“ Randy And Joyce Mullins lit a candle in memory of Chris Williams



Randy and Joyce Mullins - January 06, 2023 at 09:13 AM

AJ

“ I am so sorry and broken hearted. Chris was a blessing to all that knew him. Hugs and prayers for all of his family. Love to Amanda, children, Amy and all of the family. ☐☐ 🙏  
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Audrey Jones - January 06, 2023 at 07:35 AM

AP

“ I will miss you, my big brother. You were well loved by your family, church family, and community. Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Until I see you again and sing with you again...I love you.

Amy Pitts - January 06, 2023 at 02:16 AM