



Diane Williams

April 5, 1930 - January 8, 2017

Mrs. Diane Moore Williams, age 86, of Springfield, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Skyline Medical Center. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Springfield First United Methodist Church from 11am until the Memorial service at 1pm with Brother Jason Wilkerson, Reverend Jim Higgins and Reverend Jerry Wallace officiating.

With a lovely smile and enthusiastic nature, Diane Moore Williams never met a stranger. Throughout her well-lived life, she continued to have a spirit of "Friendliest" and "Best-All-Round," just as she was voted in high school.

Born April 5, 1930, the only child of the late Margaret Dowlen and Hiram Duncan Moore, Diane was a gracious hostess, whose wit and sense of humor were a blessing to all.

She attended Springfield High School, lettering in basketball and cheerleading, and was president of the Sub-Deb Club. Her 1948 graduating diploma was presented to her by her father, Duncan Moore, long-time Commissioner of Schools. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1952 and was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

Diane married Richard Allen "Dick" Williams, a USDA tobacco grader & supervisor, in June 1953. Together they enjoyed golf and traveling. She was

known by many in the county as a substitute teacher, who frequently took books to read to her classes. She worked for the Welfare Department, was a life-long member of Springfield First United Methodist Church, and a member of Springfield Country Club.

A faithful community volunteer and supporter, she was a longtime member of the Charlotte Reeves Robertson Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Robertson County Historical Society. She assisted in documenting cemeteries in the county, culminating in the Cemetery Records of Robertson County series, and supported the YMCA.

A health and competitive sports enthusiast, Diane won her college sorority's Intramural Ping Pong championship (and could still beat male challengers in later years), made a hole-in-one during the Lebanon Golf and Country Club's Ladies Invitational Tournament in 1997, and enjoyed tennis, classes at the YMCA, her long-time bridge clubs, and playing cards at the Senior's Center.

Surviving are her only daughter, Katherine Moore Williams Lewis, Richmond, VA; grandsons, Robert Williams Lewis, Long Beach, CA, and Anderson Moore Lewis, Washington, DC; a niece, Susan Williams, Nashville; first cousins, Vic Dowlen, Nashville, Rus Gant, Boston, Ma., Jim Boren, Memphis, and Lanny Moore, Clinton, TN; and many other dear cousins and friends.

If so desired, the family requests donations to Springfield First United Methodist Church.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

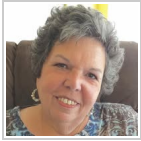
Springfield First United Methodist Church
Springfield, TN 37172

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am just learning of Diane's death. She certainly had a life to celebrate as she did everything with enthusiasm. Her kindness, hospitality, smile and real concern for others is what I will always remember. She never demonstrated being an only child, either. I passed the church with my caregiver after going to the doctor to get a shot for pain and wondered what was going on as awomen walked in the front door. I am sorry I could not be there nor have let my brother know. My cousin< Sue Smith would want to be included in sending her love and prayerful thoughts to you, Katherine and your family. . God bless you all. In His Grace,
Nancy



Nancy Lewis - January 14, 2017 at 08:00 PM

DP

“ Miss Diane was one of my all time favorite people on this earth. She was so friendly and always wore a smile. I remember when our daughters were in the church youth group, we spent an afternoon polishing her silver. We actually spent a lot of time talking, laughing and having a great time. I will always remember her with great affection. Our prayers are with her beautiful daughter and other family members. I know Diane is in God's hands now and at peace. She was truly a wonderful person.

Donna Leding Plumlee - January 14, 2017 at 06:02 PM

GH

“ *Diane Moore Williams was a wonderful lady who I knew from childhood. We grew up in the same neighborhood though she was 11 years my senior. I knew her parents. She my favorite high school teacher. I remember caddying for her on the golf course. In later years I competed with her husband, Dick, on the golf course. She was a terrific person and will be missed.*

Sorry I was unable to attend the funeral services. My wife was scheduled for surgery in Nashville on the same day as the funeral.

Gary Head

Gary Head - January 13, 2017 at 09:28 PM

KS

“ *The obituary is the perfect description of Miss Diane - always with that huge smile and big laugh. She looked at life as an adventure and wanted you to come along with her for the fun. My mom loved her.*

Karen Yates Shoemaker - January 12, 2017 at 07:21 AM

KB

“ *Diane was such a lovely lady and would find the best in folks. Her enthusiasm and kindness is a testament to the type of person we should all aspire to be. She will be remembered and missed.*

*Kay and Hugh Braddock
formerly of Springfield, now in Fairhope, AL*

Kay Braddock - January 11, 2017 at 06:28 PM

JB

“ *I have only the best memories of Diane Williams - always gracious and welcoming, with a beautiful smile.*



Judith Burton - January 10, 2017 at 08:18 PM

BW

“ *She was a true southern lady. My deepest sympathy to her family.*
Betty Winters

Betty Winters - January 10, 2017 at 12:38 PM

PR

“ *Pam Kennedy Reid lit a candle in memory of Diane Williams*



Pam Kennedy Reid - January 10, 2017 at 12:14 PM

HK

“ *Helen R Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Diane Williams*



Helen R Kennedy - January 10, 2017 at 10:49 AM