



## Edward James Williams

May 12, 1931 - July 10, 2011

Edward James Williams of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly on July 10, 2011. He was 80 years old. He leaves behind his son, Edward Jr., three wonderful grandchildren whom he loved with all his heart, Bobbi, James, and Sandra, 8 great grandchildren, and Sister Carol Conrady. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 51 years, Dolores, and his sister Betty Remondini.

He was born on May 12, 1931 to Hjalmer and Celia Williams of Stambaugh, Michigan. He grew up during the Depression and when he was older worked his grandparents farm in Upper Wisconsin. He also worked on other farms during summer and would bring home a stack of quarters each year to help buy his school clothes for the year. He graduated from Stambaugh High School in 1949, and lettered in basketball and enjoyed ski jumping. Soon after high school, he joined the Navy and was stationed in Hawaii and Alaska.

Upon completion of service, he opted to not work in the ore mines of the Upper Peninsula and moved to Ann Arbor where he worked briefly for the Railroad and Kaiser Fraser Auto Company. He then moved to Lansing to work for Oldsmobile and finally moved to the Board of Water and Light, where they were paying 15 cents more per hour. He worked for BWL for 30 years as a Laborer, Foreman, and General Foreman. It was in Lansing where he met his wife Dolores and married her on November 24, 1956. In 1961, they had one child, Edward Jr, and lived in Lansing until retiring to Cadillac in 1986. He

played softball into his mid 40s, was an avid bowler, fisherman, and golfer. He was the undisputed best Euchre player everywhere he went (just ask those who played with/against him).

His love for his wife, family, friends, people, and establishments (Cadillac Party Bar, Elks, McGuire's, Helsels) made his life in Cadillac a wonderful place to live. He always was there for everyone and always loved a good time. His pure kindness, one-liners, laughter, and hard pats on the back will be sorely missed. He loved his family dearly and was a pure joy to be around. Although we will miss him terribly, the memories will last forever.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, July 15, 2011, at 12:30pm at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with his nephew Pastor Norman Oberlin officiating. Visitation will also be Friday at 10am-12:30pm at Peterson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army. Burial will be at the Stambaugh Cemetery in Stambaugh, Michigan, on July 18, 2011, at 1pm. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I saw him at the Legion Club in Stambaugh several years ago for the first time since we graduated together in 1949. It is good to see that you had a very happy life. My condolences to your family.

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**Jerome Waldron** - July 20, 2011 at 10:14 PM

LK

“ Ed,  
Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.

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**Lupe & Larry Koutsoubos** - July 15, 2011 at 12:21 PM

TJ

“ Just wanted to say how sorry I am...I only knew Ed from the Elks, but he was a great guy!

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**Traci Jenema** - July 13, 2011 at 04:15 PM

SW

“ *My grandpa will forever be missed. What a wonderful man! I will miss his sloppy kisses, pantoon rides, the way he use to give us a pat on the back and about knock you on the floor, and many more things.*

*Even though my heart is broke I am happy that he his now with his wife our grandma dee!*

*They have both inspired our lives so much and were proud of the way we have grown and matured. They both encouraged us so much and I know they will continue to look down upon us and help guide us through out the rest of our lives.*

*May you always rest in peace grandpa. I love you so much and will cherish our memories FOREVER!*

-Sandy

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**Sandra Williams-Madden** - July 13, 2011 at 11:25 AM

KG

“ *Ed: I will always remember your parents with fondness. They were extrordinary people who loved life. My condolences to you and your family. God Bless!!!*

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**Karen Negri Gutowski** - July 13, 2011 at 09:45 AM

DN

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*s with a heavy heart I sign this guest book. Ed was an old neighbor from Lansing and our family , the(Negri' s) are saddened by his death. He was a great help to our family, when my father was ill in the 60' s. He and Dee were a delight to be around and now I know he is with her and will be forever happy. I would always see him downtown heading to the Elks after golf and he had the biggest smile! He will be missed and my heart goes out to Ed Jr. & his remaining relatives. We will always have our memories! Take care Eddy - Deb Negri-Jackson & Family*

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**Deb Negri-Jackson** - July 13, 2011 at 08:17 AM