



## Gary R. Williams

December 4, 1948 - January 12, 2020

Dateline: Alton

Gary R. Williams, 72, died at 7:08 a.m. Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Willow Rose Nursing Home in Jerseyville. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 17, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or your favorite nursing home activity fund. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
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Alton, IL 62002  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary R. Williams

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Gary R. Williams

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Sending my prayers family.  
Gwendolyn Poindexter



Gwendolyn Poindexter - January 22, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ When I first started working for the school district Gary was the the one to show me how to do everything. He was the best. I will miss you my friend. 💜

Nancy Trask - January 17, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ Gary was an incredible man!!! He will be dearly missed. I first met him at Alton High School during my first years of teaching in the Main building. We had a special bond, and he always looked out for me! He was such a generous, joyous, and beautiful person. The students and myself just loved him; he could brighten the dreariest of days. My deepest condolences ❤️

Bridget Heck - January 17, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MA

“ Gary my brother  
I remember him walking in the Alton Parade as Abe Lincoln when  
we was young..I always looked forward to it.

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**Mary** - January 15, 2020 at 06:05 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was the custodian at  
Irving when I was Principal. He was such a hard worker and  
dedicated to the students and staff. He was such a kind and caring  
person. I have such fond memories of our time at Irving. My prayers  
are with his family. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Darlene Jackson** - January 14, 2020 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ Gary was always willing to help with anything that you needed  
assistance to complete.  
Polite, caring and if you need something he was always the 1st  
person to help.  
I met Gary at the old AHS when they moved my room from the  
Annex to the old cafeteria.  
The door was always getting stuck and I needed help to get into that  
room before the students arrived. Gary always made sure, I got into  
my room.  
Heaven is a much better place since Gary Williams is there~

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**Mrs. Gail Burjes** - January 14, 2020 at 04:36 PM

WR

“ I am so sad to hear of Gary’s passing. I met Gary at AMS. He always was so willing to help with anything we needed. He remembered my girls names and always asked about them. Gary was a gentle giant. He loved the students and always took good care of us all. We love you, Gary.

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wendy roady - January 14, 2020 at 03:10 PM

MC

“ Gary was the custodian at Irving School when my sisters and I were young. He was a truly wonderful man. He used to help us open our milk cartons and would always joke with us in the lunch room and any time we saw him throughout the day. He was a kind man who will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.  
Mary Cordes

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Mary Cordes - January 14, 2020 at 10:57 AM

LB

“ I was sad to hear of Gary’s death. I met Gary at Alton Middle school. He always made sure the door to my art room was open for me and was always kind and helpful. Lovely man, lovely friend Can’t think of a soul that didn’t like or admire him. I send my thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones. Linda Barton

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linda barton - January 14, 2020 at 09:24 AM

FA

“ I first met Gary when I was a teen working the summer work program. I worked with him at Irving School. He taught me how to wax floors, sand desk, and make windows sparkle. Later on when I began working for the district as an adult Gary sent me a card congratulating me. He was a gentle giant and will be missed.

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Felicia Alexander - January 14, 2020 at 07:29 AM

LD

*I will always remember Gary as a kind soul. My first year at AMS he came in and introduced himself. When i returned from lunch there was a Santa Claus cookie jar on my desk. I still have that cookie jar. RIP Gary*

**Lori Davis** - January 14, 2020 at 08:18 AM

KM

*I am sad to hear of Gary's passing. I met him when I worked at AHS. He was very kind, funny, helpful, friendly and a hard worker. Just what you need to make a great day at work! He will be missed by many! Sincerely, Kelli McCormick*

**KELLI JO MCCORMICK** - January 14, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MP

*Everyone at AHS (at the old campus) regarded Gary with respect. He was kind and giving. All the staff could count on him for help whenever they needed anything. He will be missed.*

**Marla Purcell** - January 14, 2020 at 10:39 PM

MA

*RIP old school, maintenance dept.*

**mark** - January 15, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AD

*“ I stayed in touch with Gary throughout the years, but my first memory of him is when I was a kindergartner at Irving Elementary. Gary greeted me every morning with the nickname “Red,” on account of my red hair. And he always pretended that the kids’ bananas were telephones in the lunchroom. That always made us laugh! He will be missed. -Abby Dehner*

**Abby Dehner** - January 13, 2020 at 08:53 PM