



Robert Y. McWilliams Sr.

September 20, 2023

Robert Young McWilliams, Sr. age 79, of Elmer, New Jersey passed away on September 20, 2023. Born in Woodbury to Samuel Young McWilliams, Jr. and Carolyn (Roberts) McWilliams, he was raised in Elmer and was a 1962 graduate of Bridgeton High School. After high school he went to work at DuPont before attending Salem College in Salem, West Virginia. He graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

After college, Robert worked as a Special Agent for the National Security Agency in the Washington, DC area before settling in Elmer. For over 30 years, Robert was a fixture in the New Jersey Title Insurance industry. In 1995, he co-founded the Title Academy of New Jersey where he was instrumental in transforming the continuing education process.

Robert was a member of the Elmer Lodge #160 of Free & Accepted Masons, and also served the community as a Borough Councilman, and as a member and President of the Board of the Elmer Library Association, and he was very proud to serve as a Commissioner of the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

Robert is survived by his wife of fifty five years, Bonnie (Low) McWilliams; his children Robert Young McWilliams, Jr. and girlfriend Jennifer Gurley of Elmer and Kellie Tirelli and her husband Tony of Pittsgrove; his sister Peggy Walker; his grandchildren Samantha Morris, Cassidy Tirelli, and Aly Tirelli; his great-

grandchildren Giana Vertolli and Julian Robbins; along with many beloved in-laws, nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his parents Samuel and Carolyn McWilliams.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Elmer Presbyterian Church, 107 Chestnut Street, Elmer, NJ 08318. There will be a visitation starting at 10:00 AM, followed by a Masonic service at 11:15 AM, leading into the memorial service at 11:30 AM. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Robert's memory to the Elmer Library, PO Box 372, Elmer, NJ 08318.

www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Elmer Presbyterian Church
107 Chestnut Street
Elmer, NJ 08318

Masonic Service

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ Edit post. It should read “There went Robert down the hole.” “Not there with Robert...”

Carol Woolman - November 12, 2023 at 09:38 PM

CW

“ Dear Bonnie and Family, Denny and I were part of the 3rd Street gang where Denny and Robert were best friends. My deepest sympathy for your loss. You’ve probably heard the story where Robert fell down into a freshly dug cesspool. Our mothers were at my house at knitting club. Denny came in and sat down in the living room. Eventually someone asked where is Robert? Denny replied. Oh my goodness bless my soul there with Robert down the hole. The ladies went across the street to Hannah and Earl Curry’s house to borrow a ladder. Robert was fine. “ There’s a little hoppy toad down here with me,” he said.
His nickname was Buggy because of his many freckles. He was a good friend lifelong and will not be forgotten.
Carol Woolman
Bar Harbor, Maine

Carol Woolman - November 12, 2023 at 09:30 PM

FS

“ Gus and I are so sorry for your loss 🙏🙏🙏



Fran spinelli - October 07, 2023 at 07:24 PM

CC

“ Bonnie, You and the family have my deepest sympathies. I will always remember Bob's warmth and his sense of humor. He was truly A credit to the Title Industry.

Clark L Cornwell - September 29, 2023 at 12:48 PM

JY

“ I will always remember Bob as one of the funniest people I have ever met. Always made others laugh. I am so sorry for your loss.

Joan Yezzi - September 28, 2023 at 07:12 AM

LB

“ I remember dancing with Bob at a Hospital Jr Auxiliary dance and of course seeing him at post office.

Linda Bramell - September 24, 2023 at 12:44 PM

HI

“ Herbert I. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Y. McWilliams Sr..

Herbert I. - September 24, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ Bonnie and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Loved One.



Jennie Brown - September 23, 2023 at 08:26 AM