



Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams

October 5, 1953 - November 10, 2022

Kenneth Leslie Williams, a longtime Tallahassee resident, passed away at his home on November 10, 2022 surrounded by family. Born in Ft Lauderdale, he was the only son of Leslie "Les" and Betty Williams. After the sudden loss of his father Les when Ken was 19, he left college to begin working at his father and mother's company, Williams Communications, Inc. He would later become President and CEO.

Several years later, while at a bank to acquire a loan to grow the business, he met his true forever love, Alexandra "Sue" Albrecht. They married August 28, 1976. Ken and Sue then started Williams Metro Paging Company during the beeper boom. That company was later sold, but they kept Williams Communications, Inc. After more than sixty years in business and with the help of his incredible team, Williams Communications, Inc. continued to evolve from Les and Betty, with a few employees, to today, still family owned with over 100 employees and offices throughout the southeast. He was an exceptional businessman, loved his employees tremendously, worked hard and took pride in all he did.

Ken devoted so much of his life to his business and supporting first responders. However, Ken had a passion for being on the water since he was

a young boy. Whether in St. Marks 'putzing' up the river on one of his boats, or deep sea billfish tournament fishing anywhere out in the Gulf of Mexico. Ken's family was immersed in his love of the water and learned much from him, along with many great memories. Later in life, Ken really enjoyed bird hunting with his son-in law and friends. Ken was exceptional in the kitchen. Famous for his roast beef, crown roast or his famous citrus butter sauce served with Stone Crab. He loved cooking enormous meals and showed generous hospitality for many friends and family any day of the week, but particularly enjoyed cooking for the holidays. He cherished his time spent learning from Chef Albert in his kitchen many years ago.

Most of all, he just enjoyed his family and dear friends, and loved being with them. He was so proud of his girls and cherished being "Papa" to his grandchildren. He was the house boo-boo bandager, the secret admirer every Valentines Day when he sent roses, loved to take his daughters hunting for arrowheads or fishing for blue marlin. He was teacher of good character and work ethic, and as patient as ever. He loved his son-in-law Tony like his own son, as they enjoyed many hobbies and special talks together. He adored his wife Sue with everything he had, always the romantic and going overboard for any occasion to make her feel extra loved. Sue was his very best friend and confidant in everything in life.

He could change the mood in a room for the better in an instant. He had a particular gift of making people feel very special. He gave whenever and wherever he could. He worked hard and played hard. He lived an incredible life.

He is preceded in death by his parents Les and Betty Williams and sister

Nancy Anderson. He is survived by his wife, Sue Williams, daughters Hilarie Gerald (Tony), Heather Williams and grandchildren Charley and Leslie. He is survived by his sisters Karen Koenig and Jennifer Williams and chosen brother Jay Wilkinson, his longest friend since 3rd grade, two great Aunts Shirley Stout and Marjorie Fiorenza, nephews and nieces and many dear cousins and many wonderful, wonderful very dear friends.

A graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 18, 2022 at Roselawn Cemetery, Piedmont Drive, Tallahassee

Memorial contributions may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.

The family will forever be grateful for Brian Delaney and all the incredible care from Visiting Angels, truly our Angels over the last several months.

A very special thank you to Rev Gene Strickland, Founder and Lead Pastor of the First Responders Initiative.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Cemetery
815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall



“ *It has been 10 years since I met Ken in the longest job interview. It was in that time that I saw how he treated his employees as family. Thus I took the job. My heart goes out to Sue and the extended family.*

Christine Johnson Odom - November 17, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy to all of the Williams family. There is little we can say to comfort you and your family during this time of bereavement, but take comfort in knowing that his contributions will be long remembered. May God's blessing and peace be with you. You, and your family, are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sheriff Eric Aden and the Men and Women of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office*

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office - November 17, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 16, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Your Williams Communications, Inc.Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



Your Williams Communications, Inc.Family - November 16, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ The Radio Communications Company Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



The Radio Communications Company Family - November 16, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Donna & Randy Giffin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



Donna & Randy Giffin - November 16, 2022 at 10:51 AM

GB

“ *What a fantastic obituary! It makes me wish I had known him better. We at Pasco County Florida Radio Repair have nothing but the best to say about Williams Communications. They are always ready to help in any way they can. All of his employees offer the best support possible, no matter how urgent or difficult the task. The level of expertise and knowledge Ray Russel and his support team have is exceptional. It comes from the top down, and the loyalty of each employee shows what a master Ken was in selecting the best team to carry on his legacy. How Ken managed to have a life along with all he accomplished is truly a miracle. There are many who will miss him. Ken lived in a Golden Age where people were masters in their fields. It sounds like he instilled that in his children and grandchildren. Gary Bennett*

Gary Bennett - November 16, 2022 at 09:22 AM

CI

“ *Communications International purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.*



Communications International - November 16, 2022 at 08:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.*



November 16, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 15, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 15, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Chris and Bonnie Hirst* purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



Chris and Bonnie Hirst - November 15, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 15, 2022 at 11:25 AM

FA

“ Florida Sheriffs Association purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



Florida Sheriffs Association - November 15, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 15, 2022 at 09:19 AM

YF

“ Your Southwood family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



Your Southwood family - November 15, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JH

“ We'll miss Ken, won't feel quite the same without him across the pond. I always admired the way he took on his family business and built it into a widely recognized firm. Our prayers are with the family in your time of loss.

John & Linda Hunt - November 14, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Leslie "Ken" Williams.



November 14, 2022 at 07:58 PM



*“ My deepest sympathy to all of the Williams family. The world has lost such a bright spot and wonderful person. I will miss searching for the most obnoxious birthday cards for Ken. I loved him and will miss him. Be at peace my friend until we meet again!
Mark Stanley*

Mark Stanley - November 13, 2022 at 08:33 PM

BT

*Ken, I'm going to miss you. We had a great friendship and supported each other over the past 2 decades. You were always a kind and generous person to everyone. God bless you and your family.
Bill Tinsley*

Bill Tinsley - November 14, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JD

Sue: I was saddened to hear about the passing of Ken he will greatly be missed. I will always remember the friendship he and I shared over the years competing for the same communications business. He was a great person.

JW DuBose

John DuBose - November 15, 2022 at 05:26 PM

DT

Sue: When I first met Ken in the 1990s, he immediately won me over with his warm smile, tremendous sense of humor, and his unbelievable drive to build Williams Communications into a true public safety powerhouse. His dad would be so proud of how Ken, you, Hillary, and Bryan have taken his small business to unprecedented heights. I'll forever treasure the fun times we shared.

Dominic (Nick) Tusa

Dominic Tusa - November 16, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JS

Ken was one of those people bigger than life. He certainly made a huge difference in Pasco County through his company's lead in public safety communications. Meeting Ken in person, he was always great hosting of events, he loved his grand daughters, daughter and wife. Customers were always made to feel special. He lived his life to the fullest and will not be forgotten for the legacy he built and left behind. To Sue and the girls, you are in my thoughts and prayers that you find peace and comfort in this time. God Bless

Joe Sekula - November 17, 2022 at 09:21 AM