



## James Davis Williams

December 10, 1926 - November 23, 2018

James Davis Williams of Saline, MI, passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018 at the University of Michigan Hospital at the age of 91. James was born on December 10, 1926 in Eccles, West Virginia the son of Norvill and Gertrude Lois (Evans) Williams. He graduated from Trapp Hill High School in Beckley, West Virginia. After graduation he headed off to Purdue University for a short time before he was drafted. James was a proud member of the United States Army and served during WWII as a paratrooper. After returning from the war he enrolled in and graduated from the University of West Virginia with a degree in Physical Education. Following graduation he moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he met his wife Louise and together they resided in Euclid, Ohio. On July 13, 1957 in Angola, Indiana he married Louise H. Williams and she preceded him in death on March 22, 1993. James helped to raise four stepchildren with Louise and loved them all very much. He served as an electrician for over 40 years and worked for TRW and the Penn Central Railroad. James loved sports, especially baseball, and passed this love of sports along to his daughter Debbie. He was so proud of Debbie and cherished all of the wonderful accomplishments that she achieved. Survivors include his daughter Debbie (Paul Hoak) Williams-Hoak, nieces Rita Wood, Rachel Papa and Sandra Tudilinsky, nephews John Daniels and Jim Williams, stepchildren Kathryn (Tom) Zogorski, Kenneth Zust, and Judith Norval, step grandchildren Emily Hoak Snyder and Paul Hoak III, step great-granddaughter Eliza Hoak Snyder, and step great nieces and great nephews. He was

preceded in death in addition to his wife by his parents, brothers Kenneth Jack and Thomas, sisters Leah, Marjorie and Janavee, his stepson James Zust, and his daughter-in-law Carol Zust. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the future. To leave a memory you have of James, to sign his guestbook, or for more information please visit [www.rbhfsaline.com](http://www.rbhfsaline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Davis Williams*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Jim ~ Thank you so much for all that you did for your stepchildren. You loved our Mother so much that you married her and help raise three step children ages 10-14; our sister Judi at age 19 was just starting out on her own. Then came your daughter Debbie. Your athletic genes and the early formative years playing all sports with her two brothers and sister, I believe, led to Debbie's many athletic achievements. You were so proud to talk about her to the guys with whom you worked.*

*Thank you for your service to our country!*

*I am so grateful that we had the time together last Thanksgiving to reminisce about our many years together. I so looked forward to the times you and Mom came to visit all of us in California. And you certainly looked dashing as you walked me down the aisle when I married Tom.*

*May your soul rest in peace, Jim.*

*Love, Kacky*

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**Kathryn Zust Zogorski** - November 26, 2018 at 05:34 PM