



## Rev. Dr. David Louis Williamson

November 27, 1937 - February 23, 2026

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Rev. Dr. David Louis Williamson, beloved child of God, devoted husband, cherished father and grandfather, trusted pastor, and dear friend, passed away on February 23, 2026. He was born on November 27, 1937, in Minneapolis to Bill and Hazel Williamson.

David's life was shaped by his deep faith. He graduated from Minnehaha Academy, the University of Minnesota, Fuller Seminary, and Luther Seminary. His ministry took him to Meetinghouse Church (formerly Colonial Church of Edina), First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, and Laity Lodge in Texas—places where he poured himself into teaching, writing, counseling, and crafting creative programs that helped others experience God in meaningful ways.

While on Young Life staff in Chicago, he met the love of his life, Anne, and together they shared 62 years of marriage marked by tenderness, laughter, partnership, and unwavering devotion. David's gentle spirit, often reflected in his kind blue eyes, made him a source of comfort, wisdom, and joy to all who knew him.

He delighted in skiing, exploring the world, tending his garden, golfing, celebrating Swedish traditions, and spending time with family. He loved

gathering people, creating connections, and bringing warmth to all.

David is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Mark Williamson (Lauren O'Brien), Suzanne Kickhaefer (Kevin), and Sara Zimmerman; Mark's children, Elizabeth, Charlie, Shif, and Deme; Suzanne's children, Ty and Chase; Sara's children, Sam and Lucy; Lauren's children, Zachary and Madeleine; brother-in-law Charles Schelke (Linda); nephew Matt Schelke (Susan); and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to Anselm House, Young Life Minneapolis North, Meetinghouse Church, or Grace Hospice. Our family is deeply grateful to the Grace Hospice team for the exceptional care and compassion they provided during his final months.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at Meetinghouse Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. Gathering will begin one hour prior to the service, with a reception following.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Meetinghouse Church  
6200 Colonial Way  
Edina, MN 55436

## Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HR

“ Dear Anne and family- i was saddened to see Dave’s obituary. I have many fond memories of Dave and all of you - as your Kellogg Ave neighbor, as your baby sitter, as a participant in Colonial Church activities / youth group and Grims Gress bible study with Anne, as a support when my Dad was killed in 1971 and when my mom died in 1991. I remember Dave’s smile and happy eyes. He had such a gift with young people. Many years have gone by but I am grateful to have had him in my life. Wishing you strength in your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Heather Dobbin Rykhus

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**Heather Rykhus** - March 12 at 10:51 AM



“ Dave performed our wedding in 1996 and even our non-believing friends commented on how beautifully he integrated our faith with our families’ cultures and traditions into the ceremony. But what I appreciated most is Dave taking a men’s group from Hollywood Presbyterian skiing at Mammoth Mountain every Super Bowl weekend. (Being a steadfast Vikings fan, Dave usually had that weekend free) Going to the top of Cornice Bowl he taught me to lean over my tips and take on the hill with no fear. Beside the most giving person, he was the best ski instructor I’ve ever had.

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**Michael Sajbel** - March 10 at 05:10 PM

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“ Dave was one of the most important people in my life. He lifted me up during my teenage years when my family was struggling. He gave me a book which introduced me to the integration of faith and service, Paul Tournier's *The Meaning of Persons*. He never failed me and i knew though him about God's constant love and acceptance. His memory will be a blessing to me and many others.

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**Erica Anderson** - March 09 at 04:00 PM

RB

“ I was privileged to know this great man for more than half a century. He married my wife, Peggy, and me in 1972 and helped preside at her memorial service in 2020. Always a smile and a kind word...he'll be greatly missed.

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**Roger Buxton** - March 02 at 01:40 PM