



Mary Elizabeth Williams

May 25, 1954 - December 13, 2012

Mary Elizabeth Williams was accepted into the arms of the Lord on Thursday, December 13, 2012. An affectionate wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend, Mary Elizabeth was loved dearly and will be missed greatly.

Born May 25, 1954 to the late Thomas and Betty Gardner Collins, Liz was a lifelong resident of Wilkes-Barre.

A 1972 graduate of Elmer L. Meyers High School, she was an accomplished swimmer and majorette during her high school years.

Liz and her husband, Edward, were married on August 24, 1975. She worked in various positions in the health care field throughout her career, most recently with the Geisinger Health System.

A sister, Margie, preceded her in death.

In addition to her husband, Edward Sr., surviving are her two sons, Edward, Jr. and his wife Lisa Charneski of Philadelphia, and Michael and his wife, Julie of Washington, D.C.; two grandchildren, Matthan Edward and Margaret Zoe; sisters, Mary Patricia Pearce of Kingston and Molly Ellen Coolbaugh of Wilkes-Barre; nieces and nephews.

Liz was supremely devoted to the people she loved. Her unyielding sense of compassion and commitment to her family and friends will be her legacy. Her dedication to her children will be felt for years to come.

Celebration of Liz's Life will be held Saturday at 12:30 PM from McLaughlin's – The Family Funeral Service, 142 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre with a Funeral Mass at 1:30 PM in the Church of Saint Nicholas. Interment will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

Visitation will be held at McLaughlin's on Friday from 5 to 8 PM.

Memorial donations are preferred and may be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 39 East Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre, 18701-2709.

Permanent messages and memories can be shared with Liz's family at www.celebrateherlife.com

Cemetery

Saint Mary's Cemetery

1594 South Main Street
Hanover Township, PA,
18706

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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McLaughlin's

142 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US,
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DEC **Celebration of Life** 12:30PM

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DEC **Funeral Mass** 01:30PM

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Church of Saint Nicholas

226 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US,
18701-2897

Comments



“ My sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Mary Elizabeth. I graduated with Mary Liz and remember her from St. Therese's School and Church. At Meyers High, I recall one occasion when she stood up in class to defend the existence of God after a student claimed God was fiction. May she rest in God's peace.
Christopher Calore.

Christopher Calore - December 14, 2012 at 09:17 PM



“ Marilyn Miller Olpinski lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Williams



Marilyn Miller Olpinski - December 14, 2012 at 08:05 PM



“ At this point in life, we have a tendency to ask questions: questions for ourselves, questions for others, questions of life and questions of faith. More often than not, we ask the same question of no one in particular.

Why? That is what we ask.

The truth is, we may never know why with any certainty. But we do know that there is no single 'should have done' or 'could have done' or 'did' or 'did not do' that would have changed that why.

All that love could do was done...

We assure you that while there is nothing we can do to change what has happened; we will be here for you. Our objective is to assist you through this time as seamlessly as possible, and we encourage your reliance on us to see that all details are arranged and carried through properly.

Our service to you doesn't end, but continues as you need us. We can assist with details which present themselves after, just as we are capable with those leading to, the funeral service. Please don't hesitate to solicit our advice on any matter as we are happy to be of assistance.

Tommy McLaughlin - December 13, 2012 at 05:38 PM