



Ellen Jeanne Williams

March 17, 1950 - April 28, 2025

Ellen Jeanne (Euclide) Williams, 75, of Southfield, Michigan passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family on April 28, 2025 after a difficult battle with glioblastoma. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, she was strong of heart and spirit and faced her devastating diagnosis with optimism and hope for a miracle until her final breath. She will be immeasurably missed by all who loved her.

Ellen was born on March 17, 1950 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the late Francis Joseph Euclide and Adrienne Marie (Guyon) Euclide. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sisters Camille Van Lanen and Adrienne Grun, both of whom also battled glioblastomas; as well as her father-in-law, Lawson Tom Williams, and mother-in-law, Bobbie Sue Williams; and her brother-in-law Harry Grun.

Ellen graduated from Madison Area Technical College in 1971 with an Associate's degree in Dental Hygiene and immediately began a career that would last fifty years, a milestone of which she was fiercely proud. She moved to Detroit in 1975 and soon met Steven Williams, whom she always described as her soulmate, often telling the story of their first kiss that made her feel she'd always known him. They married in 1979 and had two children, Maria in 1981 and Jesse in 1985, and raised them in the Southfield home where they lived for more than forty years. In 1998 they joyfully welcomed Steven's

biological daughter, Shannon, who was born in 1971 and adopted by loving parents, into their family. Ellen frequently said that the only thing she ever really wanted to do with her life was become a mother, so one can imagine her delight in the blessing of a bonus daughter so late in the game. She was endlessly proud of her children and grandchildren, often saying they were, "some of my best work!"

In addition to being a caring and skilled dental hygienist, Ellen was a talented gardener, an avid reader, an excellent cook, and a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan. She loved music and always had her favorite songs playing at home and on long car trips, and often sang to her hygiene patients while she worked. She enjoyed Mexican food and margaritas, walks with good dogs and cuddles from purring cats, and spending time with her family and friends. She took pride in a job well done. She was a public library enthusiast and a lifelong blood donor. A woman of great faith, she prayed daily to Saints Francis, Jude, and Joseph on behalf of those she loved, and her loved ones' loved ones (and probably also their loved ones!). Most importantly, she taught her children to be loving, forgiving, hardworking, kind, and generous. She was herself the best example of those traits that many people knew.

Ellen is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Steven Williams, of Southfield, MI; daughter Maria (Michael Sheppard) Williams, of Detroit, MI; son Jesse (Jessica) Williams, of Warren, MI; stepdaughter Shannon (Daniel) Wiegand of Warren, MI; grandchildren Joseph Wiegand, Hannah Wiegand, Issac Paavo, Jackson Paavo, and Andrew Paavo, of Warren, MI; sister Annette Fuller of Osh Kosh, WI; brother Francis Joseph (Beverly) Euclide, of Manitowoc, WI; sister Mary (James) Michaud, of Sturgeon Bay, WI; brother-in-law William Van Lanen, of Neenah, WI; sister-in-law Georgana Gersabeck, of Rochester Hills, MI; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

Ellen's family will receive guests for visitation on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at William Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, Michigan from 2:00-8:00 PM. A sharing of memories will take place at 6:30 PM. On Thursday, May 8, 2025 she will lie in state from 9:30 AM until the time of Funeral Service at 10:00 AM at Church of the Transfiguration, 25225 Code Rd., Southfield, Michigan. Following cremation, her remains will be entrusted to her family for private disposition. Ellen loved flowers so floral gifts will be received with gratitude, but donations in her memory are also welcome by one of the many causes she supported throughout her life, particularly the Friends of Southfield Public Library, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the American Red Cross, and the Glioblastoma Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Sharing of Memories

MAY 7. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Transfiguration
25225 Code Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Kathryn R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

Kathryn R. - May 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM

DP

“ Detroit Arsenal PIF purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



Detroit Arsenal PIF - May 06, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 06, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



May 06, 2025 at 11:48 AM

MK

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to all of Ellen's friends and family. Gone too soon...but what a beautiful life she had, surrounded by love. Virtual hugs all around!

Michelle Kiernan - May 06, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 06, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



May 06, 2025 at 11:03 AM

KG

“ We are so saddened by your passing my dear friend. Gone too soon. You were the most kind uplifting person to have as a friend and coworker who became family. You fought one heck of a fight guided through your faith. May your rest in peace, until we meet again. 🙏 Karri & Brian Graham



Karri Graham - May 05, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.*



May 05, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 05, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 05, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.*



May 05, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 04, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.*



May 04, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

May 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.*



May 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Ellen in Idaho*



John Dickey - May 03, 2025 at 04:33 PM

FH

“ Dear Ellen I will miss talking to you every morning and we laughed so much. We had so much fun up north you are truly a great woodtick and you earned your badge. Someday we will see each other again and I will give you a big hug. Love you girlfriend! Faith

Faith Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM

FH

“ Faith Henderson purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



Faith Henderson - May 02, 2025 at 07:04 PM

FF

“ from Bill & Van Lanen family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



from Bill & Van Lanen family - May 02, 2025 at 05:42 PM

AJ

“ Antoinette, Teresa, Angela, Deanna & Joe purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



Antoinette, Teresa, Angela, Deanna & Joe - May 02, 2025 at 05:33 PM

RE

“ Aunt Ellen, I can definitely say that you'll be missed by many! I will always have fond memories of you! From when we first met, when I was about 4 to now! You were always in a positive mood! You always showed me love and compassion! I regret that we really didn't talk much in later years! I also regret, that you didn't get to meet my kids! I can say this that my memories of you and your family are extraordinary and full of love! Thank you!! Also thank you for the awesome memories!

Robert Euclide - May 02, 2025 at 01:44 AM

JF

“ Joe Rustoni & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

Joe Rustoni & Family - May 01, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JF

“ Joe Rustoni & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.



Joe Rustoni & Family - May 01, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ John Dickey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Jeanne Williams.

John Dickey - May 01, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JD

“ *John Dickey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ellen Jeanne Williams.*



John Dickey - May 01, 2025 at 11:44 AM