



## James "Jim" Williams

December 27, 1947 - April 22, 2026

James "Jim" Williams, of Mentor, passed away on April 22, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on December 27, 1947, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the late James B. and Sara Williams.

Jim graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in music education. He taught instrumental music within the Johnsonburg, PA school system and led the Johnsonburg High School Marching Band. He later served as a restaurant manager for Bob's Big Boy and Wendy's in Lake County, OH.

Jim was an avid traveler who enjoyed visiting Africa, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Canada with his wife to observe wildlife. He also cherished time spent fishing on Lake Erie with his friends. A devoted member of Advent Lutheran Church in Mentor, OH, he participated in the bell choir, played trombone for special occasions, and served as a substitute choir director. He was also a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Brethren Church, where he participated in the men's Bible study. Above all, he loved spending time with his family. As a daily tribute to God, he played "When the Saints Go Marching In" every morning on his trombone.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Roxana; daughters, Dawn (Mark) Toth and Carrie (Dan Karolyi) Williams; and grandchildren, Amelia,

Katherine and Julia Karolyi, as well as several nieces, nephews and other loving family members.

In addition to his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his sister, Janet Purdy.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Jim to the Lake Humane Society, <https://lakehumane.org/get-involved/make-a-donation/donate-now/> or to Pilgrim Lutheran Brethren Church, 9514 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Mentor, OH 44060.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 4 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Brethren Church, 9514 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Mentor, OH 44060. A light dinner will follow in the church reception area.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

Pilgrim Lutheran Brethren Church  
9514 Johnnycake Ridge Road  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-9403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Williams.*



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May 08 at 03:43 PM



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

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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Williams.*



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May 02 at 04:30 PM



“ *Steve, Beth, Amanda & Abby Toth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Williams.*



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**Steve, Beth, Amanda & Abby Toth** - April 27 at 04:37 PM