



Richard D. Williams

December 11, 1942 - September 10, 2014

Richard David Williams died suddenly on Sept. 9, 2014, at home in Albuquerque, in his favorite chair. The silver-tongued devil of Osbourne street in Artesia NM learned the newspaper business at 8 years old, by writing the neighborhood gossip and news and handing it out to every house. He was born to Amy and Kenneth Williams on Dec. 11, 1942 and kept everyone entertained and laughing throughout his life. He worked as the police beat, politics, and business reporter and editor of the Albuquerque Tribune. Working at Amrep SW, he continued writing, but from a new perspective as a public information officer. He was more than respected as the politics column writer and reporter. It was not a joke that the right or wrong comment from Williams kept politicians genuflecting to him. He was famous for his "Holbroke joke." His wife, Madeline Dunn, was quoted as saying she married him because he was the funniest, wittiest, smartest, most cynical person she ever met. His grandchildren and his family adored him. He said his heart was filled with more love for his grandchildren than anyone deserved. And he said he was the luckiest person who ever lived. He was a graduate of Texas Tech and earned an MBA at UNM. Surviving him are his wife, Madeline Dunn Williams, children Cynthia Burleson (Tom), Jennifer Williams, Ronit Robinson, Dina Dogin (Joshua), Abra Altman (Brandon), and 9 grandchildren, Cailey, Weston, Stephanie, Hannah, Benjamin, Aiden, Naomi, Meira, and Finley. Services will be held at Congregation B'nai Israel at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 at 4401 Indian School N.E. No flowers please. Contributions to the Jewish

Academy of Arts and Sciences and Congregation B'nai Israel in his memory
are appreciated.

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Previous Events

Services

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (MT)

Congregation B'nai Israel
4401 Indian School Road NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Madeline and Family,*

*I am so sorry to have heard of the passing of Richard.
He was a wonderful man. Although it had been many years since I
spoke with him, I recall a man with so much shtick. I can't imagine
how much he will be missed.
May his memory be for a blessing.*

Robert Bierer

Robert Bierer - September 26, 2014 at 11:06 AM

JB

“ *Dear Madeline & Family,*

*Words cannot explain how proud and emotional I felt to see a
woman I admire so much, expressing your beautiful thoughts of
Richard!!! You are so strong and will absolutely lead your beautiful
family onward and upward!!! I'm looking forward to sharing
memories with you Madeline; you're an example to follow!!!! I love
you!!!*

Jeanne Ann

Jeanne Ann Barkoff - September 13, 2014 at 12:37 AM

DO

“ *I always enjoyed chatting with Richard over a breakfast plate at
Hurricanes Diner. He made certain that I was current on the
grandchild count. Madeline, Rose and I send our sincere
condolences to you and the girls.*

David Ostrovitz - September 12, 2014 at 04:59 PM

RB

“ Well, the Richard Williams stories are many - some worth repeating - and some better kept secret. There was always the quip...always...always. Wherever you are, Richard, you're entertaining the legions of those surrounding you. Their gain is our loss.

Rodger Beimer

Rodger Beimer - September 12, 2014 at 04:06 PM

JR

“ The Capitol press room was a funnier place when Richard was around. No one got me giggling faster. Merry-faced observations came with an Artesia drawl and a razor's edge. I miss the mirth.
John Robertson

John Robertson - September 12, 2014 at 03:30 PM

DW

“ I knew Richard from the Albuquerque Tribune days. Me, a neophyte copy editor; Richard the political writer and character. Sorry to hear of his passing. He touched so many lives and we will all miss him. Thoughts and prayers to you, Madelaine.
D.D. Wolohan

D.D. Wolohan - September 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ So, so sorry about Richard's sudden passing. My condolences go out to Madeline and the entire family.

Evie Zlotkin - September 12, 2014 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ I remember Richard as a little kid when I was good friends with his brother, Jack. I always had wished that our paths had crossed when my wife, Toots Green, was serving in the NM House of Representatives but it never did. I was so sorry to read about his sudden death. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. John L. Green, Alamogordo, NM

John L Green - September 12, 2014 at 08:32 AM

DC

“ What sad news, that we will not have Richard's wry humor and eye twinkle to help us navigate life's challenges, explain our politicians, or point out everyday quirks. He was one of a kind, and left us too soon. Madeline, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours in this difficult time.

David and Shelly Campbel - September 12, 2014 at 05:03 AM

JK

“ I am so, so sorry to hear this news. I loved Richard and his warmth.

Julie King - September 11, 2014 at 07:07 PM

DP

“ Madeline. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and you family. Donna Yonack Palvadeau

Donna palvadeau - September 11, 2014 at 06:16 PM

GB

“ I am so sorry we won't be seeing his cheerful face and sharing his sense of humor any more. He was a good friend from long ago in Artesia and it was always nice to run into him from time to time here in Albuquerque. Madeline I feel for you and your family. May he rest in peace. God be with you all. Glenelle G Butler

Glenelle G Butler - September 11, 2014 at 04:58 PM

GY

“ Richard dear:
I am in total shock. I expected you to outlive us all, with your great sense of humor and positive outlook at life. You will be missed terribly by all your family and friends. RIP, dear soul. :-(

Gila Yaniv - September 11, 2014 at 04:31 PM

MS

“ Richard was one of my favorite people at Artesia High - always smiling, always friendly, even to nerds like me! RIP, Richard, and my sincere sympathies to his family. A great loss.

Martha (Klerekoper) Stites
Albuquerque NM

Martha Stites - September 11, 2014 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ On behalf of the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Staff & Membership, we extend our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Richard served as Chairman of the Board for the Chamber 1995-1996. We are forever indebted to him for his commitment & service to the Rio Rancho community. Debbi Moore, President & CEO

Debbi Moore - September 11, 2014 at 02:23 PM

 Jana
Aspin

“ *What a wonderful man. Madeline, I'm so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family. There are going to be a lot of fond memories of Richard far and wide.*

Jana Lee Aspin

Jana Aspin - September 11, 2014 at 12:36 PM

RO

“ *Richard was one of the quickest and funniest people I have ever met in my life. I will miss him. Roberta*

Roberta - September 11, 2014 at 09:31 AM

EM

“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Creator will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21: 3, 4 help you gain strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4:13 jw.org*

Emanuel - September 11, 2014 at 07:44 AM

DG

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Dante Gutierrez-Zamora - September 10, 2014 at 03:52 PM

GV

I worked briefly with Richard at the NM Lottery, so I got just a taste of his spirit and wit -- but both left a lasting impression. My sincere condolences to the Williams family.

Gayle Vance - September 11, 2014 at 09:46 AM



Dearest Madeline,

Shep and I are selfishly so saddened at Richard's passing. We loved being with you two and we were looking forward to many more gatherings. Richard and you bring a wonderful loving light to all who are with you. We now look forward to spending time with you and we send you all our love. Joanne

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Joanne Camp - September 13, 2014 at 07:56 PM