



## Max L. Williams Rev.

July 3, 2010

Rev. Max L. Williams, Jr., 59, born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, went home to the Lord on Saturday, July 3, 2010. Serving as a United Methodist minister for 30 years in the West Ohio Conference, Max was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothea and his sister, Ruth; and is survived by his father, Max, Sr., sister, Barbara Payne, both of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Jayne (Jan) Stuckey, of Marietta, Georgia, and their families. Max is survived by his pride and joy, sons, 2Lt. J. Zachary Williams, of Fort Knox, Kentucky and Samuel T. Williams, a senior at Baldwin-Wallace College, in Berea, Ohio. Family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00pm. THURSDAY, July 29, 2010 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, Ohio 43065 (614)-792-1471 with a brief prayer service at 4:00pm. The prayer service will be conducted by Rev. John Girard. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Funeral services will be held at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EATON RAPIDS, 600 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, Michigan on SATURDAY, July 31, 2010 with Rev. Dean Francis, Rev. Lyle Heaton and Rev. Daniel Hofmann, officiating. Family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00pm with services at 4:00pm., as well as a light dinner at the church following the service. Special thanks to the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center and Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, Florida and to the numerous friends and family who continue to be an enormous support. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Max L. Williams Rev.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our condolences go out to the entire Williams family on Max's recent passing. He was an inspiration in many ways to many folks, and I will never forget his comfort and counsel years ago when a good friend of ours died unexpectedly. And what a dynamic preacher. We will certainly keep the family in our prayers.*

**Bill and Marsha Wright** - July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Zachery and Sam, We are members of Scioto Ridge Church. Your Dad was a great help and comfort through the years he was there. We want you to know how sorry we are for your loss. We have you in our prayers!*

**Al and Betty Lou Leppeer** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pastor Max married my husband and I just last year. I was very sad when I heard of the news of his passing. I am very sorry for the family's loss. Pastor Max was a great guy. I will always remember him as a very caring person and always trying to make everyone feel welcome at church! I only knew him for a short time, but from that time I could tell he was very active within the community and loved everyone around him. We will miss you Pastor Max, but we will see you again one day.*

**Kayla Hedge** - July 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to Zach, Sam, Lou and Max's family for this untimely loss. Be comforted by your memories of good times and know that he is now at peace. With Sympathy, Rex & Joni Schlagenhauf

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**Joni Lovett** - July 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To all who knew and loved Max, I offer my deepest sympathy. Like some who have posted here, I shared growing up years with Max in our home town of Eaton Rapids, in school and in church. I was so pleased to know he'd become a minister, and fortunate to spend an overnight in his home in Ohio when my daughter and I were visiting small colleges in the area. It was wonderful to reconnect then, and we are all still connected now, thanks to our individual and shared memories. May God's blessings be abundant in this time of remembering Max and his family.

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**Jan McGilliard** - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this sad time. I did not know Max personally but worked with his sister Barb for many years in Mason, Mi. Barb always spoke highly of Max and his family.

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**Donald and Kandy Chamberlain** - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I lived across the street from the Williams family and have such good memories. He was a wonderful man. So kind hearted, funny, good natured. I did get a chance to talk to him at Annette's funeral. He will be missed by so many.

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**Deb Norton Hama**n - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *my prayers are with you I know Max is in Heaven*

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**Cora mosher Cole** - July 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Williams family. Max was a very special young man and he will greatly be missed. May the family find peace in knowing he is with our gracious Lord.*

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**Dennis Moore** - July 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *My memories of Max will always be with that smile on his face. My thoughts are with you all. Denny*

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**Denny Winter Rohn** - July 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Max was more than just a close friend and classmate to myself and others both in Eaton Rapids and at Central Michigan University; Max was part of our "external family." And to those who didn't know him, Max was always there to listen and offer a kind word. We shared classes throughout school, sang together in Church Choir (children's & Senior Chancel), and were roommates at CMU for one year. Listening to music, especially The Beatles and Simon & Garfunkel. Our sympathies & prayers go out to Max's Family.*

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**Myron Wernette** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“Max will be missed by many, I graduated with Max as well as played sports with him. Even though he was a larger man by stature than most of us what really was noticed about Max was the size of his kindness and wonderful nature. I don't recall ever seeing Max with a frown, always smiling and that is what I remember mostly about Max. I have not seen or even spoken with Max since leaving high school and yet with his passing I feel the loss.

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**Thomas Scott** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“What a great friend. You will truly be missed by old classmates and your church community. John Seeley

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**John Seeley** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“Dear Zach & Sam: I didn't know your dad, but he must have been a really great man to have been blessed with two such wonderful sons! I lost my dad to lung cancer about 8 years ago. He wasn't a perfect man, but I loved him as much as any daughter has ever loved her father. The loss of a parent leaves behind a pain and a sadness that never truly goes away, but I can promise you this, as time passes, that pain will be replaced by happy memories. You will remember all the good times, all the funny times, all the private and special times you had with your dad. I know your dad was proud of you both and that he will be looking down on you as you live the lives that you were created to live and he will continue to be proud. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love & Blessings. Loree Scott

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**Loree Scott** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Max always seemed "bigger-than-life." He was always surrounded by an atmosphere of kindness and nurturing awareness. His memory lives in the world as our own active compassion for the struggle of others, and his immortal soul continues to nurtures us from beyond. Thanks, Max!

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**David Kirkpatrick** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I received an eamil from Max about a year ago and it stimulated many fond memories of our time at ERHS. Sorry for his family and friends and their loss.

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**Mark Nash** - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Nancy and John are sending our deepest sympathy for your sorrow and loss of a very special person. I had known Max since he was little, as well as his family and a special friend of Barb. Max was always full of life and love, with such a giving heart. We are so sorry for the pain you are experiencing. Sending lots of prayers and special affection to each of you - Nancy and John (plus John and his family were very close neighbors in Eaton Rapids)

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**Nancy (Hall) Snyder Pierce** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Class of 1968

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**Richard Alan Haskill** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Max and I grew up and graduated together, sharing many experiences, from little league baseball, paper routes, church youth group, high school choir, (singing next to each other)and small ensemble, high school plays (playing father & son in one)and reliable confidant. In 1973, Max served as my best man. It is beyond imaginable to be writing in his memorial book at this time! To Zach & Sam & Lou, to Max Sr, Jayne & Barb, and to our mutual friends, my very deepest sympathy!*

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**Bill Minnich** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *I would like to offer my condolences to Max's sons, friend and ex-wife, his sisters and Dad. Max and I were good friends in high school, having spent many hours in student council, home room and many classes together through out our high school years. I was sorry to miss him at Annette's funeral, as I could only attend the visitation. My prayers continue for your family and for Max. May he rest in the loving arms of our Lord.*

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**Charlotte (Weaver) Kendregan** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Max will be forever remembered by my husband and I of one of inspiration and realism. Max officiated our marriage in 1994 and both my baptism as an adult and my children. My husband and I frequently say that there will never be another minister that will touch as Max did. He had a gift of moving people of all ages and with such humor! He could make you laugh and bring you tears. I will never be able to listen to certain songs without thinking " I wish I could hear Max sing that" What a voice. As a Hospice nurse, I only hope that Max got the great care he deserved towards the end of his life. I know he has great care now. Thanks Max for touching our lives and I wish his son's peace in knowing how many lives their father has touched that probably Max did not even know about.

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**Roger and Caren Spears** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Max will be greatly missed by the Class of '68! He was always eager to help...ready to share a smile and make you feel lucky to know him. I love you and I miss you....Shar

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**Sharlene Bearman Johnson** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I graduated from Eaton Rapids in 1969, its been over 40 years since I have seen Max. But I still remember him, he was the type of guy, once you knew him, you would never forget him. His obituary showed he accomplished a lot in his life. He was one of the GREAT Eaton Rapids boys. God Bless, John Hayhoe

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**John Hayhoe** - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM