



## Anne Kilduff Williams

April 4, 1927 - August 8, 2009

Anne Kilduff Williams, 82, died Saturday August 8, 2009 at UCONN Health Center in Farmington. She was the loving wife of Fred C. Williams, who predeceased her in 2005. Anne was the eldest daughter of seven children to the late Beatrice and Edward Kilduff, Sr. She was born in New Rochelle, NY, and moved with her parents to New Britain where she attended New Britain High School. She married her navy sweetheart in 1946 at Stanley Memorial Church and they moved to Kensington where they lived for 60 years. She moved to Chatfield in West Hartford in 2007. While raising her family, she was employed by the Southern New England Telephone Company as an operator for over 20 years and retired in 1989. She was a member of Stanley Memorial Church where she served as a deacon and was active in the Ladies Guild. She was also a member of the New England Telephone Company Pioneer Club and enjoyed lunches with her dear friends from the telephone company and from the Club. She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Williams and her partner, Emily Poriss, of Bloomfield; Kathryn Strohmer and her husband, Thomas, of West Hartford; and three sons, Cliff Williams and his wife, Joan, of Farmington; Fred Williams of West Hartford; and Steven Williams of New Britain. She is also survived by her two sisters, Virginia Charnick of New Britain, and Ellen Brush and her husband, William, of Southington; and three brothers, Edward Kilduff, Jr., of New Britain; William Kilduff of Southington, and Peter Kilduff, and his wife, Judy, of New Britain. She is survived by seven grandchildren; Margot Duzak of Boston, Heather Bushnell and her husband,

Brett, of West Hartford; Jason Vaitukaitis and his wife, Andrea, of Rowayton, CT; Eric and Sean Williams of Avon; Mitch Williams of Colorado; and Tyler Williams of Plainville; two great grand children, Matthew and Ryan Bushnell; her dear friend, Bernard Fox of West Hartford; her primary caregiver and niece, Debby Doria; two sisters-in-laws, Anita DeLaurenti and Kathryn Gougar, both of New Lenox, IL; one brother-in-law; Clifford Haney of Joliet, IL; more than fifty nieces and nephews; many cousins and dear friends from church, the phone company and Chatfield. She was predeceased by her daughter, Charlotte Williams, who died in 1996; a brother, Charles Langley; and a sister, Marjorie Doria.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday 10 AM at Stanley Memorial Church, 639 East Street, New Britain. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours will be held Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to Stanley Memorial Church. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

“ As most of you know, Anne and I were the ‘alpha’ and the ‘omega’; the first and the last -- of our parents’ seven children. So I am pleased that Anne’s children asked me to reflect on their mother’s life, which also helped to shape mine.

*It is also appropriate that we gather to celebrate Anne’s life here in the Stanley Memorial Church. Anne devoted a good portion of her life to this church:*

- attending Sunday school and church services here as a child;
- helping our mother to ‘shepherd’ the other six kids including myself to services here, to our neighborhood church;
- being married here as a young woman;
- bringing some of her children here to be baptized in the strong Christian faith and values she learned from our mother;
- and, serving here for so much of her life as a parishioner, deacon and member of the Stanley Memorial Ladies Guild.

*Anne and her late husband, Fred, lived many seasons of their lives in and through this church, just as they were described in the Book of Ecclesiastes:*

*‘To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

*‘A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted’*

*‘A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*‘A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*‘A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*‘A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.’*

*Anne and Fred endured all of the highs and the lows of this eternal cycle:*

- their meeting and falling in love during the dark time of World War II;
- marrying in the hopeful postwar days of peace;
- working to support their growing family in the relative *&#147;luxury&#148;* of their own home gained thanks to Fred&#146;s GI benefits and his and Anne&#146;s strong work ethic;
- seeing their children become productive adults with families of their own;
- suffering the loss of their daughter Charlotte long before her time should have come;
- knowing the joy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren;
- and, with special a special sweetness that is reserved for treasures late in life, regaining the love and friendship of our brother Charles.

*Like her mother before her, Anne learned early in life to cope with adversity:*

- when our father left our mother, Anne took charge of the kids while Mom went to work in a factory to support the family;
- and, when the fresh neighborhood boys saw this shy 14-year-old girl pushing a carriage with her infant brother in it and calling out: *&#147;Hey, Annie! Where did you get that baby?&#148;* -- she had the inner strength to absorb the pain and ignore them.

*But Anne showed wisdom beyond her years when she met a handsome sailor named Fred. She was only 16, but fibbed and told Fred she was 17, so he wouldn&#146;t think she was just a kid. As it turned out, Fred was only 17, but said he was 18 to impress Anne with the fact that he was a fighting Man.*

*Despite early hardships, Anne&#146;s life was filled with love: provided by her husband, her family and many friends gained over the years; and, in more recent times, the loving friendship of Bernie, whose kindness and wisdom helped her endure some hard times before her passing.*

*I know that Anne's children remember her as a woman of strong character and I like to think that, as her baby brother, I helped her develop some of her parenting skills. She was at the beginning of her long career at the Telephone Company when, at about age 7 or 8, I convinced our mother to let me stay home from school one day. To cope with the eventual boredom that set in, I decided to use our home phone to call the popular cowboy star Roy Rogers in Hollywood. The operator who was assisting me tipped Anne about the call from her mother's apartment. So, I was quite surprised when Anne came on the line and quickly discouraged me from such adventures. That was the only time I remember Anne scolding me and I never forgot her persuasive powers.*

*But now Anne has been called to a higher, better place and we need to let her go. She lived a full and productive life that came to a gentle close, surrounded by those she loved and who loved her.*

*So, as Anne's earthly remains depart from Stanley Memorial for the last time, let us be comforted by the words of a spiritual promise yet to come as written by the Apostle Paul in his second letter to the early Christian bishop Timothy:*

*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;*

*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.*

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**Peter Kilduff** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Sandy, Kathy, Clifford, Fred & Steven:  
I'm very sorry for your loss. Your mother meant a lot the Langley family, especially to my late father. Although I didn't know her long, she left an indelible mark on my life, too. My prayers are with you all.*

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**Brad Langley & Family Alexandra, Jonathan, Ethan & Jeanne Pash** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Dear Sandy, Kathy, Clifford, Fred and Steven,*

*We are thinking of you and sharing your sadness. May each of you realize the Peace that is hers now forever.*

*With love always,*

*June and Dave Kingsbury*

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**June and Dave Kingsbury** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *One of the best Aunt's a person could ask for. Never judging always supportive no matter how bad I thought I screwed up. I remember when Margo would come and stay I would get to spend a night or two over Auntie Anne's. She would usually take us to a play at the Oakdale and she always made her wonderful cinnamon cookies. After Jillyann was born it would be wonderful to hear from Auntie Anne as I would send her pictures of Jillyann. She made me feel so proud. I will truly miss her and will love her always. My prayers and thoughts are with all the Williams/Kilduff families. Love to all.*

*Jennifer Brush*

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**Jennifer Brush** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I remember spending many summers sleeping over and going to the park down the street from their house to do arts and crafts and just spend time in the park. When I lived around the corner in 1996, I spent many a day bringing Brian to visit with his great-aunt and visiting the same park I played in as a child. I am going to miss her smile and kind and gentle ways. I love you Auntie Anne...xoxoxo

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**Pamela Brush** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy at the passing of your dear mother. She raised a beautiful family and now you have an angel to watch over all of you.

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**Pamela Pasciucco** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My sincere condolences to your family during this difficult time. I have known Anne for a little over a year, and am sorry to have known her for such a brief period of time. I found her to be a very kind and gentle person. She was quick to smile and was always happy, especially when in the company of her family or her boyfriend Bernie the mention of his name always brought a special smile to her face.

*You have such a wonderful family! Your Mom loved you all very much. I have watched you spend the last 8 days of your Mom's life by her side and it's obvious how much you love her too.*

*Having just recently lost a parent, I understand how difficult it is...whether it's abrupt or whether you know it's coming, the loss is never easy. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Anne is at peace now and I wish you all peace as well.*

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**Helen Fazzina** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ From all of us, we are so sorry for your loss. Anne was a special neighbor to us and we will miss her dearly. We will never forget our talks in her kitchen or the food that always seemed to make it across the street. A very special friend indeed.

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**the Kobus Family** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I remember Mrs. Williams as a child growing up in Kensington. She was such a sweet lady as well as her husband was a very nice man. I pray for the family to have peace in their hearts and minds at this time. May God truly bless you!

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**Jimmy Lanni** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM