



Dennis P. Williams

May 6, 1953 - June 11, 2025

Dennis Paul Williams, 72, of Crystal Falls, Michigan, passed away at his home on June 11, 2025. Born on May 6, 1953, in Crystal Falls to Grace and Tom, Dennis was a proud lifelong resident who left a lasting mark on his community, family, and friends.

Dennis was a devoted husband of 50 years to his high school sweetheart, Debra Kay (Nylund) Williams. Together, they raised three children—Tommy, Nicki, and Bobbie Jo—and created a life rich with love, laughter, and cherished memories. He was a treasured grandfather to nine adoring grandchildren, who knew him as their greatest cheerleader and a well of wisdom.

A graduate of Forest Park High School in 1971, he then attended Michigan Tech and would talk about getting there in record time driving his 1970 Plymouth Cuda. Though college wasn't his calling, it was there that he took the first step towards his career path by parking his first concrete mixer at his fraternity, the KD House.

In 1973, Dennis co-founded Williams Redi-Mix with his father, laying the foundation for a family legacy in business. In 1978, he expanded that legacy with the Williams Mini Mall, a venture he launched alongside his dad and brother Duane. For Dennis, work wasn't just a job, it was a passion and his

hobby. He took immense pride in his businesses, and his office door was always open for a cup of coffee and conversation. He continued to work tirelessly until the very end—exactly how he would've wanted it.

His heart was firmly rooted in Crystal Falls, where he was known as a walking encyclopedia of local history and genealogy. His grandchildren often joked that "Grandpa knows more than Google." Summers were his favorite time of year, especially at the family cottage on Long Lake, where generations came together to laugh, swim, play games, work on projects, enjoy snow cones and French fries, sit by campfires and reflect on the life he so lovingly built.

Beyond his work ethic and wisdom, Dennis will be remembered for the joy he found in simple pleasures: Friday nights at the Redi-Mix plant with friends, family camping trips, parade rides in the army duck, deer season with the guys, rides with his dogs and impromptu storytelling sessions that drew in anyone within earshot.

Dennis is survived by his beloved wife, Debbie, children Tom (Jen) Williams, Nicki (Jason) Price, and Bobbie Jo (Robb) Anderson, and grandchildren Elsie, Audrey, Isaac, Vienna, Lyle, Lee, Harper, Evie, and Josie. He is also survived by his siblings Duane (Debbi) Williams and Donna (Dale) Bowman, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and lifelong friends who will miss him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Grace Williams, and brothers-in-law Roger Stoor, Mark Nylund, and Larry Nylund.

A Visitation for Dennis will be held on Wednesday June 18, 2025 from 2:30pm-5:30pm at Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls. A Memorial Service will follow at 5:30 pm at the church with Pastor Vicki Prewitt and DJ Rasner officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Dennis's honor—continuing his legacy of community, and generosity.

Condolences to the family of Dennis Williams may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Memorial Service

JUN 18. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GL

“ Guy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis P. Williams.

Guy L. - June 26, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MW

“ I meet Dennis at the semi finals of the boys basketball game. I could tell he loved his family and community. My condolence to his family.

Marion Wilkinson - June 24, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JN

“ Debra Kay, Tommy, Nicki, Bobbi, and Family.
I am so sorry for your loss. Dennis was a great man.
He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. I was honored to call him a friend during my time in Crystal Falls. Many great times with the gang. God Bless!
Rest in Peace Willie.
Joe Nash

Joe Nash - June 19, 2025 at 09:03 AM

FP

“ We will miss Dennis's presence on Long Lake. Always a smile and wave from the pontoon, or stopping to chat when doing the Yooper run with the dogs in the evening (Dennis in the side by side and the dogs running). He touched many lives in so many ways and those memories will live on for all of us. Our condolences to all of the family.

Dave & Faith Peterson

Faith Peterson - June 18, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MB

“ Michael B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis P. Williams.

Michael B. - June 18, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JB

“ To the Williams family-- you are all in my prayers at this time of great loss. God Bless You. Dennis's spirit lives on Long Lake.....

Jody Brunner
(from Long Lake)
Mishawaka, IN

Jody Brunner - June 18, 2025 at 12:46 PM

JL

To the Williams family....
My husband Gino and I Janice, are residents on Wilderness Way in Frystal Falls since 2010. Dennis and family gave serviced our road, driveway, and lawn all those years. We are so very sad at his passing. RIP, Dennis! You are so appreciated. God bless your family who must proceed without you. You are loved by many . Sincerely, Gino and Jan Soldano

Janice C. Lazore-Soldano - June 18, 2025 at 06:09 PM

PW

“ So sorrow for your loss; our community lost another good native son. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Patricia Westcott - June 17, 2025 at 04:03 PM

LM

“ To the family of Dennis - we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts will be with you in the days ahead.
Ron Dalton and Lorraine McMillan

lorraine mcmillan - June 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TF

“ *The Brynda Families purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Dennis P. Williams.*



The Brynda Families - June 16, 2025 at 06:17 PM

TF

“ *The Donald C Williams Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dennis P. Williams.*



The Donald C Williams Family - June 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM

TF

“ *The Donald C Williams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis P. Williams.*

The Donald C Williams Family - June 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dennis P. Williams.*



June 16, 2025 at 03:39 PM



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

June 16, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis P. Williams.



June 16, 2025 at 01:11 PM



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

June 16, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Mary Ellyn Sedenik & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis P. Williams.



Mary Ellyn Sedenik & Family - June 15, 2025 at 08:20 PM

SK

“ Dennis, many special conversations to remember...Always appreciated the candor and can do attitude he brought. Makes you think when one is called to his/her final resting at a unexpected time. God only knows...Love of family was evident on this earth for Dennis and was proud of his full family. He will be community missed.

steven & Cho kurkerewicz - June 15, 2025 at 05:00 PM

DK

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. We are grateful for the 1971 class reunions where we could visit with Willy and other classmates. Earl has many wonderful memories and stories about his friend Willy that go back to childhood. Willy's legacy is his family who are as amazing as he was. We are sad, but we know we will see him again when it's our turn to leave this earth. We know Willy will be there to greet us with that great smile of his 🙏🙏🙏.
Mr. Earl U. Koski and Dr. Bonnie L. Koski

Dr. Bonnie L. and Mr. Earl U. Koski - June 14, 2025 at 03:36 PM

DE

“ Dennis was our Long Lake neighbor and friend, always a smiling face and time to chat. Always there to help with advice about the best way to do something, or showing up (after he had finished his work day) to dig, doze, smooth or whatever was needed. We will miss him greatly, his shout of greeting as we drove by on the pontoon, his riding by with a ton of grandkids in back of a side by side, his happy wave at being at the lake. Peace to you all, Debra Kay, Duane, Donna and all of your great family. Dennis leaves a legacy.

Diane (McNeil) and Rob Emo - June 13, 2025 at 09:54 PM

SG

My sincere condolences to the family. Cherish your wonderful memories. May he rest in peace. Praying for all of you 🙏❤️!

Sheree Graham - June 14, 2025 at 10:16 AM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers to the Williams family...

Kathy Sundquist - June 13, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SN

“ With sincere sympathy to Debbie and family, what a guy! Many memories from early on in school thru Hi school and into our class reunions. Getting his flatbed ready so us 'kids' could make floats for the Bass Festival parades he was there for us. Classmates enjoyed everything he did. Willie, you will be missed.

Sandy Jankowski Neargarth - June 13, 2025 at 04:45 PM

SN

“ Sandy Jankowski Neargarth lit a candle in memory of Dennis P. Williams



Sandy Jankowski Neargarth - June 13, 2025 at 04:31 PM

TM

“ Troy and Kallie Margoni purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Dennis P. Williams.



Troy and Kallie Margoni - June 13, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear we lost Dennis. I've always considered him a good friend and classmate. In my first year at tech we really got to know each other on our weekly rides to and from school. I recall riding with him several times in his cuda so I can confirm just how quick a trip it was. I can still see him bouncing off the walls of Wadsworth hall as he learned how to ride his unicycle. He was a wonderful person to know. God bless him and his family at this time.

Mike Danielson - June 13, 2025 at 04:28 PM

RG

“ 53 years ago, I rode with Willie in his 1st cement truck from Houghton to Crystal Falls. We became friends at MTU during our 1st year of college. We have been friends ever since and enjoyed visiting with him at his and my wife's high-school class reunions. We visited once in a while at his work when I would stop by to say Hello! He will be missed in my world too!

Ray Guzowski - June 13, 2025 at 03:35 PM