



Cole Paul Williams

February 25, 2017

Cole P Williams, 66, of Sarasota FL, formerly of Illinois, went to be with the Lord Saturday, February 25, 2017.

A celebration of life will be held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Sarasota Florida, at 3:00 Saturday, March 4, with an opportunity to visit with the family at 2:00.

A visitation will be held beginning at 1:00, March 11 at the First Presbyterian Church in Effingham, IL, with a Celebration of Life at 3:00.

Cole was born August 18, 1950 to Braxton Bailey and Joann Cole Williams. He was joined in Holy Union on April 22, 1990, with Russell F Grimes, deceased October 23, 2009.

He is survived by a daughter, Kate Cassell and two granddaughters, Micah and Abi, all of Normal, Illinois. Also surviving are two sisters and their spouses Cyndy (Steve) Rice and Karla (John) McCamish. Cole also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends he loved dearly.

Cole was a dedicated educator and advocate for human rights throughout his life.

Memorials can be made to First Congressional United Church of Christ,
Sarasota or First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois.

Tribute Wall

FC

“*Cole was a wonderful person and meant so much to a lot of people for various reasons. It was my privilege to share two beautiful granddaughters with him, Micah and Abi who loved him very much. My condolences to his family and friends. Sleep well my friend.*

Florence Cassell - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*So very sorry for your loss Cole Williams family and friends.*

*Cole was always smiling, a joy to be around.
Cole RIP.
You will be missed by many.*



Carolyn Skelcher - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*My sincere condolences to Cole's family and friends. He will be missed.*

Cole, thank you for your kindness and sense of humor. I will miss our conversations after my walks and all the encouragement you gave me. Keep an eye on us, we can all use a guardian angel.

Rest In Peace.

Jacque Dammann - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Cole and Russ while I worked for the Illinois Education Association. He was the ultimate activist for human rights. We had many laughs together.

Ken Reinhardt - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Cole was a good friend and a wonderful political activist. He taught my students about political conventions and the difference a singular voice and vote can make. I am so sorry for your loss, Kate.

Debra Piner - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Cole, I'll miss your wit, your laugh, and all the great conversations we had! Rest in peace now, and know that the world is a little bit colder without you in it.

Ron Marano - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I worked with Cole while in the Illinois Education Association. He had a delightful personality and was a consummate professional. I am saddened to learn he has passed. My condolences to his family and friends.

Connie Norton - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for all of your family.

Cyrlene Hicks - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. Almighty God gives you and yours comfort
1Peter 5:7*

March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the privilege to work with Cole for a couple of years in the
Bloomington IEA office. He was a great and fantastic friend and a
great friend to many others. He will be missed.*

Karen Hancock - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *You were always a fun guy to spend time with. I always looked
forward to us getting together with you. Conversations with you
were always entertaining and enlightening. Rest In Peace.*

Ron Humphrey - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *A longtime and loving friend; a true professional colleague; a
consummate advocate who empowered and championed so many;
a heart whose breadth and depth were never compromised by its
physical limitation. While your passing is a deep loss, your life and
legacy are blessings to us all!*

Mitchell Roth - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP Cole. Your sense of humor and smile endeared you to your
IEASO brothers and sisters. Your education travels made the
Association stronger.*

Corky Marinkovich - March 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM