

Teacher Obituary - Mallie Williams (10 June 2004)



Mallie M. Williams, 79, of East Moline, died June 10, 2004, at Manor Care in Libertyville, Ill.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church, Moline. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Esterdahl Mortuary, 6601 38th Ave., Moline. Burial will be in National Cemetery, with military rites conducted by American Legion Post 246. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mallie Williams Scholarship Fund in care of Jamieson Long and Associates, Moline.

Mallie was born April 8, 1925, in East Moline.

Mr. Williams was a lifelong resident of East Moline. A professional musician, he taught music at United Township High School for 34 years until he retired in 1986. He also taught music at Hampton Elementary School, Carbon Cliff and served briefly on the faculty of Black Hawk College. After retirement, he served as minister of music for First Christian Church of Moline until 2001. He also served as the choir director at First Baptist Church, Moline; Union Congregational Church, Moline; and Gaines Chapel AME Church, East Moline.

He proudly served his country in Indian Gap Town, Pa., as a member of the United States Army band when the Armed Forces were still segregated. After the service, Mr. Williams returned to East Moline where he attended Augustana College receiving a degree in music education. In 1954, he wed Lorraine Madlock of Cedar Rapids. In 1959 he earned his Master of Arts from the University of Iowa.

Mr. Williams was active in his community, pursuing his love of music and educating young people. He served as music director for Quad City Music Guild for several productions including "Oliver," "Lil' Abner," "Fiddler on the Roof," "West Side Story," "The Sound of Music," "Man of LaMancha," and "The King and I." He also taught private music lessons to countless students.

Mr. Williams received many awards and commendations throughout his career including the Outstanding Secondary Educator Award and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Augustana College. He served on the Augustana College Alumni Board.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Williams; daughter, Karla Williams; grandson, Nate Elsey-Williams; son-in-law, Ronald Elsey; many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jessie Williams and step-mother Ruth Williams.