

William A Williams

December 21, 1930 ~ January 18, 2026

William A Williams, son of Thomas Francis Williams and Luella Grace Dean Williams, was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. Bill passed away at home early in the morning on Sunday January 18, 2026 after a short illness.

Bill was born in Ogden, Utah and was the youngest of 3 brothers. His mother had hoped for a daughter but as Bill grew to be 6 feet 5 inches he always believed his mom was happy he was a boy.

Bill was raised during the great depression, and while times were difficult for his parents, he was never aware that things could be better. His mother was a great manager of finances; she canned fruit, sewed clothing, and prepared tasty meals such as macaroni and cheese, meat loaf, and soups each day, plus his mother was always home for her boys when they came home from school!

At the age of 14, Bill worked during the summer at family owned Shupe Williams Candy Company. His main job was roasting nuts and popping popcorn. He would pop 50 each 50 gallon drums of popcorn a day! At the age of 16, he got his drivers license and began delivering the candy and popcorn around the Ogden area until he left for his mission in 1951.

Upon graduating from Ogden High School, he attended Weber State College. Many of his friends also attended Weber and he always said those years were really fun.

Bill met his beloved wife Clarice at Weber State, when he was asked to join the Dorian Singers. The Dorian Singers were sponsored and performed in multiple special events and musical productions. This gave them the opportunity to spend more time together and their relationship flourished.

World War II had just ended and things were slowly getting back to normal. Bill was delivering candy when he heard on the radio that the United States was going to war against North Korea. Bill knew that he could be drafted and sent to Korea to fight. However, in May of 1950, Bill received his mission call to report to the Salt Lake Mission Home in January of 1951 to prepare for his Mission to Hawaii.

Bill loved Clarice very much, but he knew he had to go on a mission to honor his parents wishes.

So Bill and Clarice decided to marry the day before Thanksgiving, allowing a long weekend for their Honeymoon then returning back to Weber State on Monday and have 2 months together before Bill left on this mission.

They were married in the Logan temple on November 22, 1950.

Then, Bill was advised by President David O McKay to get into the Mission Field in December rather than January because the Korean War was heating up. He departed for Hawaii on December 20, 1950 after 4 weeks of marriage. He loves the Hawaiian people to this day.

After his mission, Bill and Clarice met in Hawaii and stayed for Christmas then boarded the Lurline for the trip home. They settled in SLC and he continued his education at the University of Utah.

In May of 1955, Bill was approved for Officer Candidate School. After graduating, he received his “orders” to report to the USS Talladega as the Disbursing Officer and Assistant Supply Officer. Bills Navy assignment had them living in Athens, Ga and Long Beach, Ca. He then served 6 months overseas in Subic Bay and docked in Hong Kong, Osaka and Nagasaki.

While home on leave in Ogden, Bill and Clarice were packing their car to drive back to Long Beach when they received a call from the adoption agency to come pick up their daughter in 4 hours! So everyone scrambled to get baby supplies and they headed back to Long Beach. Upon release from the Navy, Bill and Clarice moved back to Ogden, Ut, where they lived for 19 glorious years.

In 1959, while they were in Ogden, they were given the blessing to adopt their sweet red haired son, Jeffrey.

In 1958, Bill started work at again at Shupe Williams Candy Company as office manager. Shortly after his father (who was the majority shareholder in Shupe Williams) passed away, he became President of Shupe Williams. .

He went to work two times knowing that he wouldn’t be able to make payroll that was due the next day. He knew he had done all he could do and was prepared to shut down the business. Both times, he received a check in almost the exact amount needed that allowed him to meet payroll. To some it might be a coincidence but he knew the Lord helped him meet payroll and keep the business open. Bill always said that he paid his tithing and he knew for certain that he was blessed at that time.

With his brother Franks help the candy company was shut down and they started making plumbing supplies for Federal Huber, Co which was run by Frank. After a short time Federal Huber was sold to Bradley Corp. Bradley purchased 10 acres and Bill turned the first spade of dirt in whats now the Weber County Industrial Park where they built a state of the art new facility for Bradley.

During this time he was called as Second Counselor for the 43rd Ward. In 1972 He was called as Bishop and served until 1976. He was very influential in mentoring the youth of the ward and he proudly visited every widower during the holidays. Bill, Clarice, Linda and Jeff moved to Salt Lake in 1977 and moved into a newly built home on Ambassador Way.

In 1986 Bill and his brother Dean purchased W. H. Bintz Co which was bank owned. Dean put up the money and they became partners. Bill became the President. Dean went on a mission and Bill took over ownership and management of newly named Bintz Restaurant Supply. It was very successful. In 2002, he sold Bintz. Bill continued to go to his office at Bintz every day until he was 92, and many of the employees became lifelong friends.

In 2003 he was called to serve as Bishop to the homeless, serving on Welfare Square. The calling brought great joy to him and also great sadness to see all the problems suffered by those in need. He felt the individuals he worked with would be the people the Savior would greet if he were on earth today.

In the 1990s once again his brother Dean helped him by finding his forever home in the Oak Hills Condos, where they again met many lovely neighbors and attended the Crestview ward faithfully until the end.

His beloved wife Clarice was laid to rest in May, 2025. They would have celebrated their 75Th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2025.

Bill is survived by his daughter Linda, son Jeff, grandson Colby Hassard, grandaughter in law Alicia Hassard and two great grandchildren Jemie and Desmond. His brothers Dean and Frank, and his parents predeceased him.

Special thanks to his live-in caregiver Misi Mahe for hours of laughter, spiritual discussions, songs and tender loving care and to Lei Kuulei Fiefia for daytime companionship and great meals!

Special thanks to Active Home Hospice for their loving care in Bill’s last days.

Viewing will be held Monday January 26 in the Crestview Ward Chapel at 2795 E Crestview Dr, SLC, 84108. There will be a viewing from 10:30 to 11:30 before the services and the funeral immediately after at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Primary Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice.