



## Col. Judith E. Williamson

December 8, 1917 - July 17, 2012

A gathering of family and friends of retired Col. Judith E. Williamson USAFNC, 94, of Kankakee, formerly of San Antonio, Texas, will be from 4 p.m. Friday until the 5 p.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. John Franklin from hospice will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery, Knoxville, Tenn. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Tuesday (July 17, 2012) at her home.

Col. Williamson was born Dec. 8, 1917, in Knoxville, the daughter of Wade B. and Jesse Eads Williamson. She was a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and a head nurse, serving in World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. She served as an air vac flight nurse with 1,500 hours out of Kelly Air Force Base. She was a 1936 graduate of Knoxville High School, a graduate of Tampa General Hospital Gordon Keller School of Nursing and did post graduate study at Johns Hopkins University and Mayo Clinic. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio.

Surviving are two nephews, Wade and Bert Williamson, both of Knoxville; and her family by proxy, the Hamlyn, Seitker and Yonke families, all of the Kankakee area.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dr. Perry Williamson.

Please sign her guestbook at [clancygernon.com](http://clancygernon.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Cemetery

Knoxville, TN

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JUL 20. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Autry Roach and I met this wonderful woman when I was 20 years old, stationed at Walker AFB, 812 Medical Group , Roswell, New Mexico. One evening while studying in the laboratory she walked through and asked what was I doing. Upon learning that I studied every evening in the laboratory , she commented that "this is no place to study". She then took me to her office and said, "now this is a proper place to study". " You can study in here from now on, after all I'm not here at night." Her kindness was always remembered, and I've told that story to many friends. It would have been nice for her to know that I subsequently completed a four year tour in the Air Force and went on to become a registered nurse who thoroughly enjoyed his career .

*I found this web page because today I was going through boxes of memorabilia and came across an issue of the "Strategian", a Walker AFB newspaper published weekly . On the front page was an article that featured Co Williamson along with several other Medical Group personnel. There was a picture, and that sweet memory resurfaced. I then decided to search the web hoping to find a bit of information about her life after "Walker". My thanks to Col Williamson for her act of kindness to a young man she didn't really know.*

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**Autry Patrick Roach** - January 17, 2019 at 03:20 PM

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“ On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



*May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.*

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**Aimee Flor Nellas** - July 27, 2012 at 10:11 AM

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“ *What a wonderful lady. Always ready to say hello when she was walking at Westwood. Saw her many times when visiting my mother who lived down the hall from her. Now they can enjoy each other's company again in heaven.*

*Cathie Miedema (Elaine Mulligan's daughter).*

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**cathie miedema** - July 19, 2012 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
George and Marilyn Juergens*

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**marilyn juergens** - July 19, 2012 at 09:56 AM