

Jesse Lee Williams Jr., 95, of Greenville, South Carolina, passed away peacefully after a short illness on July 13, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Ideal, Georgia on November 9, 1930, he was the beloved son of the late Jesse Lee Williams Sr. and Angie Pearl Williams. Jesse grew up with a sharp mind and a strong work ethic, graduating from Georgia Tech with a degree in Textile Engineering. Following his graduation, he proudly served his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army in the Korean War.

Jesse dedicated the majority of his professional career to Springs Industries in Fort Mill, South Carolina where he ultimately retired as Vice President and Director of Development.

He was a founding member of Christ Episcopal Church in Sparta, North Carolina, and later a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Greenville, South Carolina. After his retirement, Jesse spent many cherished years at his home in Roaring Gap, North Carolina, where he could be found playing golf every possible day.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 57 years, Lura Nell Moore Williams.

Jesse's legacy of love, faith, and dedication lives on through his family. He is survived by his wife, Linda Reid Williams; his brother, Allen Williams (Cathy); his son, David Williams (Fran); and his daughter, Kathryn Williams (Tom Ervin). He is also survived by his stepsons, Chuck Reid (Lee) and Todd Reid (Julie); his grandchildren, Chris Williams (Nikki) and Kathryn Williams; his step-grandchildren, Katherine Reid and Anna Reid; and his great-grandchildren, Lily Williams, Patrick Williams, and Rory Williams.

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Jesse Lee Williams Jr.

November 9, 1930 — July 13, 2026

Committal

August 16, 2026

The Rev Karla Woggon
Priest in Charge

Celebration of Life and Resurrection: Rite I

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he
live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at
the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be
destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and
mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord. and if we die, we die
unto the Lord. Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the
Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our
prayers on behalf of thy servant Jesse, and grant him an
entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of
thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

Reflections by family

Please follow the family to the Columbarium.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty
God our brother Jesse; and we commit his body to its resting
place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord
bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine
upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his
countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Please join the family in the Parish Hall for a reception.