

Immediately following the service,
John's family invites you to gather at the steps
of the UUFSB Memorial Garden for the interment.
Afterwards, we'll return inside for refreshments, fellowship,
and sharing memories and photos of John.



Please share with the family your own memories of John
by using the memory cards and leave them in the basket in the lobby.
Also, please be sure to sign the guest book located in the lobby.



Thank you to all who shared their gifts
with us this morning, including:
Laura Lesch, Worship Associate;
Dorothea Cook and Peter Winkler, musicians;
Linda Cortese and Rich Hall, audio and technical support;
Joanne Hammer, hospitality;
Gretta Johnson Sally, welcoming;
and, to all Fellowship Members & Friends
who provided their support in varied ways.



To honor and remember John,
the family asks that you please consider
making a donation to the Endowment Fund of John's "home,"
the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook
380 Nicolls Road, East Setauket, NY 11733

UUFSB Mission Statement

*The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook
is a religious community that seeks diversity, individual spiritual growth,
and social and economic justice.*



John Adrian Williams

March 9, 1935 – May 6, 2025



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Celebration of Life Service

*Saturday, June 28, 2025
Eleven o'clock in the morning*



Order of Service
Saturday, June 28, 2025

**“Celebration of Life Service for
John Adrian Williams”**

Gathering Chimes

Welcome Laura Lesch

Chalice Lighting Bengt Williams and Eric Williams

Opening Music: “Saying Goodbye” Dorothea Cook
(by Peter Winkler) Peter Winkler

Reading and Reflection

Neighbors and Friends
Reflection Pramila Venkateswaran

Midwestern Roots
Reading: “Awe” (by John Williams) Erik Williams
[excerpt from UU Summer Service 2000]

Hymn: #1064 Blue Boat Home

Reading and Reflection

John as Uncle and “Great”
Reading: “Things That Have Gotten Lost” Kelsey Williams Boxall
(by John Williams)

Song: “Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep” E McKinley Hopf
(by Katherine Harner / Arr., Kathleen Jenkins) *[recording]*

Reading and Reflection

The Historian, Scholar and Activist

Reflection Gary Marker
Reading (by John Williams) Harriet Hopf
[excerpt from “Getting to the Bottom of Myself”]

Song: “Pokarekare Ana” (by Hayley Westenra) *[recording]*

Meditation

In words: “Counting Egrets” (by Ginger Williams) Nina Allen
In silence
In song: Hymn #123 Spirit of Life

Reading and Reflection

The Fellowship as Home

Reflection Denise Stevenson

John as Husband and Poet

Reading: “The Professor Walks the Dogs” Lilly McCrea
(by Ginger Williams)

Reading: “Zipper Anxiety” (by John Williams) Sean McCrea

John in Later Years

Reflection Erika Pace

Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Music: Meditation on “The Water is Wide” Dorothea Cook
(Arr. Cook-Winkler) Peter Winkler

Invitation to the Internment and the Reception

Reading (by Ginger Williams) Lilly McCrea
“On Viewing John’s Newly Washed Shirt Hanging from a Swingset”