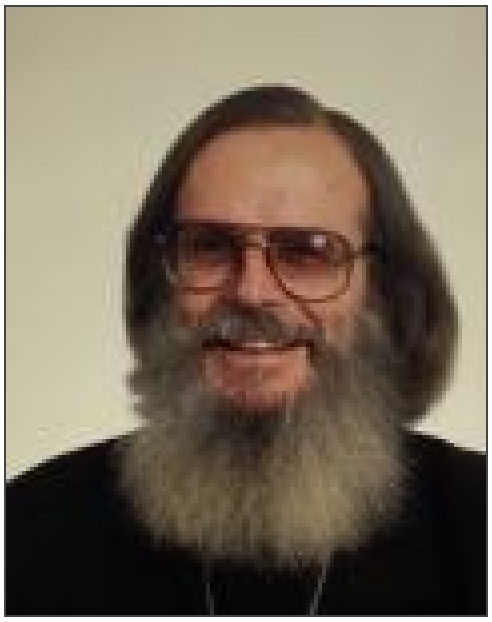
The Rev. Canon Douglas E. Williams



DECEMBER 19, 2017

The Rev. Canon Douglas Elliott Williams died peacefully, in his 80th year, on 19 December 2017 in Vancouver, B.C. The only son of Keith S. and Elizabeth D. Williams of Oxnard, California, he was born 1938 in San Bernardino, California. Predeceased by his eldest son, Zephyr Starwater Grayston (Gregory Donald) Williams (Surajit Bose) of Palo Alto, California, and his brother-in-law, The Rev. Dr. Donald E. Grayston; survived by his wife of 54 years, Helen M. (Grayston) Williams; daughters Catherine A. Hall (Anthony) of Greenwich, CT and Melody V. Williams of Stockton, CA; son Ian C. Williams and fiancée, Kristen L. Elliott of Kirkland, WA; granddaughters Elana A. Voigt (John Ryan) of Bremerton, WA, Brittany E. Ridgeway (Horatio) of Sacramento, CA; Haley V. Fowler of Stockton, CA, and great-grandchildren, Tristan and Milani Ridgeway.

Educated at the University of California, Los Angeles in Philosophy, Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxfordshire, UK, General, Theological Seminary, New York City, and most recently with a degree in Classics (Latin) and Medieval Studies from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC in November of 2017. As an Anglican/Episcopal priest, Douglas served in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of California, and Diocese of El Camino Real, retiring as Canon Precentor of Trinity Cathedral, San José, CA, before retiring to Vancouver in 2000. In the Diocese of New Westminster he served as honourary assistant in the parishes of Christ Church Cathedral, St. James', and St. Anselm's.

Requiem mass will be offered at Christ Church Cathedral, corner of Burrard and Georgia, Vancouver, on Saturday 13 January 2018 at 11 a.m. Donations in memory of Douglas may be made to the Vestment Fund of Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 2L1.

Messages of Condolence

Our deepest condolence to you, Helen, and your family. We have already missed seeing Douglas at church with his caring words and quiet leadership. Take care.

— Yvonne and Lawrence Cheung

Helen:

I am sad to learn of Doug's passing. This is indeed a very sad time for you; with your son Zephyr's death last year, and Donald's death last year. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you and your family during this time of need. I still have a throat virus and was not able to attend the requiem mass last Saturday.

Dave Sinclair.

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