



## Helen Maryette Williams

August 4, 1954 - August 30, 2018

Helen Maryette Williams unexpectedly passed away peacefully at her home on August 30, 2018. Helen was loved by her extended family and many friends, and she will be missed by all who knew her. She retired in 2014 as Information Systems Analyst with the State of CA's Employment Development Department. She was born August 4, 1954 in Yokohama, Japan, to Col. Donald Williams and wife Adelaide (Thornburg) Williams during his military duty in the US government's reconstruction program for Japan. Her family returned from Japan in mid-1950 and thereafter moved to five American cities with her father's changing military assignments. Upon his retirement in 1965, they moved to Sacramento where Helen attended Hiram Johnson High School, graduating in 1972. She then attended Sacramento City College, after which she began her 38 year career with the State of California government. She married Manuel Ramirez in 1983 in Sacramento.

She is survived by her daughter, Natalie Maryette Ramirez, plus one sister, Betsy Henning, and three brothers, David, Donald, and Michael Williams. She was blessed with many wonderful nieces and nephews that she was able to share many lovely summers at their families lake property in upstate New York.

A memorial celebration of her life was held at The Brickhouse Art Gallery, 2837 36th St, Sacramento, CA.

Burial services will be held in October 6th at 10:30 am in Burrow Chapel in Lakeview Cemetery, Skaneateles, NY.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in her name to Chicas Latinas de Sacramento scholarship fund here: <http://bit.ly/DonateCLHelenWilliams>.

Her daughter Natalie Ramirez was instrumental in the launching and continually support of this organization that has enriched the community of Sacramento.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Lake View Cemetery  
89 West Genesee St.  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
(315) 685-3440

<https://www.villageofskaneateles.gov/bc-cemetery/page/lake-view-cemetery>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jacque Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Helen Maryette Williams*



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**Jacque Schaefer** - September 18, 2018 at 05:05 PM



*Miss you my friend!*

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**Jacque Schaefer** - September 18, 2018 at 05:06 PM

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“ *Korky sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Maryette Williams*



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**Korky** - September 18, 2018 at 03:37 PM

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“ *Korky lit a candle in memory of Helen Maryette Williams*



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**Korky** - September 18, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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**Natalie Ramirez** - September 18, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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*Hey girlie... I enjoyed our brief time working together before you left EDD! You were real, and I REALLY appreciated having someone to talk to following a difficult divorce. (Not ours, silly! LOL) I loved that laugh of yours!*

*You had a generous heart and always gave me some candy from your dish. I think I still have that partially filled bottle of tea tree oil you gave me.*

*May you enjoy the sunshine and love with departed relatives!*

*I'm sure we'll meet again someday...*

*Justin*

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**Justin** - September 19, 2018 at 07:12 PM