

# VITA

## Gerald W. Williams Jr.

While a blizzard raged on Gerald W. Williams Jr. was born in a warm hospital in Billings, Montana. It was January 19, 1937. A year later his family moved to Greybull, Wyoming. Greybull was a perfect spot for kids. Vacant lots were close by. Gerald and his friends had plenty of time to grow up too. There wasn't a preschool nor was there a kindergarten then.

Gerald's first job was a busboy at the Norris Hotel. That year he was too young to contribute to social security. He has worked at the post office, bank, Art C. Burdett, contractor and a geophysical crew. In 1955 he graduated from Greybull High School. At the awards assembly Gerald learned that he won the essay contest and that his classmates voted him as the most likely senior to succeed.

The fall of 1955 Mr. Williams became a freshman at the University of Colorado. In his junior year Gerald interrupted his studies to join the US Army. He received an honorable discharge. Gerald returned to summer school in 1963. He met the love of his life. He was studying Philosophy and working at the pool and switchboard of a motel in Boulder. When she came in and asked for a sweeper, Gerald carried it over. He said it was love at first sight. She said the same thing. After they tied the knot their first rental home together was in Eldorado Springs. He learned that President Eisenhower and his

wife used to stay up the road a ways. One day when he was studying a car from across the street rolled down hill and crashed into the living room. It turned out that a little girl had been playing in her mom's auto. Gerald and his wife moved to Boulder. He received his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in June 1965. He minored in Philosophy.

When a son arrived Gerald knew it was time to go to work. A company moved Gerald and his family to Phoenix in February 1966. In 1970 a daughter was born. Later on Gerald wrote a short treatise on dog racing. It's called *Gone to the Dogs*. It is mathematical and practical in nature. In 1979 a southern California firm moved Gerald and his family to Rancho Palos Verdes on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

A long term illness that began in 1976 ended Gerald's engineering work. He returned to Greybull and began writing fiction books in 1988. He has recovered. Gerald's first book is *A Date with Murder* (2003), a mystery. His second book is *Once in a Blue Moon* (2004), a mystery.

Mr. Williams continued with self studies in philosophy well after graduation. In 1998 Gerald wrote two philosophical essays. He never did submit the items to a newspaper because he thought they were too technical. The name of the items are *The Ever So Illusory Me, Myself and I* and *The Ever So Illusory Me, Myself and I, Revisited*. Gerald also wrote a short fantasy story that is called *An Experience of a lifetime*.

In 2004, Gerald formed Williams Enterprises, Inc. Presently, he is working on a thriller. Then he expects to finish a mystery that deals with teenagers. Later, he wants to

write a futuristic story. Gerald once said that some people have to reinvent themselves.

He has done this.