

# 1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Thomas “Tennessee” Lanier Williams

*Class of 1929*

*Awarded posthumously.*

The late author, Tennessee Williams, was born Thomas Lanier Williams and is listed in the 1929

*Dial* yearbook simply as Tom Williams. Following graduation from University City High School, he went on to study at the University of Missouri and Washington University, eventually graduating from the University of Iowa where he received a bachelor's degree in 1938.



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Tennessee Williams later launched one of the most successful literary careers of this century. Often referred to as one of America's greatest playwrights, the two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, (“A Streetcar Named Desire” in 1948 and “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” in 1955), has written more than 30 full-length plays, novels, short stories, and poems that have had great impact on American literature. Many of his works have become Broadway shows and motion pictures.

Williams died on February 24, 1983, at the age of 72.