



Harold Eugene "Gene" Williams

October 28, 1926 - August 17, 2017

Harold Eugene (Gene) Williams loved his family, faith, adventures and friends. Gene was born at home in Henryetta, Oklahoma the 9th of ten children on October 28, 1926 to Frances Lamer and James Elmer Williams. He graduated from St. Michael's School and prior to serving in WWII he attended Kansas City Art Institute and Oklahoma A&M. After the war he went back to Oklahoma A&M (OSU) to major in Architectural Engineering. It was at OSU that he met the love of his life, Billye Joyce Hartgraves.

Gene and Joyce made their home in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. It is there that they raised their four children and Gene set up his architecture practice. Gene volunteered for many organizations throughout his adult life; CASA, Planning & Zoning Board for the city of Okmulgee, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Okmulgee Junior Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma County Adult Day Care Center, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, American Institute of Architects, People to People delegation to the People's Republic of China in 1981, member of the National Conference of Christians & Jews Ecumenical Group, member of Theta Kappa Phi Catholic Fraternity, and San Miguel school.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Billye Joyce of 64 years of marriage. He is survived by his children, Diane Ornelas (Steve), Terri Gilley (Curtis), Jimmy Williams (Jennifer), Patricia Cohen (Mitchell). He is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Duncan Ornelas (Mary), Amy Burden (Chad), Ashlee

Towery (Todd), Zachery Ornelas (Teresa), Justin Goodman (LaCresha), Abigail Wilburn (Matt Campbell), Haley McCord (Patrick), Barrett Gilley, Bradley Williams, Tara Williams (Derek Brison) and Michael Williams. Gene is also survived by sixteen great-grandchildren and his brother and sister-in-law, Neil and Susanna Williams of The Villages, Florida as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family request a donation to San Miguel School or St. Anthony's Church. Services will be Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Okmulgee at 11:00. A rosary will be held Tuesday evening at 7:00 at McClendon Winters Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Haskell Cemetery

Haskell, OK 74436

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church
515 South Morton Avenue
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Eugene "Gene" Williams*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Gene and Joyce were always so good to me, my sincere condolences in your time of loss.*



Randy Dennis - August 29, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to read of Gene's passing. He was a kind, gentle soul. I met Gene and Joyce while my father, Don Call, was in residence at Prairie Rose. Dad took great delight in their company during meals and often shared coffee in their apartment. Whenever he mentioned them to us, he always said "Gene, he was an engineer and his wife Joyce, she was a cheerleader"...every single time. Always made us smile.*

Gene and Joyce were very gracious people and I was blessed to often enjoy lunch or dinner with them and Dad. There was always laughter at the table.

Blessings to his family while celebrating what must be years and years of fond memories and joy.

Respectfully,

Vicky Call Courtney

Vicky Call Courtney - August 25, 2017 at 10:34 AM

MS

“ *Diane, Terri, Jimmy and Patricia: May you be comforted at this time. Your father and mother always were so generous when hosting us on visits from Colorado. I have many special memories with all of you. Another of the greatest generation has passed away, but we celebrate his life!* Mark Salley, Arvada, Colorado

mark salley - August 23, 2017 at 09:57 AM

PC

“ *My prayers are with your family and friends as you have went to be with the lord.*

*Star Love
Wade & Paula Clingan*



Paula Clingan - August 21, 2017 at 08:21 AM

BA

“ *Betty And Everett Allen lit a candle in memory of Harold Eugene "Gene" Williams*



Betty and Everett Allen - August 20, 2017 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Williams family for their loss. Gene was a great husband to Joyce, an exceptional father for their children, a dedicated Catholic and a good friend of many years.*



Jeneane Campbell - August 18, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JM

Yes, a great man, father, talented architect . Positive thoughts for Joyce and families.

Jimmy McClendon - August 19, 2017 at 06:19 PM

CT

I was sorry to learn of the death of Gene. He and Joyce were always very kind and gracious to my family. May God grant you peace as you mourn his loss. CarylTaylor

Caryl Taylor - August 20, 2017 at 11:10 AM