



Joe E. Williams

October 12, 1931 - May 12, 2021

Joe Edgar Williams was born October 12, 1931 in Cromwell, Oklahoma. He transitioned to Heaven on May 12, 2021 surrounded by his family. Joe was the youngest son of Edgar Williams and Ida (Young) Williams.

After the passing of Joe's first wife Pansy Spoon, he married Wanda Smith on May 24, 1974 in Okemah. They spent over 44 years together creating memories before her passing in 2019. Joe graduated from Muskogee High School and attended college in Warner, Oklahoma. He graduated from Okmulgee Technology. He worked as a diesel mechanic for many years. Joe was a proud Korean War Veteran of The United States Army. He was stationed in Germany. Joe was a sweet man who always had something witty to say. He enjoyed being outdoors, playing his guitar, and singing at church. Joe was preceded in death by his loving wife Wanda, parents, and brothers Kenneth, Leonard, Gene, and Claude Williams.

Those left to cherish the memories of Joe include his daughters, Laura Cox (Joe); Sara Teague (Bryan); grandchildren, Monty Teague (Mariah); Courtney Harjo (Brandon); and Aaron Cox; great-grandchildren, Torry, Kason, Kamden, Korbyn, Karter, and Kyler, along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Joe will be held at the 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Jubilee Christian Center. Interment will follow at the Okfuskee Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home Monday from 1:00pm– 5:00pm

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jubilee Christian Center

12430 N. 230 Road

Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe E. Williams



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 16, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ Joe E. Williams

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM

KW

“ I am Ken Williams son of Claude Williams the eldest of five brothers. One brother, Kenneth, passed as a boy. I was named after him. Uncle Joe was the youngest. The brothers dispersed widely and I never met Leonard and Gene only briefly once. Joe was still living on the Muskogee farm with Ida and Edger in 1949, the first year I met him while on vacation from our home in Washington state. I was seven years old. Joe took me out in the front yard, gave me his baseball glove and played catch with me. He immediately put me at ease and heaped so much praise on my prowess of catching and throwing that I felt like Ted Williams.

I think he was a senior in high school that year. He raised a blue ribbon sow for a FFA project. We got to go on tour with him as he showed his behemoth Market Girl, a name I still recall. I was duly impressed; Joe was taking on hero status with me. Sharing time with mom's family and Joe being a teenager on the run, I didn't get to see him much before we left. I was infatuated with his shiny guitar he had in a case under his bed, and I was thrilled that he played it for us before our departure. Guitars have remained my favorite instrument, and not by coincidence.

Mom (Dona) and dad always spoke highly of Joe. I was finally reacquainted with him in 1985, when cousin Tom Williams, invited us up to Alaska for a moose hunt. Tom, wife Gene, and sister Carolyn rolled out the red carpet and we had a storybook time. Joe was not a serious hunter; it was plain to see he just wanted to be with family while enjoying some adventure. Joe was an unforgettable inspiration with his blend of humor, extraordinary zest for life, and love of Lord Jesus.

A few days ago out of the blue Joe's welfare appeared into my consciousness, and I wondered how he was doing, having not heard anything of him in years. I believe now that the Holy Spirit was letting me know that Joe had left this world. Yes, there is some sadness, but he had a long, well-lived life. Conversely, who can doubt that he is not now celebrating in that Celestial City, and

waiting for we believers to join him.

My sincere condolences to Joe's surviving family. I wish I knew you better.

Ken R Williams - May 19, 2021 at 12:02 AM

LC

Thank you so much for sharing your memories ❤️ Love you, Laura

Laura Williams Cox - May 21, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RP

“ Joe Williams was my fathers youngest brother. As Joe was 5 years old when I was born I am his oldest niece. I have so many memories of Joe. Riding with him on the back of his pinto pony out to the fields where the workers were picking green beans to take to Grandpas truck to be paid, watching him as the lead actor in a silly Christmas skit at Helmer school, accidentally shutting a car door on his hand, standing with Grandma watching him plow a potato field when he made a turn too close to bee hives & go stung in the ear, & of course playing his beloved guitar. Following a job my father moved his family to the state of Washington when I was 11. My memories from that point were limited to 2 week vacations every 2 years.

My mother & I last saw Joe & Wanda in 1996 when we visited from Washington state. We were able to go visit Joe's church, hear him play his guitar & sing as part of the service.

I hold all these memories in my heart. In my minds eye I can see his smile & hear him laugh. He was a sweet uncle & man.

Laura, Sara & all Joes extended family, may all your sweet memories be held in your hearts forever!

*Daughter of Claude J. Williams,
Regina WILLIAMS Porter*

Regina Porter - May 17, 2021 at 02:01 PM

LC

Thank you so much for sharing your memories ❤️ Love you

Laura Williams Cox - May 21, 2021 at 02:08 PM



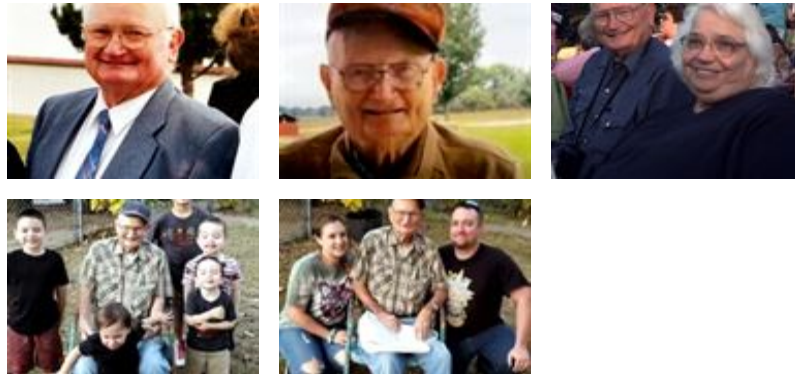
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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 16, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It's the end of an era. I remember Uncle Joe as always having a smile and a story! It was usually a funny story. I remember him always playing the guitar!!! He loved his girls more than anything & his grandkids equally. He will be missed by all.*

Judy Grigg - May 15, 2021 at 08:36 PM

LC

Thank you so sharing your memories ❤️ We love you 💜

Laura Williams Cox - May 21, 2021 at 11:45 PM

DD

“ *Dollene Duff lit a candle in memory of Joe E. Williams*



Dollene Duff - May 14, 2021 at 09:10 AM

DJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a fine man. So soon after Bill. Your family has been through a lot. Please find peace in a life well lived. Our hearts go out to you.*
With Love, Pete and Dianne Jones.



Dianne Jones - May 13, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DW

*Joe was such a wonderful, kind and such a friendly person. I had the privilege of walking with Joe at the Okmulgee Municipal Park many times. I always enjoyed his company!
My heartfelt condolences to his kids and the entire family. I will miss him and I'll always have a place in my heart for this sweet man!*

Debbie Walker - May 13, 2021 at 03:43 PM