



James Williams

October 21, 1917 - March 22, 2008

A private memorial service will be held at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. for James Bowen Williams. James passed away on March 22, 2008 at Mission Arch Care Center.

James "Jim" was born in Casper, Wyoming on October 21, 1917 to Robert Clayton Williams and Mary Nancy Love. He grew up in Lovington, New Mexico where much of his family resided and he excelled in football and basketball and a great deal of mischief! He served his country in World War II with the Army's Fifth Bomber Command and was honorably discharged on August 30, 1945 with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was united in marriage to LaVenia Morene Amerson on April 5, 1958 in Las Vegas, New Mexico. She was the love of his life. They had a perfect love. She preceded him in death on January 18, 1998. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Robert Love Williams.

Jim worked as a ranch hand and foreman over the years on several ranches in Texas and New Mexico. Those were his happiest days. When he could no longer do ranch work, he worked as an electrician at his brother's lumber mill in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Jim was a cowboy poet and grand story teller with a wonderful sense of humor. His family was always his priority, and he loved them dearly. He was a devout Christian and a long time member of Aldersgate Methodist Church. He was known by friends and family as a sweet hearted man, a patriotic man, and a man of honesty and integrity.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Nancy W. Wilson and grand-daughter Manda Lynn Wilson or Roswell, his grand-daughter, Autumn Denise Moore of Amarillo, Texas. His grand-daughters were the light of his life. He is also survived by a sister, Rhoda White and her husband Jesse of Shamrock, Texas and their family, a sister-in-law, Patty Williams of Albuquerque, New Mexico and her family, and sister-in-law, Lavern Cagle of Tulia, Texas and other extended family on his wife's side. He requested that his close friends, Dick and Avis Wright, Joy and Jerry Bostick, and the congregation at Aldersgate Methodist church to be remembered with great fondness at his passing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Aldersgate Methodist Church in honor of Jim.

Please share your thoughts and memories with his family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

MY COWBOY CHURCH by James B. Williams

My cowboy church is big and wide. From horizon to horizon, big as all outside. From the country I ride to the sky above, that's where I worship and know God's love. Sometimes I ride to the top of a hill and pray to the Lord and ask His will. And beg forgiveness for my sinful ways, and vow to Him, there will be better days. I thank Him for the rain that came. I thank and praise Him in the Savior's name. I thank Him for the horse I ride, and for the love of Jesus that does abide. I thank Him too for the miracle of birth, and all good things that bless this earth. So I will always have cowboy work to do, and to Christ our Lord I'll always be true. So in this great temple of earth and sky, I can ride and tend cattle and my skill apply. There will be storms and hardships too, but I'll do just fine, for my Lord is true.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Williams*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *so sorry for your lost Jim was a wounderful person loved to hear his poems and his story, at Vela de rey, they called him cowboy, and he sure was i got to know of him, and about him though one of his good friend and my good friend Lois Bedford i was her caregiver, she aways talk about him i would take her to go visit him he loved that.and Lois enjoyed it. she always talk about his writing i read some of them, well know they are up in haven together good o' friends, rest in peace*

sylvia. Hernandez.Aguilar - April 13, 2008 at 08:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry about the loss of Mr. Williams. I knew him to be a wonderful man, who was true to God, his family, his country, and his circle of friends. It is uplifting to know that he has gone to be with his beloved wife and to be with Christ Jesus.*

DAVID STERLING - April 07, 2008 at 10:13 AM

NW

“ Dear Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of your Daddy's passing. He was a wonderful man and he always treated me great. After I moved to Oregon he wrote me and sent me poems and encouraging words. I am so sorry that I did not know he was still in Roswell as I was there on March 8 for the funeral of my Uncle George Fram. I did not know that you live in Roswell either. I hope that you remember that I am Bobby's Mom. You were a sweet little girl when I first knew you. May God wrap His loving arms around you. In His Love, Norma Jean Wilder

Norma Jean Wilder - April 07, 2008 at 12:01 AM

EW

“ Jim was my cousin, although we have met only once or twice in my childhood. Please accept my condolences for your loss. My father was Robert Eugene Love, Mary's brother. He also was a cowboy poet, and I appreciated very much the inclusion of Jim's poem. A friend from Roswell sent me the notice from the paper. Eugenia Love White

Eugenia Love White - April 04, 2008 at 09:05 AM

OC

“ My condolences to the family of Jim Williams. I was saddened to learn of his passing. I assure you that he is in a better place. I had the honor of meeting and working with Jim in Occupational Therapy at Mission Arch. We had somethings very much in common. He told me that he had been a Cowboy for most of his life and that was what he knew best. I also have a ranching and dairy background before becoming involved in Occupational Therapy. We shared many stories while we were in therapy. The conversations that we had made his tharapy sessions that much easier for him. He mentioned several times to me that doing therapy with me was not to bad. Believe me, as a therapist that is a great compliment. I also looked forward to his therapy sessions because he always had an interesting story or experience to share with me. I feel honored to have met and worked with Jim. I will never forget him!! I will also miss him! My deepest sympathy to the family.
Orlando R. Chavez, COTA/L

Orlando R. Chavez, COTA/L - April 01, 2008 at 03:05 PM

ML

“ I was informed of Mr. Williams' passing last Sunday and I would like to express my condolences to Nancy, my dear friend. I have a fond recollection of Mr. Williams through my friendship with Nancy. I recall his dry sense of humor and I remember admiring him for his strong work ethics. In a nutshell, I always felt welcome at Mr. and Mrs. Williams' house. The last time I talked to Mr. Williams was when I spent some time in Roswell in 2006. I spoke with him at length; he offered words of encouragement through a most difficult time in my life. I will always appreciate my memory of him. Nanc, May a legion of our Lords angels descend upon you and yours to keep you safe. Love, Mark.

Mark D. Livingston - April 01, 2008 at 10:54 AM

MC

“ *My deepest sympathy to you, Nancy, and your daughters. You are in my prayers and I hope that you are able to reminisce happily and lovingly in all the wonderful memories. Even though I did not know your father or have not known you for long, I do know how a child loves a parent. I hope you take all the love that you have for your father and use it to honor him and remember him.*

Maggie Chavira - March 31, 2008 at 09:40 AM

NA

“ *PSALM 23*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. 1 Rest in peace Daddy. I'm so happy you are with mom but I miss you both so.

Nancy - March 29, 2008 at 04:16 PM

JW

“ *I am trully honored in getting to know Jim. He was an amazing man. I hope people that knew him could see that. He always had a good sense of humor and he knew how to live life. Every young man should live life like Jim did. He was a very caring person. He was very dedicated to his family and friends. Now he is home.....*

John Wilson - March 28, 2008 at 08:06 PM

BJ

“ *Dearest Nancy and Family:
My prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult
time. Nancy call me you do know that I will respond.
Yours Truly, Brenda E. James*

Brenda James - March 28, 2008 at 04:33 PM

PB

“ *I wish that there was something that I could say or do to make the
pain go away, but there isn't. It is something that we have to live
through and in an odd way going through the pain and lose helps us
to grow and appreciate the person that we so dearly loved. This
might make sense right now but it will in time. Just remember that we
are always here for you and I'm a phone call away at any moment.
Now is my turn to repay for all that you gave to me so willingly. Just
call any time no matter what you think I might be doing because I
will just be there waiting for your call. Trishia*

Patricia & George Byrne - March 28, 2008 at 04:30 PM