



Billie Earl Williamson

March 19, 1929 - May 3, 2025

Billie E. Williamson, 96, a longtime Miami resident, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at home. Bill was born March 19, 1929, in East Saint Louis, Illinois, to Thomas Earl and Virginia (Henderson) Williamson. Bill was raised in the Picher and Hockerville area during the mining boom. He graduated from Baxter Springs High School with the Class of 1949. In 1950, Bill enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington and Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He served in the Battery and Service Unit of the Artillery Battalion. On January 29, 1983, Bill married Jeanie (Lee). He and Jeanie were members of First Baptist Church in Miami. He worked at Rasor-West Distributing from 1959 to 1995, when he retired as a Sales Manager and General Manager. Bill, lovingly known as “Papa Bill” by all his grandchildren and great grandchildren, cultivated a deep love in our family for the Rocky Mountains and hiking. He was our hiking guide for years on the trail, but best known to his family for his love, stories, and laughter. In later years, he developed a passion for genealogy, and after much research, wrote a book about our German ancestors’ arduous journey by wagon to settle in Missouri. His greatest legacy he leaves our family was his love for Christ Jesus.

Bill was preceded in passing by his parents, Thomas and Virginia Williamson, a brother, Gary Williamson, and a sister, Rosemary Williamson.

Mr. Williamson leaves to carry on his legacy his loving wife Jeanie Williamson

of the home, his daughters Karen Royalty and her husband Wayne of Springfield, Missouri, Julie Kemp and her husband Kenny of Arvada, Colorado, one stepdaughter Adrienne Miller of Tulsa, a stepson Colby Miller and his wife JoLeene of Gardner, Kansas, five grandchildren Traci Moilanen and her husband Trek of Dallas, Shanda White of Springfield, Kristin Morris and her husband John of Fair Grove, Missouri, Adam Kemp and his wife Katie of Arvada, Colorado, Kelsey Kemp of Loveland, Colorado, four step-grandchildren Seth Coombes and his wife Lauren of Joplin, Jake Miller, Devon Miller and Callie Miller of Gardner, Kansas, fourteen great grandchildren, Jared White, Ashley White, Emma Sue White, Hannah Morris, Minna Morris, Gretta Morris, Madi Morris, Clayton Morris, Hallie Kemp, Carter Kemp, Logan Kemp, Ethan Moilanen and Eiley Moilanen, a great grandson Jackson Foster and one step great grandson Harrison Coombes.

There will be a time for friends to come by and sign Bill's Book and view his video tribute from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Graveside Services will be Friday, May 9, 2025, at Rolston Cemetery on Monkey Island, Oklahoma, at 1:00 PM with Mr. Phil Trussler officiating.

Interment is under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

The family wants to extend a special thank you to the staff at DaVita Dialysis, Integris Hospice, and his special friends Mike Lee, Weldon Speer, and Tom Kirsch.

Memorial contributions should be made to the Genealogy department at the Miami Public Library.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Bill's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Rolston Cemetery

Monkey Island, OK

Previous Events

All day visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
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Graveside Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rolston Cemetery
29000-29404 Oklahoma 125
Afton, OK 74331

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Billie Earl Williamson*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“ *I feel truly honored to have had the opportunity to know Mr. Bill over the past few years. I cherished him deeply, and I know that he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The genealogy department at the Miami Public Library will especially feel his absence. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. While I don't have many photos of Mr. Bill, I would like to share these few treasured memories.*



Cyaira Harvey - May 08, 2025 at 01:46 PM

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I was in Bill's genealogy classes for several years and in the smaller group that followed for more years. We all helped each other and enjoyed the friendships that were formed. Bill was always a pleasant person. He will be missed.

Lynda Newberry Roten - May 08, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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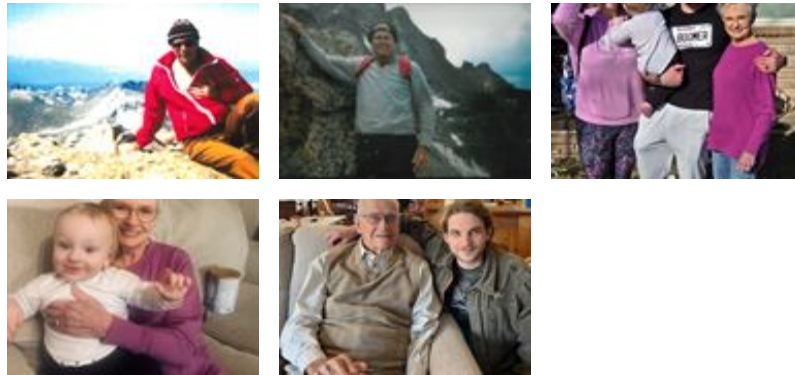
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“ 190 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 07, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ I will always remember the perseverance that you demonstrated in the face of challenging adversity. It was an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to share some time along life's road.
Tom K

Tom Kirsch - May 05, 2025 at 06:48 PM