



James Willson

October 10, 1929 - December 9, 2017

James “Jim” William Willson, 88, a lifelong Miami resident passed away in Tulsa on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Jim was born on October 10, 1929 in Miami to Joe Fain and Emilie (Kunzer) Willson. He graduated from Miami High School with the class of 1946, was happy to have played football for the Miami Wardogs. Mr. Willson was the youngest one to start working at B.F. Goodrich, when he retired he worked in Quality Control. He was a member of Northwest Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for over fifty years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Masonic Lodge. Jim was preceded in passing by his wife of fifty years Barbara Ann (Putman) Willson his parents, Joe and Emilie.

Survivors include his children Cynthia Colleen Edwards and her husband Dr. Dan Edwards of Longview, Texas and Teresa Ann Snow of Tulsa, his three grandchildren Heather Colleen Rolison and her husband Matthew, Allison Ann Potteiger and her husband Timothy and Carlie Ameliann Snow, along with his great grandchildren Mattie Colleen Rolison, Hallie Mac Rolison, Greenlee Ann Potteiger, Gabbie Roze Potteiger and Gannon Jack Potteiger.

Services are 10:00 AM Friday, December 15, 2017 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami with Reverend Geoff Buffalo officiating. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

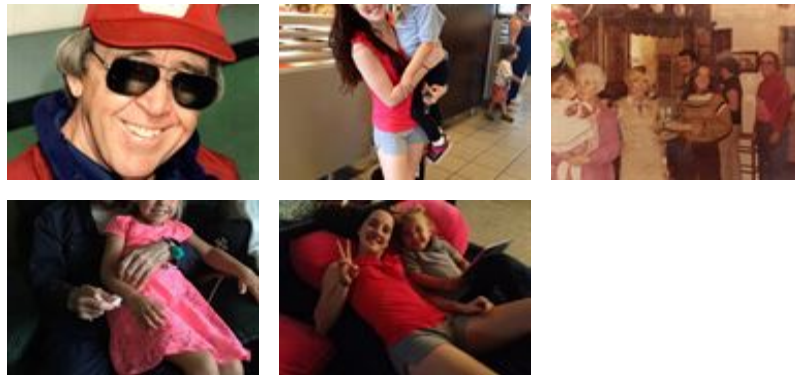
DEC 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - December 14, 2017 at 04:46 PM

RH

“ As a youth a Northwest Baptist Church in Miami, Jim (Mr Willson) was my teacher, mentor, and friend, I admired him greatly, He made a lasting impact on many many people. A life well lived. Praying for Cindy and family. Richard Hawkins

Richard W Hawkins - December 13, 2017 at 08:45 AM

TW

“ Teri Wood lit a candle in memory of James Willson



Teri Wood - December 13, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ As I sit here holding my papa’s hand, I am reminded of what a wonderful man he is. He loves me with all his heart. And I can see it in his eyes. I spent every summer with him in Miami. He absolutely spoiled me to death. He took me to TG & Y and bought me anything I wanted. He even bought me regular infant clothes for my baby dolls. 😂 And would drive down alleys to find refrigerator boxes so Heather and I could transform them into houses or restaurants. He let me destroy his coffee table with my art supplies. And let me drive my first car. He thought I did no wrong. He even spoon fed me breakfast when I was in Elementary school. 😳 We took lunch to BF Goodrich and sat in the back of his yellow pick up truck. He took us to Silver Dollar City, War Eagle and Falls Creek camp. When I fell off my bike and got stitches, he was the first one I asked for. And he was there! I grew up going to his Sunday school class and church. He was at every dance recital and watched me dance with the Norsestars, even though he believed Baptist girls shouldn’t dance. 😊 He took me to Joplin to find a red prom dress and bought my wedding dress. I like the OU Sooners just a little bit more because of him. 😊 He is the biggest Sooners fan! And has always had season tickets. He loved my babies. And we love him more than words can say!!! He is dying now, and it is breaking my heart. I can’t breathe!!!! 😞 I want him to know, I love him more than I can say. Please say some prayers that we can make it through this difficult time. Prayers for peace and comfort. Thanks for listening. 🙏



Allison Potteiger - December 12, 2017 at 07:30 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Rhodes Griego lit a candle in memory of James Willson*



Deborah Rhodes Griego - December 12, 2017 at 02:01 AM

DG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing Terri, my fondest memories growing up was being with you, your father and Barb every day after school, always homemade cookies awaiting us as we entered the house. He would light up every time he saw you. As years passed and I would see him he would give that smile of pride when I asked how's Terri. You were then and I know you still are the apple of his eye. He loved you so much I hope you hold that in your heart and it gives you peace at this very hard time. Always remember his love and how very proud he was of you my dear friend. Memories of his love for you will always and forever be in your heart! And in my heart always will be of the very special person he was, who made such a loving impact on my life as well. My love and friendship will always be with you. Debbie Rhodes Griego.*

Deborah Rhodes Griego - December 12, 2017 at 01:18 AM

TS

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Terri Snow - December 11, 2017 at 10:40 PM

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Terri Snow - December 11, 2017 at 10:39 PM

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Jesus just received the most perfect Christian, Father, Grandfather and Mason in the world into his heavenly presence.

I truly believe that God never made a more generous, loving, Christian man. I am SO proud he was my daddy! He was loved by so many and never met a stranger. He made me what I am today, I couldn't have accomplished what I have without his love and support. He was the only person who was always there for me and I loved him with all my heart!

Along with the love of his life, my mom Barbara, they taught Sunday School to hundreds of kids and brought so many to Christ. Jesus was always first in his life! I never heard him speak a bad word about anyone, ever! What an amazing Christian! I couldn't have asked for a better role model. My favorite memories are of him leading the singing at Northwest Baptist Church while I played the piano for him!

We had the privilege of him living with Carlie and me after losing Barbara. There was such joy in his heart watching his "Angel Carlie" grow into the amazing person she is today. He was so proud of her graduating from Cascia Hall and loved watching her cheer at Cascia's games.

God, my heart is breaking, but I know my precious daddy is no longer in pain. He was met by Jesus who said "well done my good and faithful servant." He is with Barbara, the love of his life, his awesome mom and dad, my precious Charlie and even our Yorkie, Lucky, who he enjoyed SO much!

Thank you God for the best daddy in the world! Love you daddy so much!

Terri Willson Snow - December 13, 2017 at 02:26 PM