



John Robert "Bob" Williams

October 6, 1932 - October 4, 2013

John Robert (Bob) Williams, a resident of Miami, passed away on Friday, October 04, 2013 at Windridge Care and Rehab. He was 80. Mr. Williams was born at his home in Alton, Kansas on October 6, 1932 to Herald and Adeline (Stephenson) Williams. He graduated from Alton High School and attended college at Friends Bible College at Haviland, KS where he met Edith Zinn. They married August 16, 1952.

Bob pastored in Friends churches of Kansas, Oklahoma and Ohio. He also pastored in the Christian Church in Indiana and Kansas. Mr. Williams retired after fifty-one years of ministry. In retirement he worked part time as a Wal-Mart door greeter in Miami. Bob loved music, he was an accomplished pianist, organist and he sang tenor. He loved people and spent his retirement pursuing his passion for genealogy research on his family.

Bob is preceded in passing by his parents Herald and Adeline Williams, a step mother Ethel Williams, five brothers; Neil, Edward, Clifford, Charles and Everett, along with a sister Laura Nonamaker, a grandson Mitchell Schnure, and a great grandson Marcus Moreno.

Survivors include his wife Edith of sixty-one years , one son and his wife John and Melina Williams of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Four daughters and their husbands Marcia and Larry Kruse of Wyandotte, Miriam and Jim George of

Miami, Melva Ann and Bill Schnure of Loveland, Ohio and Merleen and Jim Van Dyke of Greenfield, Ohio. Also surviving are two brothers; Duane Williams of Wichita, Kansas and Bill Williams of Alton, Kansas, eighteen grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Funeral Services for Mr. Williams will be 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the First Christian Church in Miami with Minister Leon Weece officiating.

Interment will be at a later date at the Sumner Cemetery in Alton, Kansas. Services are under the direction of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Building Fund at the First Christian Church in Miami.

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

Cemetery Details

Sumner Cemetery

Alton, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami
N. Main
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of John Robert "Bob" Williams*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Edith and family,
As you all of our family loved Bob and loved having him help in harvest, going to church with us. Never forget the way he could make the piano dance across the floor when he played it. And his trumpet could call the angels down. He will be missed by so many. Right now he has ended his journey on earth, but, is just beginning his journey in heaven where he will see you all again.
Glenna Swank/ Bogue*

Glenna Swank Bogue - October 09, 2013 at 07:24 AM

DR

“ Uncle Bob Williams was a walking encyclopedia of knowledge, both family history and his childhood hometown of Alton, Kansas. I tapped into that knowledge many, many times and always received the immediate answers that I needed. My mother Laura, Bob's only (and older) sister loved all of her eight brothers equally, but Bob was the one she could always count on to remember her birthday and to minister to her in times of family sorrow and tragedy. Bob kept the Williams family connected. In 1982, he turned his siblings' failing round robin letter into a successful monthly newsletter that he copied and snail mailed. In 1995, he handed the reins over to another family member and today it reaches several generations of Williams descendants who are scattered across the USA. Bob never met a stranger (a Williams' trait); he cared deeply and shared his many gifts and talents with all. His "joie de vivre" and laughter made everyone want to be around him. I loved "Uncle" dearly and am thankful for all the times that I got to spend with him. I witnessed enough of his work here on earth to know that his reward in heaven shall be great!


Sincerely,
Deanna (Nonamaker) Roach
Alton, Kansas

Deanna Roach - October 08, 2013 at 11:51 AM

CD

“ We will miss Uncle Bob very much. He was a great guy and wonderful uncle. He could always "fill in the holes" of questions we had about family history and add so much more. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Van and Carla (Nonamaker) Dettmer

Carla Dettmer - October 08, 2013 at 09:44 AM



Kathy
Schnure

“ *I have fond memories of your father at Bill and Ann's home when your parents visited. He will be missed. My prayers to you and your family at this time of sorrow.*
Kathy Schnure

Kathy Schnure - October 08, 2013 at 09:11 AM



TN

“ *Dear Edith and Family,*

Uncle Bob was always one of my favorites. His mood was always up-beat and positive, and his chuckle would always seem to let everyone relax and enjoy the time together. He will be missed greatly by me and my family members. I am sorry for your loss and know that my thoughts are with you at this time.

Thane Nonamaker

Thane Nonamaker - October 07, 2013 at 03:30 PM



RB

“ *Dear Ann, Bill & Family,*
My thoughts and prayers and with you and your family during this trying time. I am very sorry to hear of your dad's passing.
Sincerely,
Ross Brooks

Ross Brooks - October 07, 2013 at 07:02 AM

DS

“ Dear John, Melina, and family,
We were saddened to hear about your dad's passing. We will keep you in our prayers during this time of loss.
Love, Geneva Matthews, Steve and Debbie Schultz, and Steve and Jan Matthews

Debbie Schultz - October 06, 2013 at 03:24 PM

CC

“ We have developed a deep respect for Bob as the initial publisher of the Williams Family Monthly Letter that our family has so enjoyed and appreciated. Bob's knowledge of our family's history has been invaluable as we attempt to connect the limbs on our family tree. Always the "go-to guy" with questions about the who, what, when, where, and sometimes why of our family's background, Bob always provided such keen insights, and one feature of his legacy will be his role as our family's historian. I'll bet that sometime down the road we'll be saying "Wish I had thought to ask Bob that while he was still here this side of heaven." He lifted me up...he still does!
Carl Clay
Montrose, Colorado

Carl Clay - October 05, 2013 at 12:14 PM