



## Luretta Elizabeth Williams

December 25, 1944 - January 3, 2018

Luretta Elizabeth Williams passed away on January, 3rd 2018 at her home in Miami, Oklahoma. Luretta was born in Miami December 25th 1944 to John and Ada Marie (Venis) Armagost where she lived all her life. She was a Homemaker and enjoyed being active with the HCE Jolly Workers as their president, the Ottawa County Genealogy Society, the Historical Society, and was a member of the Narcissa Baptist Church. She was married to Anthony Williams on August 5th 1961.

She is preceded in death by her parents John and Ada Marie Armagost, son Tracey Williams, and a grandson Tony Williams

Luretta is survived by her Husband Anthony Williams, a Daughter Angela Speer and her husband David of Afton, their children Jason Speer and his wife Reina, great grandchildren Josh Wyatt, Jacie Speer, Raily Speer, Cassie Davis and her husband Coty, Tracey's Daughter LeeAnn Williams and her fiancé Brett Darnell, great grandchildren Albany Witten, Hadlee Darnell, Logan Darnell, a Son Steven Williams and his wife Jan of Afton, their children Rachele Williams and Ryan Williams, a sister Mary King and her husband Eugene of Afton, her Nieces and nephews, Rexanna Douthit and her husband James, Diana Culver and her husband Gary, Crystal Drake, Jeana Lewis and her husband Jody, Joyce Montgomery and her husband Darren, Terry Williams and his wife Lois, Jebb Williams and his wife Robin, David Williams and his wife Kim.

Visitation will be 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton.

There will be a Celebration of Life 2:00 PM on Friday, January 12, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Afton with Reverend Marion Neighbors and Reverend Brian Gibson officiating. Interment will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Afton under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Luretta's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery of Afton

Afton, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
122 South Main  
Afton, OK 74331  
(918) 257-8877  
info@brown-winters.com  
<http://www.brown-winters.com>

## Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Afton  
209 South Walnut  
Afton, OK 74331

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Luretta Elizabeth Williams*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 11, 2018 at 01:27 PM

CA

“ *Sincere sympathy For Anthony and Family.  
I know your hearts must be broken at this time.  
Luretta loved her family more than anything else.  
That's why genealogy was so important to her.  
Luretta was such a beautiful person I am proud to have called her  
my friend  
she will be missed.*

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**cari allen** - January 12, 2018 at 06:32 PM

FC

“ Words cannot begin to describe how sad I am for Anthony and the family, due to Loretta’s passing. She touched so many lives in numerous ways and was so friendly and giving to all those who came into her life. Her loss will be felt by many.

We met when Loretta started to school at Afton, many, many years ago. It now seems as though it has been a lifetime. Although we went our separate ways from school days and raised our families, we came back together through PTA in Miami, as well as historical and genealogical research and writing. Had it not been for her constant encouragement, I would never have tackled the Afton History website or completed publication of the book about Afton’s early history. She was such a great help with both!

I will always treasure the time we were able to spend together, from just shopping to doing genealogical and historical interviews. Loretta had her family history research etched in her brain, so in recent years as her sight waned, we had an awfully lot of discussions and checking the computer and books for the families she was researching. These are times I will always treasure.

Farewell, dear friend.... You were loved by many and hold a special place in the hearts of your family and friends.

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**Fredrea Cook** - January 12, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 12, 2018 at 08:58 AM

T(

“ Just wanted to say how sorry I was, I remember when we lived with her and Anthony they were so good to us I will miss her and keep my fond memories in my heart praying for all the family. Love Toni Manning ( Rakes)

Toni Manning (Rakes) - January 11, 2018 at 02:55 PM

LR

“ Our prayers & sympathy are with you Anthony & your family. Loretta, you, & the kids opened your hearts & home to Mama & we girls when there was no place else to go. You gave us comfort & shelter & we will be forever grateful. I pray that you find comfort & shelter in God's loving arms.



Our thoughts & love are also with you,  
Chet & Lisa (Rakes) Richardson

Lisa Richardson - January 11, 2018 at 12:35 PM

BB

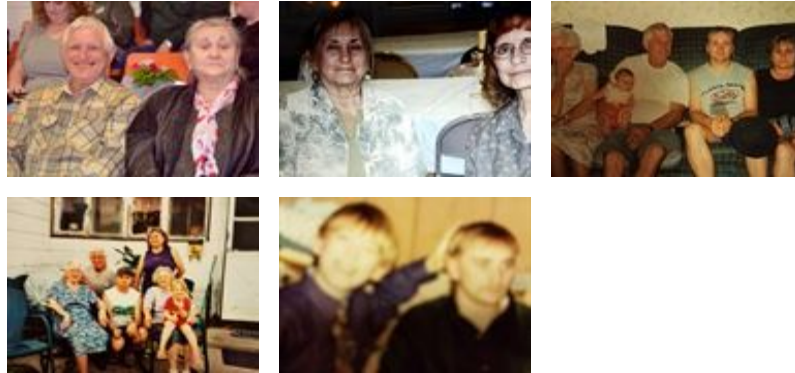
“ I met Loretta 35 years ago when I moved to Oklahoma through genealogy then later we went to auctions together and did flea markets together. The great thing about Loretta was she was always the same so dependable easy to be friends with and always caring. Will miss her so much. Prayers for the family and your loss.



BILLIE BARTON - January 11, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ 123 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - January 11, 2018 at 12:06 PM

HE

“ *To the Williams family: our sincere empathy and prayers for you all! We lost our mother last May 20 when her house burned. We know the feelings of complete desperation, sorrow that has untold depths, and devastating grief. I'm so so sorry you have to go thru this. We can only pray that the peace of God will wrap you up and hold you close. Like Mary in the Bible, whom Jesus called in her grief for Lazarus, He will call for you. The word "comfort" means to "come forth" to the arms of God. Only there will you find strength to go on with life without your loved one. He will help you deal with the horror of it all. Please know that our whole family is praying for you. We extend love in he name of Christ.*

**Herschel and Jeanne Eck** - January 11, 2018 at 10:59 AM

IE

“ *My heart goes out to all of you.  
You don't know me, but I am a firefighter who also lost his mother  
last May 20 in a house fire.  
I was the first one on scene and know the desperate feeling of trying  
vainly to rescue a loved one.  
I know you are going to hurt for a long time but let us intentionally  
turn our eyes toward God. You may not get answers to all your  
whys but there is comfort to be found in his arms.  
My prayers are with you and may His everlasting arms uphold you.*

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**Ivan Eck** - January 10, 2018 at 02:07 PM

FG

“ *Freida George lit a candle in memory of  
Luretta Elizabeth Williams*



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**freida george** - January 10, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JW

“ Our hearts, minds, and prayers are with the extended Williams Family of Loretta and Tony Williams.  
We first met Loretta 62 years ago at a Woody family gathering in Afton. At the time John and I were the oldest couple along with Virgil. Two years later that would change when we got married and Virgil was our best man. Throughout the following years the Williams boys all married their sweethearts from that first meeting. The tragedy that happened last Wednesday night has affected so many lives now. The family tree has grown so much since 62 years ago. Still, the one thing we know is we will all meet and reunite again. I am so glad I introduced Loretta to genealogy forty years ago. She became a real pro. Now she will get to meet all those long ago relatives on both sides of the family tree.  
God be with you until we meet again. May you know you brought love and joy to all who knew you.  
Your Cousins by marriage  
Merlene and John Woody  
Georgetown, TX

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**John Woody** - January 09, 2018 at 07:52 PM

ME

We so enjoyed seeing the treasure trove of film photos taking you through the life journey of that young opulent couple we first met! It was exciting, thrilling, awesome, mind boggling, humorous, touching, and heart breaking to see some of your lives captured so vividly for eternity! How wonderful! It meant the world to us to share your life once again! Until we meet again! Love from our family to yours! Rest In Peace forevermore!

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**Merlene** - January 11, 2018 at 05:32 PM

JG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Johnie and Brooke Greenlee and family*



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**johnie greenlee** - January 06, 2018 at 05:14 PM

RW

“ *Robin Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Luretta Elizabeth Williams*



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**Robin williams** - January 05, 2018 at 06:49 PM

CL

“ *My dear friend. She is the one who would give even if she didn't  
have much to share.*

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**Carolyn Leach** - January 05, 2018 at 06:24 PM

SR

“ *Although Jim and I have only known Luretta and her family for just a  
few years, we came to treasure that connection. Sometimes people  
just have a place in your heart from the very first meeting. This  
person was one of those.  
Our hearts are so in tune with the remaining Williams family  
members.*

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**Sherry Rollins** - January 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM

RW

“ Having been the the family for soon to be 37 years ,Luretta was a joy to be around, the 4th of july was a fun time spent on the 2 times i attended the kids enjoyed so much, Christmas at williams she made every child feel special with the smallest gift that ment just opening a gift the kids all had a blast, prayers and blessings to my family know i love you all. Robin

Robin williams - January 05, 2018 at 05:41 PM

SR

“ My condolences to Anthony and rest of the family at this difficult time. It has been my pleasure to work with her on OHCE projects for many years. Luretta will be missed.  
Sue Rendel

Sue Rendel - January 04, 2018 at 10:28 PM

RG

Mike and I are so sorry for your loss, we loved seeing her every week at the auctions. You two are family to us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Anthony and your family. She will be missed!

Rana Osborn and Mike Griner - January 05, 2018 at 07:12 PM

EH

“ Luretta you was pleasure to know and be around . You were great friend to those who knew you. You will missed greatly by those who knew you. I am going to miss you. Rest in Peace. Love, Elaine Ratliff Hutson .



Elaine Ratliff Hutson - January 04, 2018 at 09:11 PM

EH

“ *Luretta you was pleasure to know and be around. You are truly going to be missed,by who knew and loved you .I will miss you, love Elaine Ratliff Hutson.*



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**Elaine Ratliff Hutson** - January 04, 2018 at 08:59 PM

SA

“ *This hard to write but Luretta Williams and I have been friends for several years. Wrote a book together. Had a lot of research of the different cemeteries in the area.Alot of hot days looking for different graves it took us far and wide but with her knowledge of the area of Narcissa,Oklahoma we accomplished what she had wanted to do. We could spend the day out in the hot sun come home and work for hours on the book or just on family research. I think the libraries kind of wanted to hide when we would hit them up for information. We could spend the day at flea markets or in Joplin, Mo. shopping and doing nothing at all. Handicrafts were a part of research and the Fair projects. Genealogy was another things we could do and enjoy the retreats and family history. You are going to be missed for the phone calls and little grips that we both could come up with that did not amount to a hill of beans. Rest in peace my friend, little buddy and researcher. You was on good friend and buddy. Our love and sympathy to all the family. Chester, Shirley and Marty Ratliff Lloyd and Elaine Ratliff-Hutson*



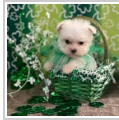
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**Shirley Ash-Ratliff** - January 04, 2018 at 06:23 PM

BM

*Shirley as I have been thinking and praying for Loretta's family I thought of you and how you were such good friends. Loretta did a wonderful job with that book and I thought it was great. Love and sympathy to all the family- praying for Gods love and grace to comfort you.*

**Betty Malone** - January 05, 2018 at 07:10 AM



*Prayers for Loretta's family. Loretta was a second mom to so many of her children's friends and the door to their home was never closed to anyone. A wonderful woman with a big heart is how we will remember Loretta. Heaven has truly received her with open arms. Sincere condolences to the entire Williams family for their loss. Friends, Bruce and Carolyn Swaim*

**Carolyn Swaim** - January 05, 2018 at 05:45 PM

SL

*Prayers for all of Loretta's family and friends, she had such a giving and loving heart. Always giving of herself and helping anyway she could. She will be missed by so many. Susan Ratliff Long*

**Susan Long** - January 08, 2018 at 02:59 AM

DM

*Sorry for your loss, She will be missed by many, Dana Malinski*

**dan malinski** - January 10, 2018 at 09:36 AM



*Such a beautiful person in side and out . She will be missed by so many . A true friend always .*

**Judy Garrett** - January 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM

OG

*Loretta touched my life in many ways. When I count my blessings our friendship tops the list. A guardian angel in disguise. She will be missed everyday. Take heart Anthony. Time will soften the edges and ease your burden. Memories are the legacy of love. Charles and Olive Goad*

**Olive Goad** - January 10, 2018 at 03:29 PM