



Douglas Lavern Williams

March 8, 1930 - May 13, 2013

Douglas L. Williams, age 83, a retiree resident of Bolivar, passed on to his eternal rest on Monday evening, May 13, 2013 at his home in Bolivar.

He was born in Girard, Ohio on March 8, 1930 to Albert Lavern Williams and Nell (Gertrude) Williams. He was the last surviving member of his parental family, all buried in Warren, Ohio.

Doug served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

His tour through various corporate management levels of the farm equipment industry required family residence in the chilly climates of Ohio, Iowa, the Chicago area, and finally the Milwaukee area of Wisconsin. Doug and his wife of 61 years, LaVerne, chose the warmer geography of Southwest Missouri for their retirement home. Along with the warmer weather, the other attraction of this area was the beautiful pristine fishing waters. Their three Wisconsin children Keith, Pat, Dave, and their families were all within a 600-mile drive of Bolivar. In their first 20 years of retirement, they made approximately 75 trips to "see the kids" and well over 500 trips to the Lakes.

After about 10 years of travel visiting all of our 50 states, they both decided it was time to settle in, get a dog, and start volunteering within the community.

These efforts included the Bolivar Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity as one of the original founders, CMH, and BAMA Thrift Store. His final efforts have been with the Polk County Humane Society.

Doug's church affiliation in Bolivar has been with the United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School for over 15 years. He is preceded in death by

his parents, his brother David Williams and his wife Lucy, and one grandchild, April Marie.

Doug is survived by his wife, LaVerne, three children, Keith Williams of Plover, Wisconsin, Pat Williams of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Dave Williams and his wife Kathy of Jackson, Wisconsin, his four grandchildren Mary and Alice Williams, and Jacob and Sophie Williams and his beloved dog, Teal.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10:00am, on Friday, May 17, 2013 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Visitation will be held from 8:30-10:00am prior to service time.

Inurnment will follow at 2:00pm on Friday at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring to leave a remembrance may do so by contributing to the Polk County Humane Society.

Friends and family may sign the guestbook or leave private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Lavern Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Douglas Lavern Williams*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Uncle Doug, as your light now shines brightly in heaven; it glows warmly in our hearts still on earth. Thoughts and prayers with all the Williams family.*

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

- Psalm 18:28

Marjorie Williams-Ortega and family (Luis, Leah and Daniel) - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Keith and Family*

I am very sorry about your loss. I met your dad when he came to Wausau. He is a very nice man. I your memories of his life provide much comfort in the future.

Frank

Frank Carrabba - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Worked with Doug at White Farm Eq.. A real fair guy and someone you wanted on your side if ever a conflict arose. Enjoy your new home Doug....*

frankl learned - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Remembering wonderful times at Reformation and our kids meeting and getting together there. Praying that God's hope and peace will keep your loving memories of Doug in your hearts.*

Ellen DeVoe - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Keith:
You and your family are in my thoughts. It is obvious that your dad helped mold you into the caring, kind man you are today.*

Barb Portzen - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as you manage thru this journey in the road. May your dad rest in peace.*

Kelly Nanasy - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Dear Keith and family,*

We're so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Reading his obituary gives a glimpse of a man who was very strong and capable and, I'm sure, was very important to his wife and children. I know you'll miss him a great deal but you have each other to lean on. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan and Judy Meylink - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *D. Williams family - In times like this there are no perfect words only perfect silences of reflection of good memories. I often think the stars are openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones shine down to let us know they are with us.*

I do not know quite what to say, as I will miss your Dad here on a daily basis also, but I trust you know my thoughts are with you all as you get through the loss of Doug.

Chris Hunt - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Keith-
My sympathy is with you and your family. Your father sounded like a wonderful man. His memories will live on for a long time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Heather Cramer - May 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Chris Scott - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all as we mourn the passing of Uncle Doug.*

Susan Polgar - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Sending our love and prayers as you grieve your loss of your Dad, your Grandpa and your husband. May God's loving arms wrap around you during these tough days and give you some peace.

Phil, Pam, Grace and Jenna Guyer - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Williams family, I grieve with you in the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Doug will be missed by all. I am thankful that he was part of my life too. He taught me so many things. May the Holy Spirit comfort each one of you and know that you are all in my prayers

Sandy Williams - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Sandy Williams - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ wow been a long time since we met i still here working for fareway and guess what i live next to the house you live on jackson st small world isnt it im sorry for your lost and i know exactly what your feeling at this time dads been gone for 2 months know just remember one thing he is always with you and ours fathers taught us all well with respect trust and common sense and to add one more thing go cleveland indians

rex schilling - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
We send our love and sympathy.

Rob, Naomi & Allie La Croix - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Sending love and prayers to our dear friends and their family during
this sad time.

Andy, Sheri, Amanda & Ashleigh Kasten - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ My thoughts and prayers to my Auntie Vern and cousins. God Bless
you all.
You will be greatly missed Uncle Doug.

Karen & Faiek Ibrahim - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dad - while we are sad tonight, a great scripture comes to mind, "Be
still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief
or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful
will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend, Through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end."

Dave, Kathy, Jake, and Sophie Williams - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM