



Harold "Duane" Williams

June 19, 1942 - August 14, 2019

Harold "Duane" Williams, 77, of Bolivar, MO passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles, MO.

Duane was born June 19, 1942 to William "Harold" and Dorothy Jean (Tuttle) Williams in Waverly, KS.

He married the love of his life, Wilma Jo Courtney, on December 22, 1963. They shared 55 years together, and to this union two children were born, Teresa and Tim.

Duane was a man of character and fostered community. He served The Lord and provided for his family with devotion and dedication. He moved his family to Bolivar in 1972 and assumed the executive financial leadership role at Teters Floral Products. He also served the Bolivar R-1 School District for 15 years as a school board member. Upon retirement, he found his calling to work with the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Most notably, however, was Duane's calling of discipleship through prayer. The Bolivar United Methodist Church and Show Me The Way Emmaus communities witnessed and experienced Duane's reverence for God and the power of prayer for healing and answers. He touched many individual lives through this act. Duane will be dearly missed as a prayer warrior. As a friend eloquently put, who amongst us will fill those shoes?

Duane is preceded in death by his parents: Harold and Dorothy Williams as well as a brother, Steven "Dwight" Williams.

Duane is survived by his loving wife, Wilma, and his children Teresa James and husband Jim of Boston, MA and Tim Williams and wife Tricia Ackerman of Wentzville, MO, as well as his grandchildren: Courtney James, Joseph Williams, Emily Williams, Jacob Ackerman, Rachael Ackerman; a brother, William "Douglas" Williams and wife Donna of Waverly, KS; a nephew, Darin and wife Nancy of Waverly, KS; a niece, Denise Lott, husband Nathan and 3 children of Mint Hill, NC.

Memorial contributions can be made in Duane's honor to Show Me the Way at 302 Cross St., Sarcoxie, MO 64862, or the Bolivar United Methodist Church at 105 E. Division, Bolivar, MO 65613.

Visitation for Duane will be Monday, August 19, 2019 from 5 to 7 P.M. at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Missouri. Services will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at United Methodist Church, Bolivar, Missouri. Burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Bolivar, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold "Duane" Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Harold "Duane" Williams*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Having Duane as a close friend through grade school, high school and beyond was one of the special blessings in my life that has had a positive impact to this day. He was a beautiful person in all aspects of life as a friend, a classmate, a teammate, a leader, a helper, a follower, just whatever was needed at the time, any time. His passing brings tears to my eyes; tears of sadness that he is gone, and tears of joy for the wonderful memories that will never be gone and knowing that I now have another Guardian Angel looking after me (and many others) from the Kingdom of God. My thoughts and prayers are with his Family & friends, praying that the memories of how successful he was in all aspects of life and that he is now "home" with his Creator far outweigh the grief of the loss.*

Jim Williams

Jim Williams - August 21, 2019 at 08:11 PM



Jim
Thanks for sharing. You were special to Duane and he had great memories that he has shared in the past. It was great to see you last month.
Doug Williams

Doug Williams - August 25, 2019 at 10:00 PM

AM

I recently found a Marie Charlot painting and on the back it has the names of Lehn Williams week of 3-2-87 and also Duane Williams 79. Wondering what this might mean to you . Thank you and sorry for your lost. Sincerely Aaron montag. If you would like to get a hold of me you can at aaronmontag22@gmail.com

Aaron montag - January 01, 2020 at 10:42 PM

DC

“ So sorry about Duane. Wilma and family, you are in my prayers! 🙏🙏

Debby Claxton



Debby Claxton - August 19, 2019 at 11:56 AM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear the news about Duane. We are praying God's comfort for all the family. We are Jimmy's relatives from North Carolina. Uncle aunts and cousins.

Robert, Pauline, Frankie, Jason & Jessic - August 19, 2019 at 07:49 AM



“ Duane, a real gentleman. I am happy have spent some time with him. He will be missed by many.

Harold James - August 18, 2019 at 07:07 PM

GC

“ Glenda Callaway lit a candle in memory of Harold "Duane" Williams



Glenda Callaway - August 18, 2019 at 12:48 AM

DC

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Duane. I was privileged to serve as Superintendent of Schools during his time on the Board. What a blessing he was to me. He would regularly come to my office and pray over me and with me for the leadership of the school, the teachers, students, and community as a whole. He was a role model to me, the board and the many whose lives he touched. His influence will live on in ways we will never know. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you pay tribute to a life well lived.

Dennis Cooper - August 17, 2019 at 10:31 AM

ST

“ SteadyCare purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Harold "Duane" Williams.



SteadyCare - August 16, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold "Duane" Williams.



August 16, 2019 at 02:08 PM

HS

“ I was sad to hear of Duane’s passing. I’m sending lots of Prayers & loving thoughts to Wilma, Theresa, Tim & all family members.

Helen Ann Strack



Helen Strack - August 16, 2019 at 02:07 PM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Duane. I had the privilege of serving on the Bolivar School Board with him. As I came on the board, he was a mentor to me. He had the interest of the students, faculty, staff and constituents on his mind and in his heart. Some of the difficult decisions that he helped make during the mid-1980's had a significant impact on turning the school district in the correct direction and has resulted in the exceptional school district that we enjoy today. He was also an exceptional example as a husband and father to me at a critical time. I will always be indebted for all that he taught me and the influence that he had upon my life. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald L. Andrews

Jerald Andrews - August 16, 2019 at 10:52 AM

DS

“ before the beginning of a Crystals Flight, this special man was on his knees before me tenderly pouring water on my feet and drying them with a small towel while praying for me to be used by God to witness to the gathered youth. I've never forgotten the feeling of being prayed for by this wonderful servant of Jesus. So glad I had the opportunity to tell him a couple of years ago, how much he touched my heart that day.

Doris Schlessman - August 16, 2019 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Carol Covert Roush lit a candle in memory of
Harold "Duane" Williams*



Carol Covert Roush - August 16, 2019 at 09:38 AM