



## James Williams

April 23, 1958 - February 14, 2025

James (Jimmy) Francis Williams was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, to Gene and Joyce Williams, the third of four children. He attended St. Anthony's School through the 3rd grade and Okmulgee Public Schools, graduating in 1976. In school, he was the president of his class, powderpuff football king, avid wrestler, and the local lifeguard at the Okmulgee Country Club. When sharing stories of his childhood, he often talked about family vacations to Mexico and the Grand Canyon. After graduation, Jimmy went to Oklahoma State University and joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, where he served as vice president. While attending Oklahoma State, he studied business and architecture. It was also in Stillwater where he met the love of his life, Jennifer Haley. They were married in El Reno, Oklahoma, on June 20, 1981.

Jimmy and Jennifer lived in Tulsa and Stillwater before moving to Henryetta, Oklahoma, in 1983. They raised their three children there: Brad, Tara, and Michael. Jimmy was involved with many organizations throughout his adult life. He was a proud member of St. Michael Catholic Church of Henryetta. He was a member and past president of the Henryetta Lions Club, the Henryetta Chamber of Commerce, and the Henryetta School Board. Jimmy was a Charter member of the Henryetta Optimist Club. He was a board member at the Henryetta Credit Union and First National Bank. Jimmy was also a part of numerous committees, including the Muscogee Creek Nation and HEDA. He was also instrumental in getting the Living Legends Rodeo going in Henryetta. Jimmy was awarded Henryettan of the Year in 1993.

Throughout his time on numerous boards and committees, he remained the owner and operator of Jiffy Mart and Williams Properties in Henryetta. Jimmy began working at Jiffy Mart in 1983 with his father, Gene Williams, and his uncle, Don Williams. After taking over, Jimmy continued to build the Jiffy Mart into a thriving business and Henryetta community donor for the next 40 years. He was always willing to donate and sponsor groups or anyone in need.

Jennifer may have thought he wasn't retired, yet somehow with the help of his son Brad, he managed to play golf every single day before he formally retired. Jimmy was either listening to Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Rod Stewart, or Jimmy Buffett (unless Tara had control of the radio). He and Jennifer were members of the Central Oklahoma Parrott Head Association, raising money for numerous organizations and having fun doing it. He was a loyal fan of the Oklahoma State Cowboys, attending football and basketball games with his kids for many years. He took many golfing trips with his friends around the country and enjoyed them all. Above all else, his favorite golfing buddies were his sons.

Out of all that was important to Jimmy, it was his family that everything revolved around. From watching the kids' sporting events to family vacations, he never missed an opportunity to be with his children and have fun. Once, when he was working in Arkansas for Desoto Oil and Gas Company, he found himself stuck after a massive blizzard came through. Instead of staying put and waiting for the weather to clear, he got in his truck and made the long journey home to see his wife and kids. This ordinarily 4-hour drive took Jimmy 10 hours. When asked why, all he had to say was, "I miss my family!" He was incredibly proud of his children, but his most immense joy was his grandson, Bodie Brison.

Jimmy was a loving husband, dad, papa, brother, and friend. He was a man of integrity and faith, always had a kind word to say, and was always willing to help anyone in need. During snow and ice storms, he would go into town just to see if anyone needed to be pulled out of a ditch. He enjoyed working on

projects around the house with his neighbor, Bubba Harjo. When praying with his kids, he always asked God to grant them "Patience, Courage, and Wisdom." In the eyes of his children, Jimmy had them all.

It is said that St. Francis stated, "Preach the gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words." This is one of Jimmy's favorites. Those who know him know that he lived by these words.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Joyce Williams. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Williams of Henryetta; his three children, Brad Williams of Tulsa, Tara Brison and husband Derek of Jenks; Michael Williams and wife Regan of Oklahoma City; and his grandson Bodie Brison of Jenks; his sisters Diane Ornelas and husband Steve, Trisha Cohen and husband Mitch, and Terri Gilley and husband Curtis; many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and golfing buddies.

Pallbearers: Alan Johnson, Bubba Harjo, Dutch Vandeborn, John Hull, Beryl Davis, David Warden, Mike Polston, Jack Hamm, and Butch Glover.

Honorary Pallbearers: Kenny Lawrence, Joe Austin, Dexton Henderson, Dee Renshaw, Don Fisher, Nathan Myer, Mike Brian, Donnie Smith and Mike Capps

The family invites you to join them in prayer and remembrance. A Rosary will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 21st, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Henryetta, Oklahoma.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 am on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Okmulgee, OK, with Father Robert Duck presiding. Following the Mass, Jimmy will be laid to rest at the Westlawn Cemetery under the care and direction of the Rogers Funeral Home

Memorials can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center or Henryetta Chip in Club , 30550 S. 216th Rd Henryetta, OK 74437 in memory of Jimmy.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Rogers Funeral Home  
1302 West Main Street  
Henryetta, OK 74437  
(918) 650-9090  
rogersfh@aol.com  
<https://www.rogersfuneralhomeinc.com>

## Wake Service

FEB **21**. 6:00 PM (CT)

St Michael's Catholic Church  
1004 W Gentry  
Henryetta, OK 74437

## Service

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Anthony  
515 S Morton Ave  
Okmulgee, OK 74437

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rogers Funeral home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Williams*



Rogers Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Williams.*



February 21, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *So sorry to hear you're gone classmate, prayers for your family. May strength endure the night and carry your love forever.*

Stephen D. Fultz - February 20, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rogers Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SB

“ Susan and Frank Bonsiero purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Williams.



Susan and Frank Bonsiero - February 20, 2025 at 03:19 PM

SB

“ Susan and Frank Bonsiero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Williams.

Susan and Frank Bonsiero - February 20, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DH

“ JJ & I were very sorry to hear of Jimmy’s passing. He fought a long hard battle.

*Jennifer, Brad, Tara & Michael- we are keeping you lifted up in prayer for comfort and peace. Praying that your many memories of Jimmy and the years you had with him will comfort you in the days ahead.*

*Tabby & JJ Hull*

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**Denise Hull** - February 20, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Williams.*



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February 20, 2025 at 03:07 PM



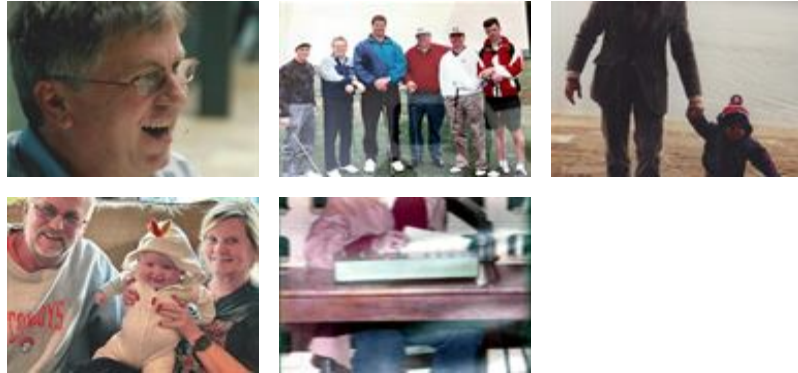
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February 20, 2025 at 03:07 PM



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Rogers Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Williams.



February 19, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Williams.



February 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM



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February 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM

DR

“ Jennifer &fam. Sincerest condolences. Jimmy ... One of the best ever in our little community. Kyrie eleison...



Dave Smith RN - February 19, 2025 at 06:45 AM

RR

“ I am so sorry to hear the sad news, he was a good man, seemed so light hearted and fun. Praying for his family.

Rochelle Ruth - February 19, 2025 at 05:30 AM

AD

“ I spent much of high school working with Jimmy down at the Jiffy Mart. Whenever possible he had me on the early morning shift with him. We had so many conversations on life, religion, politics and more. We didn't always agree, but every conversation was respectful and enlightening. He taught me so many lessons on business, ethics, family and things that really matter. He was one of my first mentors. And more than that, I am proud to consider him a friend, and I will miss him. Jennifer, Brad, Tara, Michael, I love you all and I'm sorry for your loss. You're in our prayers. - Adam and Jacqueline DeWitt

Adam and Jacqueline DeWitt - February 19, 2025 at 01:07 AM

CT

I have known the Williams family pretty much all my life. I was in the same class as his sister Diane. We called him little Jimmy Williams. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this time of grieving. Diane you are in my prayers.

Cynthia Turnbull - February 20, 2025 at 12:53 PM

MW

“ I did some work for Jimmy back in the 80s. I was glad to know him.



Michael Wolfe - February 18, 2025 at 06:09 PM

SW

“ Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of James Williams



Suzanne Wise - February 18, 2025 at 05:57 PM

JC

“ Jennifer and family....we're sending prayers and condolences for you during this time. God can guide you through this difficult journey 🙏

Jimmy and Sharon Cazenave



Jimmy & Sharon Cazenave - February 18, 2025 at 04:07 PM

ST

“ I went to school with Jimmy and then ran in to him a few times in these last few years here in Henryetta when I moved back. Back in school and in recent times EVERY time I saw him he had a big smile and gave me a big hug!!! Jimmy was always the kindest person! He will be missed and prayers for his family!

stormyacres1@hotmail.com - February 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

TA

“ Jennifer my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult of times. I pray for peace and comfort for you and your family ❤️🙏



Theresa Allen - February 17, 2025 at 11:00 PM

VB

“ Jennifer and family..... I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying for peace and wonderful memories.



Valerie Williamson Ballenger - February 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ Jimmy was always so kind to me growing up. Him and Jennifer were like a 2nd family to me for many years. Praying for Jennifer, Brad, Tara, Michael and the rest of their family.

Megan Watts - February 17, 2025 at 02:31 PM

SG

“ Gary and I were shocked by this unexpected happening. We love you guys and pray God lifts you up and give you strength in this difficult time.

Susan Gaskill - February 17, 2025 at 01:28 PM



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February 17, 2025 at 05:24 AM



“ *Kay Rabbitt-Brower & Amanda Brower lit a candle in memory of James Williams*



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**Kay Rabbitt-Brower & Amanda Brower** - February 17, 2025 at 12:31 AM



“ *We sent a tree. Always remember Jimmy being an awesome person. He was so good to me when I was young. I'll never forget the paper route incident and much trouble he got in and it wasn't his fault. Jeffrey & Kris Orcutt*

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**Jeffery & Kris Orcutt** - February 16, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *If you knew Jimmy, then you knew he was a good man . He always had a quick smile and a warm greeting and called you by name. We will miss you, Jimmy. May the Lord comfort your beautiful family during this time. John and Virginia Tedlock*

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**Virginia Tedlock** - February 16, 2025 at 04:47 PM

JO

“ Jeffery O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Williams.

Jeffery O. - February 16, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JA

“ All of us who were blessed to call him a friend will miss him. He was such a good man and so much fun to be around. Jennifer, Brad, Michael and Tara my heart breaks for you. You will be in my prayers

Jamie Arnold - February 15, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TB

“ The Blacks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Williams.



The Blacks - February 15, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TB

“ The Blacks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Williams.

The Blacks - February 15, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JU

“ Jimmy was such a good man and like a second father to my son Conner. He will be missed by everyone

John Upshaw - February 15, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Williams.*



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February 15, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Williams.

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February 15, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Jennifer, Brad, Tara & Micheal, this news breaks my heart to learn of Jimmy's passing. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time. Pete and I send our fondest condolences to each of you.*



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**Susan Hill** - February 15, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Tim and I are sad to hear of Jimmy's passing. Lifting his wife and their family up in prayer.*



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**Sheila Williams** - February 15, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BA

“ For many many years Jimmy passed our house on his way to the store several times a day--if the weather was decent we would be sitting on our porch--he would have the window down in his truck and would stick his arm out and wave at us EVERY time he went by. My brother Skip Minyard considered Jimmy a very good friend. Sweet Jennifer, we are thinking of you and your children during this time. We will surely miss seeing Jimmie.

*Everett and Betty Allen*

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**Betty and Everett Gene Allen** - February 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RC

“ Jennifer, Brad, Tara and Michael we are deeply saddened by your loss. May God bless you and give you peace.

*Jimmy was always such a joy to be around. We have so many beautiful memories of times shared with your family. May Jimmy's legacy of kindness and caring live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.*

*We love you all.*

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**Rhonda & Mike Capps** - February 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

MP

“ Mandy Peters lit a candle in memory of James Williams



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**Mandy Peters** - February 14, 2025 at 03:04 PM

MC

“ So saddened to hear of Jimmy’s passing. His loss is immeasurable and leaves a void in all of our hearts. Prayers for Jennifer and family.

Marty Carley - February 14, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DF

“ With a broken heart, I will say Jimmy was one of the best men I have known. He was kind and a good heart. I had the privilege of working for him and watching his children grow up, they are a part of my family. Everyone will miss him greatly!

Debra Fisher - February 14, 2025 at 10:27 AM

DH

So sorry to hear about his passing. He was one of the nicest guys indeed

David Henderson - February 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JP

To the Williams family, Lorie and I are deeply saddened by your loss. Jimmy was a good man. We had some wonderful memories that we shared together. I can't pass by the Jiffy Mart without thinking about Jimmy. I remember the time the whole Williams family decorated our suburban for two straight years in orange and black because OSU beat OU in football. I guess Catholics get out earlier than Baptists. I did get even with Jennifer with her suburban the following year. Jimmy was a family man and many memories center around watching our kids growing up together. Our prayers are with the entire family. May you experience God's peace in this difficult time in your lives!

Jim and Lorie Paslay  
Grove, Oklahoma

Jim Paslay - February 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM