



## Fred Lake Williams Jr.

August 1, 1944 - October 29, 2016

MR. FRED LAKE WILLIAMS JR.

Fred Lake Williams, Jr., PhD, originally from Henryetta, Oklahoma, formerly of Burke, Virginia, and most recently of Barnsdall, Oklahoma, passed away October 29, 2016. He was 72 years old. He was born at Dyersburg Army Airfield, Dyersburg, Tennessee, on August 1, 1944, to 1st Lt. Fred and Connie (Crosby) Williams, both from Henryetta; his father was an Army Air Corps B-17 pilot and flight instructor. Fred graduated from Henryetta High School in 1962 and attended Kemper Military School and College in Boonville, Missouri, for one year before transferring to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He graduated from OSU in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and immediately went to work for the United States Department of Agriculture, Livestock Division, as a meat grader in Philadelphia. In 1969, he transferred to St. Joseph, Missouri, as a Market News reporter. He married Peggy Pharaoh, also from Henryetta. They moved to San Francisco, where Fred was a Market News reporter, where he gained notoriety as “the Okie from Muskogee” because he routinely mispronounced all the regional California towns during his daily radio broadcasts. “San Joaquin” was particularly challenging. Fred and Peggy spent one year in Washington, DC, where Fred worked in the Market News bureau; and their son Jeff was born. The family then moved to Kansas City where Fred was a meat grading supervisor; and their daughter Jennifer was born. The family then moved back to the Washington, DC area and spent the next 25 years

there. Fred worked in the Standardization and Review office, and travelled the country to ensure all animal, carcass, and meat grading was consistent. Fred also judged many state fairs and livestock shows, including the Houston Livestock Show. He also graded the Guatemala National Livestock Show. Fred authored the standards for Certified Angus Beef. Fred was honored with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University. He was also honored as a Graduate of Distinction from Oklahoma State University. While in the Washington, DC area, Fred served as an elder at Calvary Christian Church. Upon retirement, Fred moved to Barnsdall, Oklahoma, where he eventually served for several years on the Barnsdall School Board and as an elder at First Christian Church. Fred is survived by his wife of 47 years, Peggy Pharaoh Williams; a daughter, Jennifer Colleton, and Jennifer's daughter, MacKenzie, both of Barnsdall; and a son, Jeff, of Barnsdall, and Jeff's three daughters, Kate, Caroline, and Elizabeth, all of Bassett, Virginia. He was preceded in death by both of his parents. The family will host a celebration of life event for extended family and friends on November 12 at 2:00 PM on their ranch. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, gifts be made in Fred's honor to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America or the American Heart Association. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ Fred Lake Williams Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Fred Lake Williams Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I cannot count the many memorable times that I had with Fred. He was an official at the Houston Meat Judging Contest for many years. Managing a contest is a lot of work but I looked forward to each year simply because Fred was going to be there and would make us laugh. Of course, not just laugh but Fred is one of the few people who could have you crying from laughter in minutes. Just by seeing his face before he said a word, you had a big smile in anticipation of his stories. What a great person and what a special trait to make people laugh. I will miss Fred as we all will. There is no doubt that he has the man upstairs rolling in laughter! God Bless Fred Williams and thank you for allowing us to know such a special person.*

*John Bellinger*

John Bellinger - November 15, 2016 at 03:18 PM

KW

“ I will always remember Fred for the weeks we spent in his company at Camp Perry Ohio.  
these were to be some of the best weeks of my life with what turned out to be the best group of lifetime friends . He will be missed by many because of the man he was and the service of his wit & wisdom .god speed SIR  
Karl Woerner

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**Karl Woerner** - November 07, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ I roomed with fred lake in 1967 at osu, I had known him all my life as his grandfather was brother Williams my preacher at the Methodist church in henryetta ok he was a character, and was a great guy I have good memories of him,my condolences to the family david cunningham

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**David Cunningham** - November 07, 2016 at 03:44 PM

LH

“ We regret to hear of Fred's passing. Lilla and I had a lot of classes with Fred at O.S.U. Some of my favorite times with Fred were during our Saturday meats team workouts at Wilson Co. in OKC. He always had a smile and something to say. I would see him every year at the Tulsa State Fair before he retired and always enjoyed visiting about old times. We will miss him!

Sincerely,  
Ike and Lilla Higdon  
1967 Animal Science

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**Lilla Higdon** - November 06, 2016 at 05:01 PM

TD

“ All of us in university and college settings, as well as in government positions and the livestock and meat industries who had the honor to know and work with Fred are deeply saddened with his passing. He was a wonderful friend and colleague to me at Cornell, the National Livestock and Meat Board, and in the USDA Standardization Branch. He will be greatly missed. Terry Dockerty

Terry Dockerty - November 05, 2016 at 07:52 AM

SS

“ Our condolences to Peggy and the family. Mr. Fred was a very unique person and loved being in the middle of things. He always made things lively, and he and his "twin brother" Fred (Sanford) were a fearsome duo. He will be missed.

Stevana Sanford - November 01, 2016 at 09:37 PM

DF

“ Fred was special. He was a great communicator. He could talk USDA grade standards to CEO's of major companies, University PHD's and 4H kids at their level. They all came away knowing more about the USDA grade standards.. I cherish the time I spent in his presence . Now I am pleased that I went to see Fred and Peggy at their ranch in OK and have those memories. When someone asks me, did you know Fred Williams, my reply will be, let me tell you about Fred. May God comfort the family during this time. Dave Foster



Dave Foster - November 01, 2016 at 05:55 PM

MO

“ *A true leader in livestock and meat evaluation who was a friend to all.*

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**Marty O'Connor** - November 01, 2016 at 09:50 AM

DJ

“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our condolences. We are going to miss Fred and we will forever remember him.*

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**Dale and Jane** - October 31, 2016 at 09:40 PM