



Ruth Williams

May 26, 1940 - May 7, 2017

God called his good and faithful servant, Gleaner Ruth Williams, home on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

She was 76 years old at the time of her passing. Services for Ruth will be at 1PM on Friday, May 12, 2017 at the First Christian Church in Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

Ruth was born on May 26, 1940, in a log cabin in Scipio, Oklahoma, to William M. and Ruby (Williamson) Butler. She was raised in the rural Pittsburg County area where she attended

Indianola Schools. Ruth was valedictorian of her graduating class from Indianola High School and continued her education at Wilburton Junior College, now Eastern Oklahoma State College, earning her Associates Degree. Ruth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education from Oklahoma State University in May 1961 and began her teaching career at Barnsdall High School where she taught Junior High English and Home Economics for two years. She was a patient and kind educator who was loved and respected by her students.

Ruth married Thomas Williams on February 9, 1963, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She and Tom had four children, Thomas, Tommy, Tonya, and Tammy. Ruth devoted herself as a full-time wife and mother for the next several years. When her children got older, Ruth re-entered the workforce. She re-invented herself through additional schooling and training as needed

for her career. She worked as a court clerk at the Osage County Court House, was the accountant at Taylor's Chevrolet, and owner of Barnsdall Tag Agency. Although she worked outside the home, she never missed a ballgame, band concert, or any other activity her children participated in, most of the time acting as sponsor or chaperone. Ruth had a servant's heart and found her calling in 1985 when she went to work for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. She worked tirelessly with the elderly in nursing home care and adult protective services in both Osage and Washington counties. She was highly respected and often recognized for her work during her 16 year career with DHS. In her retirement, she was a devoted "MeMe" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as active in the First Christian Church, and volunteer in the Barnsdall Community until her illness prevented her from doing so.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Tom, of the home, her son, Tommy and wife, Lora, of Bartlesville, and her daughter, Tonya and husband Tom, of Nixa, Missouri, seven grandchildren, Ryan Holcomb, Megan Williams, Jeremy Swait and wife, Silken, Brandi Williams, Jennifer Bass and husband, Jason, Jessica Sullivan and husband, Michael, Taylor Nash, four great-grandchildren, Cael, Addi, Ella, and Jasper. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Cypert, and a special sister-in-law, Faye Wickware.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Lois Webb, and her children, Thomas Jr. and Tammy.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Barnsdall First Christian Church
200 South 5th Street
Barnsdall, OK 74002

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Williams*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Ruth Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Hi Ruth and all your family, just heard that you had gone on to our real forever home in Heaven. You were a good friend and great helper to your Co- Workers at DHS. It was a joy to learn from and work with you. No matter how much work was on your desk, you made time to help me and many others. One day I will join you there in Heaven, Oh Happy Day. Wish I could spell Lazawnya , you made the very best for our Birthday dinners, A much loved lady like you Ruth , willed be missed, but it's your time to shine in Eternity, eternal Love Place. Carol Wayman*

carol wayman - May 11, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, she was a very loving person and had a wit about her that was quick to make people around her laugh. I remember she was always caring and a joy to be around....she will indeed be missed. Love you guys and am praying for you and your family.
J.R. and Toni Corle*

J.R. Corle - May 11, 2017 at 05:26 AM

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“ I happened to see this on Kevin's timeline and wanted to tell you that Ruth and I were friends in college. Although that was many years ago, I've never forgotten her because she was such a sweet person. I lived in Bartlesville and saw her a couple of times after she moved to Barnsdall. Prayers for your family!

Connie Clapp Collins

Oklahoma State University - 1963

Connie Collins - May 10, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Williams .



May 10, 2017 at 10:26 AM

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“ Rick And Janell Anthony lit a candle in memory of Ruth Williams



Rick and Janell Anthony - May 09, 2017 at 05:26 PM

JA

“ Ruth was a wonderful person and teacher. Even though she made me take that facing our of my dress several times before I got it right. I always reminded her she taught me how to sew, cook and even how to pick out an onion at the store.

Jane - May 09, 2017 at 04:28 PM