



Buford Williams

January 29, 1928 - February 2, 2021

Buford Williams was born January 29, 1928, in Luxora, Mississippi, to Bobby Lee Williams and Alma Myrtle Akins Williams. He died Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 93 years. Buford worked hard all of his life and took many self-taught lessons and night courses. He owned and operated a foundry in the early years of his life. He was a superintendent for Mr. Foster, a professor at the University of Tulsa, and studied nights at his house until Mr. Foster threw the books in the floor and told Buford he was better. When Mr. Foster passed, he left the utility company to Buford. The rest is history, as Buford laid utility lines in Tulsa until he became a developer, owning and operating Battlecreek Land Development, Incorporated. He was also a very successful rancher and drilled many oil wells. Buford enjoyed a variety of pastimes including playing pitch with his friends, D.M. Sokolosky, Dr. Ed Sokolosky, Dee Sokolosky, and Wylie Morton. He loved playing the slot machines, especially at the Hard Rock Casino. He liked spending time on the water anywhere he could throw out at line fishing. Buford helped build Freedom Church in Owasso, and was actually the first baptism in the swimming pool of his home on Highway 20. He was a faithful man of God, very kind and generous. His word and handshake were always a contract. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife; Helen

One son; Larry McConaghie

Five grandchildren; Ann

Chris

Jennifer

Mandy

Clinton

Three great grandchildren

Four brothers; Bill Williams

Bob Williams

Buck Williams

Jim Williams

Two sisters; Bonnie Ross

Madie Hair

Special loved ones Brian and Lou Gudenkaut, and Lexie Johnson, who have worked tirelessly to care for Buford and of course many friends who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Charles Williams, daughter, Lynn McGill, and brother, Ed Williams.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 1:30 pm. Friday, February 5, 2020, at Freedom Church in Owasso with Pastor Andrew Rankin officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Jonathon Frick, Dustin Reudelhuber, Scott Maxwell, Phil Osterahut, Jerry Holt, and Brian Gudenkauf. Committal service and interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Owasso. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
Owasso, OK 74055
(918) 272-6244
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

LIVE STREAM SERVICE

FEB 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Live Stream - Freedom Church
Owasso, OK 74055
<https://fb.me/e/jB7KXTWQI>

Service

FEB 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Freedom Church
9602 North 177th East Avenue
Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

FEB 5 (CT)

Freedom Church Prepare The Way
9602 North 177th East Avenue
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

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“ *Buford was truly a treasure. He and Helen always made my day brighter. His life story is nothing short of amazing and worthy of a novel. His stories about studying under an oil lamp and growing up as the son of a share cropper were eye opening to me. I loved hearing about his connection to Elvis Presley and his family!*

He was always so generous and genuinely cared about those around him. He will be miss. My prayers to Helen and the Williams family.

Dr. Jeffrey Galles - February 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buford Williams.*



February 05, 2021 at 12:31 PM



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



February 05, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Buford Williams.*



February 04, 2021 at 04:47 PM



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



February 04, 2021 at 03:00 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I am very sorry for your loss. Buford was a great man and I respected him very much. He and Helen were the ones that sparked my interest in my landscape career. I started out mowing there home in Ator and then maintained a neighborhood in Owasso off of 76th St. that he developed and built homes in. May his memory be eternal.*
Brian McAnally

Brian McAnally - February 04, 2021 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Helen, my deepest condolences on the lost of your loving husband. Buford was an exceptional man who was generous with his love of family, friends, community and fellow man. He gave with his heart and soul to those in need. His smile and firm handshake blessed so many that were so fortunate to be called his friend and associate.*

Helen, please keep in your heart the memories of this wonderful life you shared with Buford, the knowledge that you were beside him as he became such a dedicated man of strong faith and above all, you were there.

Bless you and your family in the coming days.
Doris

Doris - February 04, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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TO THE BUFORD WILLIAMS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HELEN, BUFORD WAS SUCH A KIND MAN. ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND KIND WORD FOR YOU. I ENJOYED VISITING WITH YOU AND BUFORD WHEN I SAW YOU. WE WILL MISS SEEING HIM BUT WE KNOW HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU...ED AND FLEETA SUNDAY

FLEETA SUNDAY - February 05, 2021 at 06:51 PM