



Eileen Catherine Williams

January 26, 1958 - May 20, 2026

Eileen Catherine Williams, age 68, of Springdale, Arkansas, passed from this life on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at her home. She was born on January 26, 1958, in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of John Albert Fries and Lynn Marie Keating.

Eileen graduated from Piscataway High School in New Jersey before joining the United States Army, where she served on active duty for four years as a diesel mechanic. After her time in the Army, she followed friends to Northwest Arkansas, where she made her home, raised her two sons, and built a life filled with friendship, laughter, and love.

Eileen worked for Procter & Gamble for 18 years before retiring in 2021. She was known for her funny, adventurous, and zany personality, as well as her generous and caring heart. She never met a stranger and could talk to anyone. Her welcoming spirit and wonderful sense of humor touched countless lives, and she was a devoted friend to many.

Above all, Eileen was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and treasured the moments they shared together. She also had a deep love for animals, especially dogs. Over the years, she adopted and cared for many dachshunds, German shepherds, and a few others who were fortunate to be part of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Albert Fries and Lynn Marie Keating; one son, Patrick John Williams; and one sister, Pamela Fries-Herbst.

Survivors include one son, Craig Alan Ragland and wife Vanessa of Lowell, Arkansas; one brother, Thomas Fries and wife Noela of Odessa, Florida; two grandchildren, Gabrielle Ragland and Liam Ragland; and one nephew, Ryan Fries.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, with Donald Preston officiating. Interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

1980 E. Friendship Road
Springdale, AR 72764
<http://www.friendship-cemetery.com>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rowe (Toodys Sister) Ftom Colorado. lit a candle in memory of Eileen Catherine Williams*



Mary Rowe (Toodys sister) ftom Colorado. - May 29 at 08:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eileen Catherine Williams.*



May 28 at 04:11 PM



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

May 28 at 04:11 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen Catherine Williams.*



May 28 at 03:35 PM

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“ We are sending our sincere sympathy to the Ragland and Fries families for the loss of Eileen; she will be surely missed by us all.

*May she rest in peace in heaven with Patrick and Pam,
sincerely, Richard Herbst and Ginny Donelson*



Richard Herbst - May 28 at 12:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen Catherine Williams.



May 28 at 12:21 PM

RL

“ If loving you is wrong I don't want to be right!!! In the very short time that I got to know you I know that you were a beautiful person inside and out! You had a wonderful spirit and a love for life! If only we could have had more time to go fishing and watch our favorite movies together! Ron

Ronald Langford - May 27 at 10:57 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Catherine Williams.



May 27 at 08:47 PM

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“ *What a life she had, never met a stranger. My husband (Kevin) and I were friends with Eileen for more than 40 years, 3 years spent in the Army. That was the best 3 years of our lives. we went all over the east coast and had great adventures. What memories we made, I am going to miss her till the day we meet again. Greg, Vanessa & kids I am praying for you all.*

Toody

Susan Oxford - May 27 at 01:55 PM



“ *Eileen was such a fun person to be around. She and I could joke about movies and we always had a good laugh. She is missed already.*

Eric Vaughn - May 27 at 11:56 AM