



R L Williams

November 29, 1935 - November 29, 2016

RL Williams, 81, of Springdale, AR passed away on Nov. 29, 2016 at his home. He was born Nov. 29, 1935 in Spiro, OK, the son of Daniel and Velma Williams. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Allene Williams, and three daughters; Annette (Michael) Beanland, Diana (Paul) Varner and Carolyn Beard. 5 brothers and 1 sister, Thurman, James, Harvey, Dale, David and Shirley all of California. 6 Grandchildren, Sean (Marie) Beanland, Erin Beanland, Cody (Tina) Varner, Melissa Varner, Matthew (Nicole) Beard and Jessica Beard and 9 surviving Great Grand Children.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and United States Army. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957 and served on the USS Shangri La as an Infantryman. He served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1976 as an Administrative Mail Clerk, serving in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, and again from 1970 to 1971. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service in Vietnam in June of 1971. A memorable portion of the end of his military career was served as a Recruiter in St. Louis, Tulsa, and Nebraska. The most memorable portion of his military career for him and his family was his service on the Army Competition Shooting Teams. He won many awards for his skill, specifically with pistols, that put him in the upper echelon of competition shooting teams within the military. He was especially proud of his service on the Army Shooting Teams. Sergeant First Class R.L. Williams proudly retired on December 31st, 1976.

He was an avid fisherman, a member of the Hawg Anglers Bass Club and River Rats Bass Club, participating in many of the Northwest Arkansas Bassmasters Open Buddy Bass Tournaments. He made his own fishing lures and sold them locally.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Junior Williams, and one Great Grandson, William Kolten Don Varner.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1pm with Full Military Honors at Fayetteville National Cemetery.

A visitation will take place from 11am to 12pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 1620, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72115 or Caudle Avenue Baptist Church, P.O. Box 681 Springdale, Arkansas 72765.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 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>

Graveside Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fayetteville National Cemetery
700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Tribute Wall

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“ Interesting it doesn't show grandpas middle name like all of the other obituaries posted on this website. What is his middle name?

Jessica Beard - May 16, 2023 at 10:28 PM

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“ I miss you grandpa. 🙌👍❤️🙌👍 -Jessica

Jessica Beard - May 16, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ R L Williams

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ I sure do miss my grandpa. I always think of him when I eat popcorn. We were popcorn buddies. He'd take me out early in the morning to Waffle House before he went fishin. The last place we ate was Denny's 5 years ago and it had been such a long time just the 2 of us. The one thing I always appreciated about my grandfather was his jokes and smiles. I always admired how he hung in there 🌹 I love you grandpa.

Jessica A. Beard

Jessica Beard - March 20, 2020 at 12:42 AM

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“ *RL taught me the difference between "fishing" and "catching." On one excursion on the lake, he was out-catching me 5 to 1. I complained that all the fish were on his side of the boat. Without hesitation he said, "Ok, let's trade sides." After which, he still out-caught me 5 to 1. Obviously, I'm a fisher, and he was a catcher!*

Jim Bryant - December 14, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of R L Williams.*



December 01, 2016 at 11:29 PM

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“ *Jim and Angie Bryant purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of R L Williams.*



Jim and Angie Bryant - December 01, 2016 at 11:07 AM