



## Raymond Williams

July 19, 1931 - January 8, 2019

Raymond Monroe Williams, 87 of Ephrata, died peacefully at home with his beloved wife at his side on January 8, 2019. Ray was the second child born to Rufus M. and Ella Williams in Thomasville, NC. Little did his parents know what a “southern gentleman” he would become. Ray learned to work hard at an early age and took pride in doing his jobs well. Because he was a kind, warm, loving and giving person he shared what he had.

After graduation from Thomasville High School he joined the US Air Force that led him to be stationed at Larson Air Force Base at Moses Lake, WA. He could not believe the contrast between the Columbia Basin and his home state of North Carolina. Ray grew to love the area around Ephrata and Eastern WA as he loved the outdoors, participated and enjoyed many outdoor sports. After being honorably discharged from the military, he was hired and retired from the US Postal Service after working 32 years.

Ray met and married Aida Moreno in April 1992 and they were happily married for almost 27 years. They were true partners in life as they enjoyed doing domestic things around their home, traveling the country, and....yes, even shopping together.

Ray continued working after retirement by helping at a floral shop delivering flowers, helping at a tv and appliance store and finally at Qualls Ag Lab. Ray really enjoyed working at QAL and developed a special bond with all there. Ray was an active member of Jehovah’s Witnesses and enjoyed sharing his Bible knowledge and faith with others.

He is survived by his loving wife Aida; sisters Joyce (Ed) Richardson of Gibsonville, NC; Betty (Larry) Link of Lexington, NC; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Carolyn, his first wife; his parents; sister Colleen and her husband, Jim Curry.

Ray will always be remembered for his kindness, generosity, happy disposition; humor, his southern accent and phrases.

A memorial service will be held at the Ephrata Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 902, 2nd Avenue SE Ephrata, WA on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Friends are welcome.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (PT)

Kingdom Hall  
960 2nd Ave S.E.  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Williams*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - August 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM

DG

*Beautiful !!! ❤️  
One beautiful soul missed but never forgotten - my uncle Raymond 💕  
Thinking of you always Aida!  
All my I♥ve, Donna*

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**Donna Godbolt** - September 28, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LK

“ *Aida,  
i am so sorry to hear of Rays passing, what a wonderful man he was, always saying or doing something kind. May he rest in peace, and the lord comfort those he left behind.  
please take care of yourself.*

*fondly,*

*Lori Kinzel*

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**Lori Kinzel** - February 06, 2019 at 10:55 AM

RP

“ Ron Potter lit a candle in memory of Raymond Williams



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Ron Potter - January 31, 2019 at 06:52 PM

TR

“ Life at Qualls Ag Lab will not be the same without our friend Ray. He brought so much happiness and laughter. We have been reminiscing about all of his great Southern quotes:

1. How are you doing Ray? -“I’m beautiful” and - “No sense in complaining. No one would listen to me anyway”

2. “You can go to hell for lying and cheating same as stealing”

3. If you were late to lunch- “I waited for you like one pig waits for another”

4. How old are you Ray?- “29 and a half”

5. “Mama said I could have been born rich instead of so darn good looking. Too bad I got cheated out of both”

6. “Hush your mouth”

7. “Y’all and yewins”

Our hearts go out to Aida and the family. We feel so blessed to have had Ray in our lives.

QAL

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Tom Redmon - January 29, 2019 at 05:14 PM

BL

*and "oh, i'm just fine..full of vin and vinegar" ..... not so sure how you spell that vin .... but it sure said that a lot also....thank all of you for all you are sharing... we love reading your memories of him...he loved working there ... sat by the phone waiting for a call that he was needed...so enjoyed it.. and all of you.*

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**BETTY LINK** - February 01, 2019 at 09:34 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Errolynn Stephen** - January 29, 2019 at 12:17 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Errolynn Stephen** - January 29, 2019 at 11:16 AM

TR

“ 1 file added to the album QAL



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**Tom Redmon** - January 29, 2019 at 10:59 AM

TR

“ 6 files added to the album Qualls Ag Lab



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**Tom Redmon** - January 29, 2019 at 09:56 AM

DG

*Great pictures of my favorite uncle!! Thank you for sharing. 💕*

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**Donna Godbolt** - January 29, 2019 at 08:30 PM

BL

*We so appreciate the friendship and so value your sharing your life with us through these tributes and pictures. Thank you for everything.  
Betty*

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**BETTY LINK** - January 31, 2019 at 09:34 PM

BL

“ Our brother ... a true southern 'gentle - man'  
... When I heard we had lost you, broken and  
shattered was I. All the memories I had of you  
seemed like they all dumped out in my lap,  
and the world said, 'here, this is all you have  
left'. But, what wonderful memories, all love, kindness, caring, joking  
humor, and sharing. No bad memories of you, as our brother exist.  
I/we miss miss you..not a simple I miss you, but a painful ache,  
wishing you were still here. I try to hide my tears when I think of you,  
the pain is so deep in my heart, I smile and seem carefree, but no  
one knows how I/we miss you (3,000 miles away, but 'never apart in  
our love'). The lessons of kindness and love you showed us, all the  
good things in life you did, will linger as lasting gifts from you that  
will help comfort - until we see you again. We know you, Momma,  
Daddy, Carolyn, sister Colleen, brother in law Jim, and our other  
family 'there' are with you now, will keep watch over us. We wish all  
of you were here - wish we could hold your hand again - I would so  
tightly, I'd never let go. Now, apart, but you will always live inside  
me, deep within my heart. You were gone before it was time, we  
thought .. in life I loved you, in death I/we still do. Our hearts ache  
with sadness and many tears flow, what it meant to lose you, no one  
will ever know. You will always be with us. Hold 'our family close 'up  
there' until we meet again. I will always love and appreciate you.  
Now, it's just Joyce and myself, Aida, and our families, to hold onto  
on this earth. WE will do and care for Aida all we can.. and we thank  
her for the love and care she gave to you. Your loving sister, Betty ..  
but as you always called me 'Betty Bump' ... and I will forever hear  
you call me that. My love to you, Raymond.. who shared your entire  
life with me. I watched so many planes fly away with you on  
them...but you always came back. This time I know it's final....but  
our love is not.



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Betty Williams Link - January 26, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DG

“ *Uncle Raymond, Miss you more. You brought laughter and love to everyone!! I have a heart full of the BEST memories from all your trips back "home" to Thomasville, NC and my trip out to Ephrata to see you. You have left behind a legacy of being a true gentleman, humble, honest, hard working, grateful and bringing smiles to all who had the greatest joy to know you. You will NEVER be forgotten! All my love, Donna HUGS to you Aunt Aida ♡*



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**Donna Godbolt** - January 22, 2019 at 08:41 AM