



Tom Williams

July 16, 1936 - May 6, 2016

Tom Williams, age 79, of Bowling Green passed away May 6, 2016 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia.

Memorial Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Grandview Cemetery in Hannibal with Rev. Gail Aurand officiating.

Tom was born July 16, 1936, in Hannibal, the son of Owen Kennedy and Mary Evaline McBride Williams. On August 4, 1990 in Bowling Green he married Pamela Fisher. She survives. Other survivors include three children from his first marriage Tim Williams of San Francisco, CA, Beth Coon and husband Steve of Neosho and Ann Brown and husband Mark of Gentry, AR; grandchildren Calvin and Ethan Coon of Neosho and Garrett Brown of Gentry, AR; brother Dr. Ed Williams of Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents and son Mark Williams.

Tom grew up and lived in Bowling Green most of his life and attended the Frankford Christian Church. He attended Bowling Green Schools, graduated class of 1954 and received a Bachelor of Business in 1958 from St. Louis University. Tom owned and operated OK Williams Insurance Agency for 30 years. After he retired he drove a school bus, drove for Oats and even drove the Hannibal trolley. The saxophone was Tom's passion. He loved the

saxophone from the time he started playing it in the fourth grade. He enjoyed traveling and took many trips.

Memorials may be made to the Frankford Christian Church.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I've known Tom all my life. His family lived across the street from my Grandparents in Bowling Green in the early 50's. He was one of the first musicians I ever worked with, and a great one. Most recently, he volunteered his services for a memorial concert for my Dad several years ago. It was a great reunion of old friends. Sincere condolences to the family. He will be missed by his many friends.
Rest in Peace....."We'll miss the sweet sound of your song."
David Hungate

David Hungate - May 13, 2016 at 11:11 AM



Kristina
Farrah

“ Pam, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, partner, and best friend. You will always carry him with you by the many cherished memories you have.

Kristina Farrah - May 13, 2016 at 06:53 AM

KW

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. I am so sorry Tommy is no longer with us. I am so grateful I got to know him!
It was my great pleasure to play a trio gig with Tommy last August in Hannibal... My 1st with him. He answered my last minute call like I was doing him a favor... instead of the other way around! Played great & brought part of the audience. He kept the piano player & me in stitches all night with his jokes. He kept the music going with his excellent playing.
Later in the evening I learned he had played gigs with my dad. It was a special joy to hear those stories. I had hoped to hear many more stories & jokes from this wonderful man. His joy in music & his humor were such blessings.
My God bring you comfort in this sad time.
Katie Hungate Wood

Katie Hungate Wood - May 13, 2016 at 01:31 AM

JH

“ For the past two years I have cleaned the home of Pam and Tom Williams. It has been a pleasure working for them. I would walk in the back door and Tom would be sitting in his easy chair in the living room watching TV, while Pam would shout out a 'hello' from the back of the house, always busy with one project or another. Tom would immediately let me know that, 'he was at his post, keeping an eye on the important affairs going on in the world'.
Wow, am I going to miss that smiling face and jovial greeting when I walk in!! My sympathy goes to Pam and to his children. I know that his fellow musicians will feel the emptiness in the band where Tom could light up the room with his smile and his music that he so dearly loved to play.
God bless and keep those of us left behind to mourn his departure from this life.
~ Joyce Hummel

Joyce Hummel - May 13, 2016 at 01:11 AM

SD

“ Tom was my bus driver for a few years. He made the bus ride fun. We lived a mile down a gravel road and during heavy snow fall he wiped out our mailbox and slid off in the ditch more than once, lol! We were late to school a few times but we never minded! He always had a smile and a joke. He will be dearly missed!

Stacy Damron - May 11, 2016 at 05:00 PM

MS

“AMF" my friend! Emily and I are so saddened to hear about the passing of Tom. We shared many mornings of diet coke and laughter at McDonalds. The jokes were many and the days were brightened. "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." We must all come to this final fork in the road, and we must all cross over to the other side. I am certain that there are many many great people, who have already passed, who cheered his crossing. We will all miss you.

Martha and Emily Stone

martha stone - May 11, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Williams.



May 11, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tom Williams.*



May 11, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *My dad (Bob Walker) and I send our heart felt condolences. I enjoyed visiting with him and the rest of his friends at McDonald's while we all drank coffee. He always had a joke and a smile. We also got the pleasure to listen to him play in the band. He was a great saxophonist! We will miss him ending all our conversations with 'AMF!' (Adios My Friend)*

Regina Walker DeLaPorte - May 10, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Ann Brown - May 10, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Tom was one of the nicest people I've ever known. His sense of humor and sincerity will always be in my memories. He loved life and always had something positive to say. He will be missed by many.*

Mark Rhodes - May 10, 2016 at 03:10 PM

KG

“ *Tom always made me smile! RIP Kathy Gamm*

Kathy Gamm - May 10, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Betty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Tom Williams*



Betty Johnson - May 10, 2016 at 10:12 AM

SK

“ *Great drummer. Very nice, funny man. My prayers to his family.*

Shirley Keith - May 10, 2016 at 08:19 AM

GA

“ *I always loved shaking my grandpa Tom's hand and saying put er there partner!*

From Garrett Brown!

garrettbrown - May 10, 2016 at 07:03 AM

JW


“ i can't say enough good about Uncle Tom. I'm really torn up by his passing. I know he had a really good life, it just seemed like he went too soon. He had the best sense of humor, and I remember my whole life, every time i got to see him, he lit up a room with his presence. He was cool. Once, I was in my 20's and visited my grandparents, his folks, and got to ride out to one of his "gigs" with him. Just us. I was a troubled young thing, and he was a comforting influence. I couldn't put my finger on it, but he seemed wise. he even let me play the drums!

julie williams - May 09, 2016 at 10:39 PM

KB

“ We always had such a good time with Tom when we owned the service station. We had some running jokes that we would still keep going when we would see him even 12 or 13 years later. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss. Kris and Mark Bair

Kris Bair - May 09, 2016 at 09:25 PM

 Starla Queen

“ We always enjoyed listening and getting to perform with Tom. It was always a hoot! Sending our love and prayers. Jimmy & Starla Queen

Starla Queen - May 09, 2016 at 09:06 PM

LF

“ You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. Linda Fritz

Linda Fritz - May 09, 2016 at 07:40 PM

LH

“ Linda Jo Harmon lit a candle in memory of Tom Williams



Linda Jo Harmon - May 09, 2016 at 06:54 PM

RN

“ My condolences & sympathy to the family so sorry for your loss. I had a couple visits with Tom days prior to his surgery. We had a good visit, telling me how much he enjoyed his trip to Texas this past winter. We always shared a story or memory and had a good laugh. R.I.P. my friend.

Ralph Niemeyer - May 09, 2016 at 03:44 PM

PM

“ Tom always had a funny comment when I would see him visiting at Nrsng Home or out at McDonald's. Very nice man. Always enjoyed talking with him. Grew up with his kids in our younger days. RIP, will be missed.

Pam Meier - May 09, 2016 at 03:34 PM

VK

“ Veronica Kersting lit a candle in memory of Tom Williams



Veronica Kersting - May 09, 2016 at 01:32 PM

GS

We enjoyed Tom's humor on bus trips. So sorry for your loss.

George and Linda Street - May 10, 2016 at 10:22 AM

AW

Boots and I went to listen to him play that saxophone several times. He was so much fun to visit with. My condolences Amy Wasson

Amy wasson - May 10, 2016 at 12:36 PM

TC

“ 13 files added to the album *My favorites*

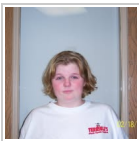


The Coons - May 09, 2016 at 01:04 PM

 Shawn Clinger

“ *I remember when I first met Tom at Grannie Flossie's (Flossie Griffin) in New London when I was just a kid for one of the holidays. Sure was different having this new face among us. Good times. Strange how time seems to pass by so fast and yet seems like it was only a few yesterdays that we lived that day.*

Shawn Clinger - May 09, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *I will miss him. He was a great guy*

Kristina Spears - May 09, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Gail Lybarger lit a candle in memory of Tom Williams*



Gail Lybarger - May 09, 2016 at 10:40 AM



Pam sorry for your loss

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That's the exact smile I always want to remember. One of the highlights of our evening cruise meals together was sitting by Tom. Pam, please know we are thinking of and praying for you as you endure this difficult time. We plan to see you Saturday.

Jennifer Rockwell - May 09, 2016 at 11:18 AM



Tom was always so good to my kids when they were riding his school bus. He will be missed.

Linda Bange - May 09, 2016 at 03:06 PM



Tom will be missed at Sunday services, his smile and sense of humor, praying for Pam and his family

Helen Pratt - May 10, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ *Tina Ratermann lit a candle in memory of Tom Williams*



Tina Ratermann - May 09, 2016 at 10:36 AM