



Mr. Ray Williamson

June 15, 1935 - February 16, 2014

Franklin Ray Williamson, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on February 16, 2014. He was 78.

Ray was born on June 15, 1935 in Carrollton, Georgia to the late Alfred and Lois Farmer Williamson. He entered the U.S. Army during the Korean War after his brother was drafted. Being so young and still in school, Ray's parents had to sign for him to enlist. He served in the Military Police from 1954 through 1955 and attained the rank of SP3. When he returned home, Ray was able to receive his high school diploma through the VA.

Ray then began a career in the grocery business that started with his father-in-law, Mr. Foss Weir. He then opened the Jitney Jungle store in Bowdon and owned and operated it for 25 years. He then went to work for A&P as Co-Manager. When he retired from the grocery business, he went to work at Walker Cadillac as a salesman. Ray was also a member of the Jaycees and was a Director with CB&T bank. He made life-long friends everywhere he went.

Ray had many hobbies. He loved fishing, gardening, and golf. He also loved traveling and camping. But most of all, he loved flying his Cessna 172. And he was very proud that he was an instrument rated pilot. But above all, he loved and cherished his family and will be remembered as a great husband, father,

and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Bobby Williamson.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Weir Williamson; his children, Brian Williamson (Sonia), Lynn Rooks (Rob), and Wesley Williamson (Melissa Buchanan); his grandchildren, Brianna Williamson Duncan (Jackson Tyler Duncan), Eric Williamson, Lindsey Rooks, and Trey Rooks; great-grandchild, Elaine Lynn Rooks; and his sisters, Linda Walker (Windle) and Martha Dean (Bill).

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bowdon First United Methodist Church. Rev. Paul Widener and Rev. G.W. Burson will officiate. Tim Kelley and Glenda Widener will provide the music. Pallbearers will be Trey Rooks, Eric Williamson, Mike Williamson, Joe Williamson, Jackson Tyler "J.T." Duncan, and Howard Morris. Honorary pallbearers will be David Roop, Bobby Smith, Donald Meigs, Mike Barnes, Deuel Kelley, Russ Brock, and Luke Brock. Interment will follow at Bowdon City Cemetery with Military Honors.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 5:00 till 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Bowdon City Cemetery

Johnson Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Randy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson



Randy Johnson - March 01, 2014 at 02:40 PM

PA

“ I am sorry to hear about Ray. May the God of all comfort be with you. I have found comfort in God's promise found in Revelation 21:4. "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more." I hope this will bring you some comfort and hope.

Pauline - February 22, 2014 at 11:07 AM

GW

“ Gina Posey Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson



Gina Posey Wilkins - February 19, 2014 at 03:01 PM

TM

“ To the Williamson Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
With deepest sympathy

Ted Merriss & Fred Daniels
GA Department of Veteran Service
Carrollton, GA



ted merriss - February 18, 2014 at 04:30 PM

TE

“ Gwen,
I am sorry for your loss.
Ted Merriss
GA Dept of Veteran Sv



ted - February 18, 2014 at 04:26 PM

JG

“ Jimmy & Sara George lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Ray Williamson



Jimmy & Sara George - February 18, 2014 at 03:58 PM

BD

“ 39 files added to the album *Papa, we will always love and cherish the memories you gave to our family!*



Breanna (Williamson) Duncan - February 18, 2014 at 12:18 PM

BD

“ *Breanna (Williamson) Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson*



Breanna (Williamson) Duncan - February 18, 2014 at 11:45 AM

ZS

“ *Zach Steed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson*



Zach Steed - February 18, 2014 at 07:18 AM



“ *Janie Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson*



Janie Meadows - February 18, 2014 at 07:10 AM

SW

“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Sonia Williamson - February 17, 2014 at 10:44 PM

GM

“ *Gordon / Mary McLeroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Williamson*



Gordon / Mary McLeroy - February 17, 2014 at 09:09 PM

RB

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



Robert Barrett - February 17, 2014 at 01:44 PM