



## John Williams

November 12, 1952 - November 10, 2008

VIEW VIDEO TRIBUTE John R. Williams was born on November 12, 1952 in Mineral Wells, Texas to T. D. and Julia (Carter) Williams. He passed away after a valiant fight with cancer in Dallas, Texas on Monday November 10, 2008. He was 55 years old. John R. was an active and lifelong resident of Jack County and Jacksboro. He attended high school and graduated from Jacksboro High School. He attended and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1975 where he was a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. He married Paula Cook on November 6, 1976 in Jacksboro, Texas. John R. was the active and present President of the Jacksboro ISD-Board of Trustees, President of the Jack County Water Control Improvement District, Member of the Jack County Fair Association and the Jacksboro Lions Club. He was past president for the Jack County Appraisal Board, Jack County Fair Association, Jack County Soil and Water Conservation District and Gladys Johnson Ritchie Library Board. He was also a past Chairman of the Administrative Board for his church the First United Methodist Church; past Trustee of the Texas Association of School Boards; a former Board Member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Development Council. He was a Jack County Rural Fire Department Honorary Lifetime Member. He is preceded in death by his father T.D. Williams. Those left behind to cherish his memory is his wife Paula of 32 years; his daughter Mallory Elizabeth Williams; his mother Julia Williams of Wichita Falls; his brothers Tommy Williams and wife Charlotte of Ballinger, Texas and Ed Williams and wife Alice of Wheaton,

Illinois; his sister Mary Ann Shawver of Wichita Falls and many other family members, friends and associates. Services will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 11 am at the First United Methodist Church in Jacksboro, Texas.

There will also be a visitation on Tuesday November 11, 2008 from 7-8 pm at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro. Memorials may be sent to: The Gladys Johnson Ritchie Library; 626 West College Street; Jacksboro, Texas 76458 or Baylor Health Care System Foundation; Attn: Jana Sharpley, Neuro-Oncology Fund, Dr. Karen Fink Research Fund; 3600 Gaston Avenue, Suite 100; Dallas, Texas 75246

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Williams*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *John Williams*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *A man, a father, a son, a brother, a friend.. No words can express how much you meant to everyone who's life you touched. There is not one person who met you that was not affected by your positive spirit, your infectious smile, your love for God, your family, your animals, the land, and this country. The Gandy family is no exception. Even though our paths have gone different directions since the 'cutting horse days', the memories of the good times and your friendship remain forever. God rest, John R.*

*Jan, Jim and Lee*

**Jim, Jan and Lee Gandy** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mallory my families thoughts and prayers are with you in this awful time of pain. Your dad was a great man and will be truly missed especially his sense of humor.*

**Jena Southard Kovar** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ John R was a great person and will be missed by a lot of people. Paula and Mallory our prayers are with the both of you during this time.

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**Melody Besselaar** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A'

“ To the Williams family,  
John was a senior at A&M when I was a "fish" in the Corps. It is very likely that I "whipped out" to him 33 years ago. He was an outstanding leader and example in your community - and I know he was a wonderful husband and father as well. Our hearts go out to your family at this time - and please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. John's name will be called at Aggie Musters around the world in April. He will ALWAYS hold a special place in the lives of the people he touched. May God bless you and comfort you and be a source of strength and inspiration to you in the days and weeks ahead.

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**Andy Duffie '78** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ We never had a chance to say goodbye. John was a special friend and one of the most honourable people we have ever met. He will be forever missed. May God bless you and your family.

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**Willis Family** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Have peace in knowing that John R is in a much better place in the house GOD made for him.

*Steve and Debbie Amburn*

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**Steve Amburn** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Paula and family,

*I was saddened to receive the email from Jim Whitsitt about John R. I am so sorry to hear of your loss especially someone so close to your heart. I can only imagine your pain right now and that of your daughter's as well. It is comforting to know that our loved ones are no longer suffering.*

*It has been so long since I have seen you it was nice to go down memory lane with the video of you John R and your families. Your daughter is absolutely beautiful.*

*I remember him when we were in high school, boy that was so long ago.*

*Our family will have yours in our prayers during this time.*

*Love you both,  
Leah*

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**Casey & Cheryl Hubble** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Paula, Mallory & Pauline: We are so saddened by the news of John R.'s passing. We have lost a great friend and dedicated civic leader, but we know that your loss is much greater than ours. Please take comfort in knowing that he inspired and helped so many people during his short time here on Earth, and that these memories will last many lifetimes. His hard work and dedication as President of the school board, overseeing the completion of two new schools, will be a legacy of which we can all be proud. There is no greater gift than the gift of a good educational opportunity.*

*May you take solace in knowing that his good deeds will live on, and help and inspire many others for years to come.*

*Marie and I extend to you, your family and closest friends our sincerest sympathies and love during this difficult time.*

*Randall & Marie*

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**Randall Rumage & Marie Yamamoto** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Tracy, Coby, and Lynsey Jones*

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**Tracy Jones** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *John R. was a great man, Jacksboro and Jack county will suffer from his loss. Paula , Our prayers are with you, May God Bless you and comfort you.*

*George & Becky Fulbright*

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**George Fulbright** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with John's family.*

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**Lecia Tinsley Porter** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We all certainly have fond memories of all our Jacksboro friends, Ronnie as a classmate with John R. and Dianne as a classmate with Mary Ann. Our hearts hurt with you.*

*The Starr Family  
Dianne, Sheila, Ronnie & Kelly*

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**The Starr Family** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. The Gidney's -- James(Giz), Peggy, Koby and Johnathan. (Jacob's uncle, aunt, and cousins.*

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**The Gidney's** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *I remember Mr. Williams, sir. He was a good man at A&M and honored all of us by his leadership in his community as a Former Student. His life embodies the values we learned at A&M about leadership and service. God Bless.*

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**Chuck Ellison** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *We love you and will miss you.*

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**Amanda and Marty Peterson** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Paula and family,*

*Words can not express the loss you feel. I know your faith is strong and that will help you all. I wish I was able to be with you. I will make a trip to Jacksboro as soon as I have a driver. I care for you and wish you all peace.*

*With deepest Sympathy,  
Eve*

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**Eve Annice Pettit (Strain)** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Williams Family today and the days to come. John R. was such a nice gentleman and will be remembered for the good he did in our entire county and will be missed by many.*

*Our prayer is that God will give you, Paula, extra strength today and the days to come...when I'm certain you will miss John R so-you were a very close couple and I'm sure you have alot of wonderful memories to cherish.*

*Mallory, I know you were the apple of your daddy's eye and I know how proud he was of you. I lost my dad at an early age and can relate with the pain you are feeling, but, time does help and God always gives us strength to go on and cherish your days together.*

*Love, Marion and Debra Tillery*

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**Debra Tillery** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Jimmie and I wish to extend our thoughts and prayers in your loss. John R. was a fine man, an excellent school board member, and everytime we saw him, he was always smiling. We will all miss him.*

*Jimmie and Kelly*

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**Kelly Hensley** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Dear Paula and Mallory*

*May the many memories you share bring you comfort during this time.. John R was such a wonderful husband, father, friend, and humanitarian; he will be greatly missed. Know that his memory will live on in all the good works that he did and the friends he made.*

*May God Bless you and provide you strength, courage, and comfort.*

*Friends forever,*

*Richard, Cathy, and Family*

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**Brenda (Jackson) Owen Ray** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *We care deeply about your loss and pray that God will be with you to comfort you. John R. will never be forgotten by the people of Jacksboro!*

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**Steve Knight** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *It was with great sorrow to hear about John R. Paula, I hope you and your family are comforted by the wonderful memories you have and by the fact that friends hold you close in their hearts and prayers.*

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**Jamie Price Mansfield** - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM