



## Glendell Fern Williams

November 13, 1926 - August 12, 2014

Glendell Williams, 87, passed away on Tuesday, August 12th, at her residence in the Good Samaritan Willow Wind community, in Prescott, Arizona. Glendell was born on November 13, 1926, in her grandmother's house in Robert Lee, Texas, to Clarence and Lois (Shropshire) Gobbel. She was the eldest of five children.

As her Dad was a minister for the Church of Christ, Glendell grew up living a gypsy life, of sorts, as her family moved often throughout the west Texas and eastern New Mexico areas during the depths of the Depression. She was always the new girl in her school classes, having attended over 13 different grade schools, as a result of the family's many moves.

Glendell's family arrived in Tempe, Arizona in 1942, where she attended high school and enjoyed being a teenager with close friends and family from their church. She had a gift for music and had a beautiful soprano voice, but she also loved rollerskating, baton twirling, and playing tennis with her Dad. Her life changed when she met A.C. Williams in 1944, and they were married on Christmas Eve, 1945, in Tempe by her father.

The couple lived in Tucson in the 1950s, and moved to Prescott in 1957, which since and forever, the family called "home". Glendell worked mostly in retail, her first job at the Eagle drugstore in downtown Prescott. She also held jobs at the Prescott Evening Courier, starting as a receptionist and working up to advertising composer, a position that was truly one of her favorites. Glendell also worked at the Pioneer Store on Whiskey Row in the 1970s, where she

enjoyed selling turquoise jewelry. She could be seen in the booth at Ken Lindley park, working as a scorekeeper for countless softball games, which her husband A.C., as Parks and Recreation Director for Prescott, coordinated. Their lives revolved around softball and the friends they made throughout. In addition to raising her three children, she was an avid bowler, being a team member for the Pin Curlers, where she made lifelong friends. One of the highlights of her life was traveling to New Zealand with A.C., where they took softball teams. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an amazing cook, creative homemaker and gardener. Glendell is survived by her three children, Linda (Phillip Murray) Cates, Vicki Mastriani (Larry Walker), and Byron (Beth) Williams; seven grandchildren, Robyn, Glenn, Aaron, Todd, Nate, Luke and Tyler, with nine great-grandchildren, Allyson, Jared, Hailey, Dawson, Scarlett, Elliott, Everett, Owen and Liam. Also, many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, A.C., parents, sisters and brothers.

Gratitude is expressed for the kind and loving care given to Glendell at Willow Wind and Good Samaritan Hospice. Services will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at 10:00, with viewing prior beginning at 9:00, at the Hampton Funeral Home in Prescott, Arizona. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Missing you Mom this 2014 Christmas. Not the same without you.*

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**Byron Williams** - December 24, 2014 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Dell was what my idea of a true Christian is....never in 40 years have I ever heard a negativity of any kind from her .....only kindness unless A.C. spent too many hours at the ball field and did not eat right....she was an amazing woman, a true friend and willing to help anyone...she a competitive bowler who could not get in my truck when it snowed too much and we had to hoist her up and she loved her tea out of my fancy cups.....she loved her family more than anything and was proud of all of them.....I will miss her smile and how she would talk of how A.C. courted her and how they drove teams to play to Tucson.....she most definitely was a child of God and lived it.....God Bless her family Valerie Reid - Little*

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**Valerie Reid -Little** - August 22, 2014 at 07:05 PM

MW

“ *I want to share my condolences to all of Dell's family. I worked for the City and knew A.C. well and also saw Dell weekly at the beauty shop where Val did her hair and mine every week. She was a wonderful lady and about the sweetest person I've ever known. May she rest in peace.*

*Marie Watson*

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**Marie Watson** - August 18, 2014 at 06:09 PM

CE

“ Vicki, my sympathy and prayers for your family. I know your mom was a special person and she raised some great kids, g. kids and great g.kids! Condolences to your whole family!  
Char Evenson

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**Charlene Evenson** - August 15, 2014 at 07:50 PM

TB

“ Deepest condolences to the entire Williams Family, but a special note to Craig, Beth, and his son's. I'm certain the passing of your mother is difficult period right now, but it appears she had a life well lived and was surrounded by a lot of people who truly loved her.

With deepest sympathy,

Terry Bothel

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**Terry Bothel** - August 15, 2014 at 10:59 AM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Williams. I'll remember her working in her yard and listening to her stories of her childhood and family. She and A.C. were wonderful neighbors for 34 years. I know how much she'll be missed by all of her family.

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**Barbra Roberts** - August 15, 2014 at 09:59 AM

DT

“ I can't believe my Strong and loving Aunt Glendell is gone! I will miss her so much! Love you all!

David Turner

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**David Turner** - August 15, 2014 at 09:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glendell Fern Williams.*



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August 14, 2014 at 09:45 PM



“ *Her motherly demeanor toward me as a younger cousin was memory making for me. I remember she laughed a lot through her teen years and made the younger cousins always feel good. As cousins in the family during the forties and early fifties we sang and acted under the trees at Grandmother Gobbel's farm. She was fun and also motherly when we forgot our manners. I was blessed to be able to talk to her recently and she talked and talked about those early days.*

*Blessings to the family.*

*James R Porter, Abilene, Texas*

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**James R Porter** - August 14, 2014 at 09:01 PM



*Mother had such wonderful memories of you "Jimmy" and her cousins in Texas. Appreciate the shared thoughts and memories. Linda and family*

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**Linda Cates** - August 19, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ *I became close friends with Vicki while in high school. Visiting Vicki in her home on Iron Springs Road gave me the opportunity to meet her Mother whom I admired very much. Mrs. Williams had a beautiful smile and I always felt welcomed at her home. She was a lovely lady and kind hearted. I feel blessed to have known her.*

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**Julia Grogan-Brown** - August 14, 2014 at 06:36 PM

JA

“ *Jim-Bob, Amy, James & Justice Ashmore and Deborah Amir-Moez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Glendell Fern Williams.*



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**Jim-Bob, Amy, James & Justice Ashmore and Deborah Amir-Moez** - August 14, 2014 at 05:37 PM



“ *Know you are surrounded by flowers in Heaven's garden, Mom. Miss you and love you always. Linda*



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**Linda Cates** - August 14, 2014 at 04:46 PM

BY

*Linda, I'm so sorry and so sad. This has been a summer of loss. I rejoice, though- they are all together in heaven! You are in our prayers. Love, Jim and Barb Yocom*

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**Barb Yocom** - August 15, 2014 at 08:31 PM

LC

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Linda Cates** - August 14, 2014 at 04:36 PM

JT

“ John T. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Glendell Fern Williams.



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**John T.** - August 14, 2014 at 03:23 PM

DW

“ ill greatly miss my aunt glen dell as I know the rest of the family will. love to all DENNIS

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**DENNIS WILLIAMS** - August 14, 2014 at 01:54 PM

TF

“ The Wilkelis Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Glendell Fern Williams.



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**The Wilkelis Family** - August 14, 2014 at 11:49 AM