



Garry Williams

November 8, 1952 - June 25, 2015

Garry L. Williams, 62 of Grand Island entered his Heavenly home on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church, 2400 West 14th Street. Reverend Dr. Scott Taylor will officiate. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Garry was born November 8, 1952 at Grand Island the son of Richard and Marcella (Steffen) Williams.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Jeanne; their children, Tyler (Heather) Williams, Amber (B.J.) O'Hara and Jared (Tana) Williams and his mother, Marcella Williams all of Grand Island; grandchildren, Jolie and Jackson O'Hara, Audrey, Hudson and Emily Williams and Chase Williams.

He is preceded in death by his father and brother, Monty Williams.

Garry was raised in Grand Island graduating from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1971. On November 23, 1974 he was united in marriage to Jeanne McDonald. He was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad from 1974 until his retirement in 2013.

He was a charter member of the Grand Island Saddle Club; lifetime member of the NRA; past member of the Platt Duetsche and member of First Christian Church. He coached Little League Baseball and wrestling. He played and coached softball. Nebraska and Oklahoma Football were his favorite teams.

Garry loved to hunt and fish. He always had a handkerchief in his back pocket and always wore a cap. He enjoyed playing Sudoku Puzzles. He kept a journal writing down highlights of each day. Making a list of tasks he needed to get done; crossing off each one as completed. As a family man he always made time for family vacations.

He was a man with many irons in the fire but if someone needed help he was the first to assist. He was a guide with John Hatley on the Hudson Bay in Manitoba, Canada. He enjoyed being a part-time cattle rancher and farmer. Garry always had a dog with him the last being Lexi. Following dinner he would enjoy a Dilly Bar. Christmas and the 4th of July were his favorite holidays.

His family are his pride and joy. Since becoming a grandpa, he loved the time spent fishing with his grandkids. His memory will be cherished by many. A memorial fund will be established in memory of Garry.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Worked for Garry on turnout n gang 917. A heck of a good guy. Miss him.*



Charles e. Thompson - July 04, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Garry Williams*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

JS

“ *Jeanne and family, I'm so sorry to hear of "2R's" passing. He had such a fun, gentle soul. I'm honored to have known him as a friend. 4th of July just doesn't seem the same without Garry's smiling face and kidding good nature. We all have warm memories of Garry.*

Jeff Smith (Tom Kovanda and Gary Kaminski's friend from Omaha)

Jeff Smith - July 03, 2015 at 11:23 AM

JJ

“ *Jeanne - many thoughts are with your family. We're sending prayers your way.*

~The family of Mel and Geraldine Berlie.

Joan (Berlie) Jurek - July 02, 2015 at 03:28 PM

GT

“ when working in the grand island area or anywhere on the Ravenna sub for bnsf, Gary was always certain to be able to get you what you needed and was always willing to help out. Gary loved talking about husker football and hunting. He will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayer to all his family. Gayle Tjaden

gayle tjaden - June 30, 2015 at 09:48 AM

TW

“ My condolences to Garry's family. Has one of Garry's cousins I too will miss him Tim Williams

tim williams - June 29, 2015 at 08:20 PM

RC

“ I've known Garry for my entire RR career, now at 38 yrs, when I was a young signal mtr at GI he was my section 4man. Even though we didn't always agree I will always admire him for helping me whenever I asked for it, his work ethic, willing to get dirty with the best of them and for taking care of his men and having their back, a quality seriously lacking in todays world. I have the privilege of being able to work with his 2 boys so can only imagine how he cared for and took pride in his family. I am so saddened by the family's loss and all like myself who have lost a friend and mentor. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Ray Chmiel

Ray Chmiel - June 29, 2015 at 03:12 PM

EO

“ *Williams Family, My father and Gary worked at BNSF for many years. He was always nice to me whenever I tagged along him them and I will always remember the kindness he showed me. He is a good man and will be missed. God Bless*



Evan Ohlman - June 29, 2015 at 01:37 PM

SN

“ *Jeanne and family,
My heart goes out to you, a love of 40 years is a wonderful Chapter in Life to have. Please know that I feel your pain, and am sending my love and prayers your way.
(My love, Tom, was waiting for him and; not being much of a fisherman, will have a Beer with him by the lake)
Please smile when you remember the fun times, yell at him when you feel like it as well. He will understand!
Sharon Nolan
snolan@hamilton.net*

Sharon Nolan - June 29, 2015 at 11:18 AM

JL

“ *Jim And Jackie Little lit a candle in memory of Garry Williams*



Jim and Jackie Little - June 28, 2015 at 07:48 PM

CA

“ *May peace be with your family at this difficult time! A great fun loving guy will be deeply missed.*

Cathy Pence

Cathy - June 28, 2015 at 05:31 PM

CT

“ *My condolences to the entire Williams family. Some of my fondest memories of working with Gary were in the late 1970s on the turnout gang #917. We worked hard but still managed to have fun. I always enjoyed working with Gary over the years and have had the pleasure of meeting and working with his son Jared the past couple of weeks. What a fine young man. I know Gary was proud of all of his family. He will be missed by all of us. God Bless you and your family, my friend. I'll always cherish those memories of our working together.*

Cliff Terwey

Cliff Terwey - June 28, 2015 at 04:51 PM

CU

“ I FIRST MET GARRY SOMETIME IN THE EARLY 70'S WHEN HE LIVED IN DONIPHAN ONLY 1 HOUSE AWAY FROM ME. WE WERE BOTH A LITTLE WILD AND CRAZY AT THAT TIME SO WE HIT IT OFF RIGHT AWAY. THEN I FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS DATEING ONE OF MY FORMER FRATERNITY BROTHER'S SISTER HE BECAME EVEN MORE SPECIAL. I NEVER SAW HIM MUCH AFTER HE MOVED FROM DONIPHAN BUT I WOULD RUN INTO HIM FROM TIME TO TIME AND WE WOULD ALWAYS STAND AND TALK ABIT. THE LAST FEW YEARS I USUALLY WOULD SEE HIM WHEN HE PASTURED STALKS FOR HIS COWS FROM ONE OF MY CUSTOMERS. EVEN THOUGH OUR TIME TOGETHER WAS LIMITED I KNEW HIM WELL ENOUGH TO CALL HIM MY FRIEND. HE WAS A SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL AND I AM CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF THE FAMILY, ESPECIALLY JEANNE AND THE CHILDREN AND EVEN I HAD A TEAR IN MY EYE WHEN I READ THE OBITUARY THIS MORNING. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN YOU TIME OF GRIEF---SINCERELY YOURS,
CLIFFORD UNDERWOOD--DONIPHAN, NE.

CLIFFORD UNDERWOOD - June 28, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DF

“ Worked with Garry for many years on the Railroad. Always had good help from Garry and his crew when the G.I. area. Now retired I drove the lowboy for 35 years. You will be in our prayers!

Dave Ficke

Dave Ficke - June 28, 2015 at 11:45 AM