



## Melva Jean Williams

May 29, 1929 - September 1, 2022

Melva Jean Williams of Annapolis, MO, entered into rest on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family at the age of 93 Years, 3 Months, and 7 Days. Melva was born May 29, 1929 in Rector, Arkansas to the late Roscoe and Addie (Merritt) Barker.

On March 8, 1947 Jean was united in marriage to Wheeler Williams who preceded her in rest in October of 2012. To this union four children were born, Ronnie Williams of St. Robert, MO, Marsha Lane and husband Bill of Annapolis, MO, Dan Williams and wife Debbie of Farmington, MO, and Timothy Williams and wife Carol of Annapolis, MO, all of whom survive. Also surviving Jean are seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, a brother Rev. Fred Barker and wife Carolyn of Rector, AR, and many more loving family members and friends.

She is preceded in rest by her parents, her husband Wheeler, a daughter-in-law Janet Williams, and three sisters, Lucille McNamara, Geri Bowen, and Sue Saunders.

For many years, Jean owned and operated her own beautician business and worked as a secretary for her husband Wheeler's autobody shop to help support their family. Also while working, Jean was an active member in her church, the First Baptist Church of Annapolis. She was a strong and faithful Christian for over 70 years who volunteered many hours to teaching children and adults in Sunday School, leading V.B.S., teaching in many different capacities in church, being a member of the Women's Missionary Union

(WMU) through the Southern Baptist Convention, and was a strong and dependable Prayer Warrior. She was also a canning and crocheting expert, and a hummingbird enthusiast.

Jean will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

A Visitation for Melva Jean will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm from the Cole Family Chapel.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am from the First Baptist Church in Annapolis, MO. Rev. Dan Pitcher will be officiating the services.

Interment will follow the services in the Woodland Heights Cemetery in Rector, AR.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the International Mission Board through the First Baptist Church of Annapolis or online.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Heights Cemetery

Rector, AR 72461

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home  
210 E Reynolds St  
Ironton, MO 63650  
(573) 546-0742

## Church Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
407 2nd St  
Annapolis, MO 63620  
(573) 598-3343

# Tribute Wall

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“ *When your heart is empty, fill it with a happy time, of a joyful smile or a caring words. Memories of love, family and friendship are treasure to carry always.*  
*Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable --- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy --- think about such things. Philippians 4:8*

Georgia Kelley - September 06, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Melva Jean Williams.*



September 06, 2022 at 11:58 AM

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“ *Stephanie Ramos lit a candle in memory of Melva Jean Williams*



Stephanie Ramos - September 05, 2022 at 08:09 PM

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“Garden Grandma was our Grandma Sue's sister. After Grandma Sue passed, Aunt Jean carried the role of grandmother to my 3 boys. She was the most sweet and gentle woman with a tremendous Christian heart. When we visited the farm from California, Garden Grandma taught us all about country living. A whole new world to my little family. On the farm is where my boys followed Garden Grandma playing close attention to everything she shared with them. From vegetables, to canning, to caring for the chickens, gathering eggs and sweet memories of Grandma Sue. The farm is where my boys saw their first lightning bugs, heard their first Secadas at dusk and caught buckets full of crawdads. Aunt Jean you will be missed dearly and Thank you for all the memories you made with my boys. We love you and may you rest in eternal paradise and give a great big hug to Grandma Sue for us!



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**Stephanie Ramos** - September 05, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Cole Family Funeral Home** - September 05, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Melva Jean Williams*.



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September 04, 2022 at 10:03 PM



“ *& Bill, Mike, Linda & Families Lisa & Dan* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Melva Jean Williams*.



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**& Bill, Mike, Linda & Families Lisa & Dan** - September 03, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss Tim, she was a wonderful and sweet lady. I feel very lucky to have been around her as a kid and an adult. And when she would see you she would hug and talk and was genuinely so happy to see you. Your in my thoughts my friend.

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**Valda DeBaun** - September 02, 2022 at 07:04 PM