



Stanley Elwon Williams

April 13, 1954 - February 13, 2019

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1954 – 2019

The man. The myth. The legend. On Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Stanley Elwon Williams, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at age 64. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him and ultimately gave him peace.

Stan was born on April 13, 1954, in Bakersfield, CA to Elwon and Dorothy Williams. He was employed with the California Department of Corrections for twenty-three years and enjoyed retirement for the past nine years. On January 13, 1979, he married the love of his life, Sheila Ruth Wheat. They were married for forty years and raised three daughters, Sherrill, Elaine, and Kelly.

Stan had a passion for fishing and hunting. He also loved to camp in the desert with his family, and he passed his love of camping and fishing to his kids and grandkids. His greatest achievement was being the best papa in the world to his six grandchildren. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. Stan will always be remembered for his stories providing a great laugh and keeping us all on our toes.

Stan was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; his three daughters, Sherrill and husband, Matt Reed, Elaine and husband, Rusty Berry, Kelly and husband, Chris Hupp; his six grandchildren, Kyle Reed, Tyler Reed, Colton Hupp, Aubrey Berry, Hannah Hupp, and Sadie Berry; his father, Elwon Williams; his sisters, Carole Honea and Teresa Williams; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at First Assembly of God, 4901 California Ave. Bakersfield, CA, at 11:30 a.m.

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” Matthew 25:21

Wood Family Funeral Service was entrusted with his care. For condolences please visit www.woodmortuary.net.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

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First Assembly of God

4901 California Ave., Bakersfield, CA, US, 93309

Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley Elwon Williams.



February 21 at 10:40 PM



“ Mike & Sharon Williams & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stanley Elwon Williams.



Sharon L Williams - February 19 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stanley Elwon Williams.



February 19 at 12:17 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stanley Elwon Williams.



February 17 at 01:26 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stanley Elwon Williams.



February 16 at 10:56 PM



“ I always enjoyed the time we spent together hunting and fishing. I remember one hunting trip in particular. We were hunting on the Kern plateau near Taylor Meadows. We had just arrived and we're starting to get ready to go to bed in the back of Stanley's pickup. All of a sudden there was a very bright meteor that came over to the east of us and burnt out with a very bright flash in the sky. I thought somebody had pulled up behind us with their bright lights on. Stanley actually saw the meteor as it streaked across the sky. We didn't think much about it the rest of the trip but on the way home the pickup began doing some very strange things. The headlights would all of a sudden go off for a few seconds and then come back on. It did that almost all the way to the mouth of the canyon. We joked about it but I think deep down inside we both had this strange feeling. We didn't talk about it much but years later we always had a good laugh about it. Was that our encounter of the Third Kind, I doubt it but it was always fun to think about and get a few laughs in for old times sake. I miss you Stan and will always have fond memories of the hunting and fishing trips we did together.

Donnie Williams - February 15 at 10:48 PM



“ Thank you for sharing Donnie! Love to hear these stories. - Sherrill

sherrill - February 19 at 11:46 PM



“ Stanley: A great man, solid friend. I am sorry we did not keep in better contact with each other as we got older. We always think there will be more time. I also think and fondly reminisce about all the good times we had hunting all those years ago and the fun times we had with Stanley's family at their house after church. Elwon, Carol and Teresa were lucking to have you as a relative. Have a great eternity Stanley!! Your friend, Gregory Jackson.

Gregory Jackson - February 20 at 03:49 PM



“ Thanks for sharing Gregory, mom said she and dad were reminiscing and just talking about you several weeks ago. - Sherrill

sherrill - February 20 at 08:39 PM



“ It is nice to read and hear how much Stanley was loved and cared for by his family and friends. I will always cherish all the times and memories we shared. I too recall sleeping in the back of Stanley's truck on the evening before we headed down to the Forks of the Upper Kern River on a fishing trip. We did not see any bright meteors that night, but I did manage to pick up a tick on the back of my neck as we worked our way through the thick

brush down to the rushing water. The friendship we shared was worth the tick! So many memories to fondly recall: From all our hunting expeditions, to our miserable and long hike up to Summit Lake, fishing, friendship, the time with the Williams' family at the Glennville trailer with all the other Planz Assembly Church groups and Stanley's story's he would tell after we reunited after getting split up during a day hunting. Perhaps one of my favorite story's Stanley told was about the day we went bow hunting for deer, and Stanley told how he saw a buck, proceeded to shoot every arrow he had at the buck, and when he missed the buck with his last arrow, chasing the deer away out of frustration! Target practice in the dry Kern River was always easier than shooting arrows at a deer in the woods, but Stanley made the trips funny notwithstanding our bad luck. To Elwon, Teresa and Carol, you wete lucky to have Stanley during the years you shared him. My sympathy's are with you, but Stanley lives on forever in our memories, hearts and souls. Very truly yours, your friend, Gregory Jackson.

Gregory Jackson - February 20 at 09:52 PM



“ Sherill, thank you for your thoughtful response. I could go on for hours and hours about Stanley's and my friendship and our fishing and hunting trips. Once, Stanley and I went all the way to Colorado to hunt deer and elk. On the highway going towards our hunting destination, we must have see what seems like a hundred deer dead, on the side of the road having be hit by automobiles. Yet, when we reached our hunting destination, we hunted for 4 days and didn't see one single deer or one elk. Figures. Stanley and I were the best of friends; we were tight, so much so that when I purchased my first vehicle, I had to get a four-wheel-drive pickup truck just like Stanley!! I am sorry that over the last few years, life got in the way and we did not keep in continued contact. I am sorry for your loss. I am glad you have a good support system. I will see you on Saturday. Keep your head up. Gregory.

Gregory Jackson - February 21 at 01:38 PM



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sherrill - February 21 at 02:18 PM



“ Mom (Sheila) Hopes you can make it Saturday, if not completely understand.
sherrill - February 21 at 02:23 PM



“ I loved being around my cuz, Stanley. You never knew what he was thinking until he came out with something so funny, it brought such a belly laugh to all who were in the room...sometimes he would even start that Stanley grin and join us in laughter. He was loved by my whole family and will be missed (even though we didn't get to see him often enough) Our prayers and love go out to Sheila, the girls and all the family. We are so very sorry his time was cut short in this life, but oh the day when we see him again!! What a joyous time we will all have on that day! We love you all so very much!!!
Rick & Sheila McGhee
and all our family!!

Sheila M McGhee - February 21 at 05:14 PM



“ Thanks Greg our family definitely has many fond happy funny memories with you Stan is missed tremendously but reunited with mom

Teresa - February 21 at 11:35 PM



“ Yes Teresa! You all are such good friends! So many great memories with your entire family. What a shock when my sister called mom to tell her what happened. I am certainly glad that mom and I ran into Carol and you on a semi-regular basis at one eating establishment or the other where you kept us informed on your family. I still don't know what happened to Stanley that caused him to leave us. Keep your head up, you have lots of family and friends. I will see you tomorrow. Greg.

Gregory Jackson - February 22 at 01:16 PM



“ Sheila thank you! Dad always kept everyone on their toes that's for sure!

sherrill - February 22 at 03:32 PM



“ Teresa, it was nice to see Carol and you today. The size of those present is evidence of how much Stan was liked, loved and appreciated. Don't make yourself so scarce in the future. I also enjoyed meeting the in-laws, although they seemed to know a whole lot more about me than I did them. I suppose there is a complement there somewhere. Give me a call anytime you get the whim. Also, my gmail address is greglj10@gmail.com. At any rate, have a great rest of the year. Your friend and very truly yours, Gregory L. Jackson

Gregory Jackson - February 23 at 08:32 PM



“ Dear Carol, Teresa and Shelia, it was certainly a pleasure to see all of you again at Stanley's Celebration of Life service. You can tell how much Stanley was loved and liked by the sheer number of people who attended the service. These same people, which includes me, also love and respect all you! I hope next time we meet it will be under better circumstances. Very truly yours, Gregory Jackson.

Gregory Jackson - February 24 at 03:53 PM