



Rodney Lee Williams

May 10, 1935 - August 21, 2020

Rodney Lee Williams died August 21, 2020 with family by his side in Searcy Arkansas. A small family memorial service will be held on Friday, August 28, 2020 in Searcy, Arkansas. Rodney was born May 10, 1935 in Bayard, Iowa to Orville (Tony) and Mildred (Mays) Williams. His father was a farmer and his mother a homemaker. He graduated from Scranton High School in 1953. Rodney married Millie Davis on March 20, 1955 and started farming and raising Angus cattle near Scranton, Iowa. For 63 years, Rodney and his wife Millie, worked side-by-side in many different ventures. They were inseparable partners in love and life. Rodney loved the cattle and equine industry and was known for his excellence in showing and evaluating high quality seedstock. His showing career began when he was chosen as the Champion Beef Heifer Showman at the 1949 Iowa State Fair at the age of 14. Rodney exhibited champions at major livestock shows across the United States. Most knew him as a fun-loving friend that could tell a great story and make everyone laugh. Rodney is survived by his son Mark Williams and his wife Kortni of Rockwall, TX; granddaughters, Payton Ransom and her husband Seth of Little Rock, AR; Makenzie Williams of Edmond, Ok and Alyssa Williams. He was preceded in death by his wife, Millie (Davis) Williams; father, Orville (Tony) Williams; mother, Mildred (Mays) Williams and sister, Carolyn (Williams) Baird. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Iowa State Fair, Blue Ribbon Foundation, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, Iowa 50317.

Due to the most recent COVID-19 directive, attendance is strictly limited to 100 people and face covering must be worn at all times. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

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“ Seth & Payton,,,words can't explain how much you meant to your Grandparents!! They couldn't have loved you more..They beamed when they spoke of you and were thrilled when you and Seth were married..Knowing you then had an awesome husband to care for you...and stand up for you. We enjoyed many visits with them in Ames, and in AZ and in Coon Rapids....What tons of memories we are Blessed with to remember the awesome times with you & Grandpa Rod & Grandma Millie.. Sending our love and prayers for you at this difficult time of saying your earthly good-buy.. Some day we will all be together again.. Praise Jesus..

G Ray & G Bev - August 27, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ Jerry and I want to express our sympathy to the family. We have many wonderful memories of Rod and Millie. Jerry has known Rodney since 1950. And in 1954 they decided to volunteer for the draft for the Army. They traveled to Des Moines, IA, and took their physicals. Rod was told he couldn't go due to a foot problem. Jerry was sent to Korea. For years Jerry never let him hear the end of it, and Rod would say “but I didn't know.” And then they would laugh.

After they moved to Phoenix we took trips with them. The first was to Spain to visit our daughter and husband in the Navy. We traveled all over and had such fun. The second was a trip to Europe. After flying all night, we walked out of the terminal in the morning. Rodney say, “it is so sunny and nice here in Germany.” We burst our laughing. We were in Switzerland!

We cherish our memories. And I hope when you speak Rod's name it brings a smile to your face. Payton, you were so wonderful to him. And you brought him such joy!

Lois and Jerry Bryan, Phoenix

Lois Bryan - August 26, 2020 at 12:21 AM

 Cindy
Carpenter

“ Prayers for you Payton & Seth. How special for your grandpa to have his last hours be happy ones with family. He was always so proud of everything you did Payton. So glad you could be there for him (& Millie) in their last years. God sure blessed them with you as a granddaughter. Love, Hugs, & prayers. Cindy & Tracy Carpenter, Lucas & Logan.

Cindy Carpenter - August 25, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Williams.*



August 25, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Merck Animal Health Channel Management Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Rodney Lee Williams.*



Merck Animal Health Channel Management Team - August 25, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Williams.*



August 25, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Mark, Kortni and Family - we share in your loss our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you and each of your family members. Please know that we are praying for you and we are here in your needs.*

Barbara Cooper - August 25, 2020 at 11:15 AM