



## Shirley Delonis Williams

April 30, 1935 - September 6, 2025

Shirley Delonis Williams, better known as Red or Shirl, was born April 30, 1935, to James Oscar Williams and Jennie Louis DeBoise Williams in Arkansas. He gained his wings on September 6th, 2025, at his home at 10:30 pm. He worked picking cotton at an early age and later worked at a garage/body shop and drove a car at age 12 to pick up parts. Red was an excellent pool player. He also enjoyed playing guitar at Hardee's in Pevely and Hillsboro with other musicians for the community to enjoy. He worked at Krey Meat Packing Corporation. Later, he became a Business Representative when the Butcher and Sausage Workers Local 545 merged with Local 655 in 1983. Before that time, he had been a 30-year member and Secretary-Treasurer of Local 545. With a sixth-grade education, he later obtained his GED as he led by example and proved that all things are possible! Shirl was passionate about wood carving and sold his canes and art at heritage days and fairs. There were always wood carvings with his fellow artist in the basement. He loved to travel and take "shortcuts". On October 20, 1956, he married Miss Ruth Ann Reeves, and to that union they had three sons. Jerry Charles, James Delonis, and John Carl Williams. John passed away at the tender age of 9, and Shirl did everything he could to take care of his wife, children, and show the community how to continue life after the tragic loss of a child. He was an example of how a man should live with honesty, kind heartedness, and love for his family. He was an excellent son, husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Ann (nee Reeves), son-Jerry Charles (Lea) Williams, Son-James Delonis (and deceased wife Linda), His sisters, Lavada, Dorothy, Linda, and Sue. His brothers, Charles and Dale. His grandchildren Jerry and wife Adrienne, Shane, Holly and husband Kevin, Josh and his wife Shylah, Jake and his wife Candace, James and his wife Laura. His great-grandchildren- Marley, Jerry III, Jack, Tristan, Tanner, Tucker, Tinley, Dorothy, Sawyer, Grady, Oscar, and Alexander James. Sister in laws: Judy Reeves, Ev Ortwein, and Jackie Thomas.

He was preceded in death by: Son John Carl Williams, Father James Oscar Williams, Mother Jennie Louise (nee Deboise) Williams. His siblings- Estelle, Margie, Danny Ray, Elighah Lee, and John. Brother-in-Law Jerry Reeves and daughter-in-law Linda Williams.

Visitation-Tues, September 16, 2025, from 10 am to 12 pm at Chapel Hills Mortuary, Robert Brown Chapel, 103 4th St, Hillsboro, Missouri, 63050.

Funeral Service follows in the funeral home chapel.

Internment-St. Anthony's Cemetery, Sullivan, Missouri

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony's Cemetery

998 Acid Mine Rd  
Sullivan, MO 63080

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary, Robert Brown Chapel – Hillsboro  
103 4th St.  
Hillsboro, MO 63050  
(636) 789-4949  
[info@stlfuneral.com](mailto:info@stlfuneral.com)  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary, Robert Brown Chapel – Hillsboro  
103 4th St.  
Hillsboro, MO 63050  
(636) 789-4949  
[info@stlfuneral.com](mailto:info@stlfuneral.com)  
<https://www.stlfuneral.com/>

## Interment

SEP **16.** 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Anthony's Cemetery  
998 Acid Mine Rd  
Sullivan, MO 63080

*After the conclusion of the services. The Interment will take place at St Anthony's Cemetery in Sullivan, MO. We will not be going in procession to the cemetery. For those going to the cemetery, we will meet there at 2:15 PM for the committal service.*

# Tribute Wall



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williams - September 16, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ Steve and Karen Somogye purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



Steve and Karen Somogye - September 15, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Steve and Karen Somogye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

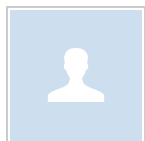
Steve and Karen Somogye - September 15, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



September 14, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

September 14, 2025 at 05:42 PM

TA

“ Tony Kerry Garret Marlayna Chase Audrey purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



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**Tony Kerry Garret Marlayna Chase Audrey** - September 13, 2025 at 07:08 PM

TA

“ Tony Kerry Garret Marlayna Chase Audrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

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**Tony Kerry Garret Marlayna Chase Audrey** - September 13, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PF

“ Phillip and Marianne Freiling purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



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**Phillip and Marianne Freiling** - September 13, 2025 at 06:50 PM

SK

“ Shirley Kennedy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



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**Shirley Kennedy** - September 13, 2025 at 12:13 PM

WI

“ Williams lit a candle in memory of Shirley Delonis Williams



williams - September 12, 2025 at 10:52 PM

WI

Dearest Godfather. I thought you live forever. Thanks for helping me look for Katie Janet. I love you

williams - September 12, 2025 at 10:57 PM

DD

“ Daryl D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

Daryl D. - September 12, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



September 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

September 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

SN

“ STEVE & NICK purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shirley Delonis Williams.



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**STEVE & NICK** - September 12, 2025 at 12:57 PM

SN

“ STEVE & NICK planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Delonis Williams.

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**STEVE & NICK** - September 12, 2025 at 12:57 PM