



## Arthur Williams, Jr.

February 26, 1919 - January 14, 2017

Arthur Lee Williams, Jr., 97, of Graceville, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2017, at the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. (CST), Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville with Rev. Sean Rezek, Rev. Chester Padgett and Mr. Allen O'Shields officiating. Burial will follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family will receive friends at the church Wednesday, 1 p.m. until time of service. Mr. Arthur was born in Americus, Georgia on February 26, 1919, to the late Arthur Lee Williams, Sr. and Irma Belyeu Williams. The family later moved to Graceville and Arthur was always proud to be a resident of this community. He was a veteran of World War II, serving honorably in the United States Navy, and became a lifetime member of the American Legion. Arthur and Tootsie owned Williams IGA in Graceville and, in 1962, opened the Piggly Wiggly, at its present location. After leaving the grocery business, he was employed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, retiring in 1993. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 71 years, Tootsie Williams, brother Gerald Williams and son-in-law Larry Ross. Survived by his devoted children: Arthur Lee "Art" Williams, III and wife B.T., Monticello, FL; daughter Louise Ross, Lake Panasoffkee, FL; sisters-in-law: Nick Williams, Graceville, FL; Betsy Williams, Norfolk, VA; three grandchildren: Tim (Nicky) McGinnis, Jason (Alisha) Williams, Alicia (Wil) Brininger; eight great grandchildren: Brian, Ashlyn, Hudson, Makenzie, Blaine, Skylar, Autumn and Amber.



# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *We loved him, and we will miss him.*

Ken and Elizabeth Gawronski - January 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Art, we are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers.*

Larry & Betty Parker - January 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *In my prayers*

Janet Clawson Phelps - January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *Art and Louise, your father was a fine man. I know of no better man than Mr. Arthur Williams. He will always be remembered for his gentle, sweet spirit & loving and caring ways. He and Ms. Tootsie were quite the pair. Always doing good for those in need. I loved them very much. So very sorry for your loss. I know you rest in the knowledge that they are both in heaven beside each other right now. Praying for you during this time. I know you will miss him very much. Love you guys!*

Kathy Jones - January 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My sincerest sympathy to you, Louise, and all of your family in the loss of your Father. May you have peace in knowing that he is in the presence of our Lord and has reunited with your Mother. Love, Bert*

Bert Conway - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So loved Uncle Arthur, Grannie's brother. Remember all the old days of dinners with the family! I'm so thankful to come from such a rich heritage of family as the William's Family! Got you in our prayers and sorry I can't be there with you. Sherry

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**Sherry Register Heywood** - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Art and Louise, you both know how much I loved your father. Please be sure my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. I will be unable to attend the service because of a schedule conflict. " A Celebration of Life" is scheduled for Fay' s husband this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, also.

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**June C. Crutchfield** - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ He was a beloved member of our family. RIP

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**Kenneth \$ Sandra O'Shields** - January 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mr. Arthur, will be missed ... praying for you all.

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**Melissa Miles** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To the Williams family, we are all so sorry for your loss. You had first class parents and I know for a fact they were loved by everyone (included us). Please know you are in our thought and prayer during this difficult time.

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**The Children of Melton & Vernell Tindel** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Mr. Arthur was such a special man, a true southern gentleman who always had a smile on his face. He never saw me without giving me a hug and a kiss on the cheek ever since I met he and Ms. Tootsie! Such a true example of a wonderful couple, faithful Christian people and members of our church. Mr. Arthur loved this city, the people in it and his country. A gentle soul with a contagious smile and laughter and a heart of gold. You will truly be missed. May you be met in heaven by Ms. Tootsie's outstretched arms and God's radiant love as we know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you will be greeted by the words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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**Betty Sue Bruckner** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to Family and loved ones. I had the pleasure of knowing him, he was such a sweet man.

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**Brenda Goerlich** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Thinking and praying for all of you now and later.

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**Sue Stewart Taylor** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Thoughts, prayers and blessings to the family of Mr. Arthur Williams. May he rest in peace with the Lord. He was a very kind and Loving man whose smile will be missed dearly

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**Jan and John Canida, Grace Hall** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM