



Prudence Augusta (Marriott) Williams

September 13, 1919 - March 27, 2011

Prudence Augusta (Marriott) Williams, age 91, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2011, at her home.

Our family would like to take some time to celebrate in a few words the life and legacy of Prudence Williams, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, relative, and friend.

Prudence grew up during the depression era in Morgan County, the daughter of Joe and Minnie Marriott of Glensted. She lost her mother when she was age 11. Despite this her father, grandfather, sister and others instilled a strong Christian faith, work ethic, toughness, independence, and positive attitude in her that helped shape the way she lived and affected others the rest of her life. She was an intelligent person who skipped a grade in grade school, was Salutatorian of her high school class, and loved to read and write.

In 1940 she married Vincel Williams of Versailles in a marriage that lasted over 50 years until Vincel's death in 1997. She was not only his wife but was a valuable business partner and instrumental in the success of his company. Prudence was an excellent seamstress and made unique and high quality clothing for herself, Vincel, Joe, Sue and others that were worn with pride.

Early in Prudence and Vincel's married life they began a series of moves that

took them to seventeen different addresses in five states from Washington to Florida and back to Missouri. In 1992 Prudence chronicled their history and the history of the family in the book she wrote and published titled Change of Address.

In 1992 Vincel and Prudence followed their hearts and made their last move back home to their beloved Morgan County. Prudence was an active member of the Morgan County Historical Society and a strong supporter of the museum. Late in her life she began to research and write a history of Morgan County. Sadly, she was unable to complete this work.

Prudence has now made her last and final change of address and has reunited with Vincel and her loved ones for eternity. We will greatly miss her.

She is survived by her son, Joe Williams of Newburgh, Indiana; her daughter, Sue Blankinship of Versailles; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Evelyn Cooper.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, at the Versailles Cemetery. Following services, family and friends are invited to Prudence's home for a time of fellowship. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Glensted United Methodist Church or the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I have known Prudence, since my childhood days. "What A Special Lady!" We both lived in the town of Glensted, since I was some younger, Prudence and my sister Florence, were good friends and she always asked, how is your brother Frank. I have fond memories of Prudence, she attended our Glensted School Reunions, Memorial Dinners, Funerals of the Glensted folks, and I have read some of her books, especially the Dinner Buckets & One-Room Schools. It was always fun to visit and reminisce with her, even in the grocery stores, she always had a smile when she seen me. Guess we can call Prudence, a Pioneer Citizen from the Glensted Community. She will be missed, but we know she has gone home with her Lord. What a blessing it has been to know and love this Special Lady. May God bless and keep her family in His care.

A Friend, Mary Etta (Goddard) Jenkins

Mary Etta Jenkins - March 29, 2011 at 12:14 PM

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“ Diane and I have fond memories of Prudence. She was always very friendly. Diane appreciated her help and encouragement with the Morgan Historical Society Museum at Versailles. May God strengthen and comfort you.

Dinzel & Diane Webb - March 29, 2011 at 08:31 AM

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“ *As one who grew up in the Glensted Community in the 1950's, I well remember Joe Marriott. In the last few years, I greatly enjoyed visiting with Prudence on the telephone about Glensted history. She had my Aunt Agnes as a first grade teacher at Glensted School. I have the book your mother wrote about school lunch buckets. Your mother had a wonderful mind and loved to visit. I will miss talking with her on the phone with her from time to time.*



Tom Kerr - March 28, 2011 at 08:48 PM