



Thelma June Williams

July 11, 1932 - May 10, 2012

Thelma June (Sidebottom) Williams, age 79, of Versailles, passed away May 10, 2012, at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born July 11, 1932, to Charles and Martha (Bolser) Sidebottom at Gravois Mills, Missouri. A news blurb commonly used at the time, reported the stork had visited to leave them a baby girl.

On March 17, 1951, she married Alfred Williams of Versailles, while they were both college students at Springfield, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers, Allen, Louis and Bob Sidebottom.

She is survived by six sons and their wives, Stan and Lynn Williams of Republic, Missouri, Steve and Mary Williams of Ballwin, Missouri, Bob and Pam Williams of Tipton, Missouri, Dan and Connie Williams of Springfield, Missouri, Trusten and Tracy Williams of Camdenton, Missouri and Manning and Trish Williams of Lee's Summit, Missouri; ten grandsons, ten granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren.

Thelma treasured her Ozark heritage, her family and her conversion to the Catholic faith. She was a charter member of St. Philip Benizi Catholic church in Versailles, and later a 27 year member at St. Patrick in Gravois Mills and

Laurie, eventually returning to Versailles for health reasons.

Through the years, she was active in different church and community events, PTA president, Cub Scout organizer in Fortuna, Alter Guild Officer at St. Philip and St. Patrick, a 5 year writer and speaker for Pro-Life in central Missouri, and most recently instrumental in saving and caring for the historic Sidebottom Cemetery in Gravois Mills.

She was a retired rural mail carrier from Sunrise Beach where she worked for 17 years.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 14, at the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Versailles with Father C.D. "Bo" Ryan celebrating. Stan Williams, Steve Williams, Bob Williams, Dan Williams, Trusten Williams, and Manning Williams will serve as casketbearers. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, at the church. Inurnment will be held at a later date in the St. Patrick Cemetery in Laurie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Operation Smile, P.O. Box 96231, Washington DC 20090.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church
17034 Highway D
Versailles, MO 65084

Service

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Thelma you will always be missed, Thanks for all the work you have done to keep our 1950 Versailles Class together. Bless you. Mary (Brewer) Igo Hardin*

Mary Ethel Brewer, Igo, Hardin - June 05, 2012 at 10:12 PM

TG

“ *It was an honor to have you as our youngest daughter's Godmother, Mrs. Williams. We always told Kelsey what a special woman you were. You are truly an angel to watch over her now. Ron and I send our love and deepest sympathy to your family and friends. I will miss our chats and always hold you close to my heart.*
Tracy & Ron Gendron

Tracy Gendron - May 19, 2012 at 09:48 AM

JU

“ *Thelma and my mom the late Elizabeth Andrews worked hard to save the Sidebottom Cemetary.. I remember her mother Martha and thought she was a saint. she worked so hard..Thelma it was an honor to know you. You and the past are so sadly missed.*

Jane Andrews Uptegrove

jane carol uptegrove - May 17, 2012 at 04:53 PM

KS

“ *Williams Family; Deepest sympathies for your loss. Thelma was one of my dearest, long-time friends, more memories than I can count. I feel I know each of you as we shared many discussions (and laughs) of our families. She was a very special friend I loved. Prayers and best wishes to all of you....Karen Smith*

Karen Smith - May 14, 2012 at 03:47 PM

KS

“ Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Thelma June Williams



Karen Smith - May 14, 2012 at 03:40 PM

JN

“ Trustin, wishing you and your family God's peace and comfort for your soul at this time of loss. With deepest sympathy, Judy Newland

Judy Newland - May 14, 2012 at 10:49 AM

JN

“ Judy K. Newland lit a candle in memory of Thelma June Williams



Judy K. Newland - May 14, 2012 at 10:13 AM

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“ Annette Huddleston Meyer lit a candle in memory of Thelma June Williams



Annette Huddleston Meyer - May 13, 2012 at 09:33 PM

PP

“ *Bintford James spoke so highly of Thelma. Bintford introduced me to Thelma many years ago. I admired the love that she had with her children and family. I will always cherish Thelma's friendship. She will be greatly missed.*

Peggy Penrod - May 11, 2012 at 02:27 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Thelma June Williams*



Peggy Penrod - May 11, 2012 at 02:21 PM