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Jan grew up in Pond Creek, where she graduated with many lifelong friends in the class of 1968. She pursued her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education from NWOSU, where she met and married Glenn, the love of her life. They were married for fifty-four years.

During Jan's long career in education, she influenced and impacted countless students and faculty—she was passionate about investing in people and building lasting relationships. Jan pursued her doctorate in Education at OSU, completed the doctoral course work, but while writing her dissertation, lost all her research in a tragic house fire. Despite the setback, Jan went on to be a school Superintendent at both Yale and Carnegie, and finished her career at the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Jan loved the Lord and was always involved in her local church, often teaching Sunday School and adding her beautiful soprano voice to the choir. Jan was a talented artist, skilled cook, savvy bridge player, and fierce competitor. Her derby pies were so popular she was forced to bring two to family functions to prevent pie skirmishes. She could sew, sing, paint, draw, cook, catch a largemouth bass, instruct aerobics, and bring a classroom of fifth graders to tears with an impassioned reading of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Jan loved people, loved her many dachshunds, and loved a challenge!

Jan also enjoyed a good adventure and took many memorable trips with close friends and family.

Near the end of her education career, Jan and Glenn began their successful pickle business, Imy's Dream, so named after Jan's Aunt Imogene who helped to raise Jan and influenced her love of education. She never grew tired of hearing people say, "That's the best pickle I've ever had!"

Jan never backed down from a fight—she epitomized standing her ground and she aggressively pursued what she believed was right. To be loved by her was to be truly seen—and when Jan hugged you, she hugged you nearly to pieces, in a good way. Jan and Glenn moved many times as they worked and raised their family—and each place they called home was left better for their kindness and influence. They left roots in Pond Creek, Alva, Yale, Carnegie, Hardtner, Dacoma, and Carrier.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, Cloma Thomas and Eugene Elmore; siblings Rick Elmore and Bob Thomas; and by two infant sons and twin infant daughters, Essie Jane and Ria Jo.

Jan is survived by her husband Glenn Williams; children, Jenni and Roger Lam, Sean and Julie Williams, Maggi and Victoria Williams; grandchildren Sean Todd Williams, Kenna Renea Lam, Karys Elizabeth Lam, and Savannah Rose Williams; and her siblings: Beverly Conover, Steve Thomas, and David Thomas.

Celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 11:00 am in Anderson-Burriss Chapel with Bro Mich Dershem officiating.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss to Salvation Army, New Life Ministries or Yale Fellowship Baptist Church. The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale for all of their extra special care for Jeannette.

Condolences and memories may be made online at www.andersonburriss.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home Chapel
3002 N. Van Buren
Enid, OK 73703
<http://www.andersonburriss.com>

Tribute Wall

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anderson Burris - November 20, 2024 at 11:28 AM

PH

“ Glenn - My condolences to you and your family. My prayers are with you during the days ahead. Take care - Patti Horrall (Curt's daughter)

Patti Horrall - November 19, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DH

“ Diane H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

Diane H. - October 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DH

“ Diane H. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Diane H. - October 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM

YK

“ Yousef and Lela Kazemi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Yousef and Lela Kazemi - October 31, 2024 at 12:39 PM

AM

“ I have so many great memories of Jan as my 5th grade teacher and Mom to Jenny. I always knew that I could go to her for help or advice if I ever needed to. She had such a fun, loving, and giving spirit. One Christmas she made me a bean bag sized pillow that I cherished up into my high school years. I was so disappointed when my Mom made me throw it away because it was so worn out. I would probably still have it today, simply because Jan made it. Sending all my love and prayers to the Williams family. Sincerely, April

April (Sowles) Myers - October 31, 2024 at 12:03 PM

AM

“ April M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

April M. - October 31, 2024 at 11:36 AM

FF

“ From the Whetsell, Mercer, Dimas family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

From the Whetsell, Mercer, Dimas family - October 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

FF

“ *From the Whetsell, Mercer, Dimas family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.*



From the Whetsell, Mercer, Dimas family - October 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DN

“ *Don, Ellen, Cathy and Michael Nichter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.*



Don, Ellen, Cathy and Michael Nichter - October 30, 2024 at 01:31 PM

ST

“ *I find it difficult to find the words for my big sister Jan that would adequately express how much of an inspiration she was to me. She was always the one in our family trying hard to bring us together. She was a champion for me even when I didn't deserve it.*

I'm so thankful for Glenn, all her children, and to the extended Williams family, as they clearly gave her a wonderful life.

I know that she is now in her glorified body, with our eternal Father, figuring out how to be useful to Him! Godspeed sister...

Steve Thomas - October 30, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ Don & Mary Sloan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

Don & Mary Sloan - October 30, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JB

“ Julie B. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Julie B. - October 30, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



October 29, 2024 at 11:13 AM

PM

“ Patti Thomas & Bob Peyton, family from MI purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Patti Thomas & Bob Peyton, family from MI - October 29, 2024 at 10:41 AM

PW

“ Pam & Marc Whitt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Pam & Marc Whitt - October 29, 2024 at 10:27 AM

PW

“ Pam & Marc Whitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

Pam & Marc Whitt - October 29, 2024 at 10:27 AM

BM

“ Bev Conover and Katie and Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeannette Ann Williams.

Bev Conover and Katie and Morgan - October 29, 2024 at 09:06 AM

BM

“ Bev Conover and Katie and Morgan purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



Bev Conover and Katie and Morgan - October 29, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ I ONLY MET HER ONE TIME & HAVE A GREAT MEMORY OF THAT. SHE WAS VERY SWEET & WAS EXCITED ABOUT GETTING HER PICKLES OUT TO THE STORES. SHE WAS VERY PROUD & SHE HAD A GOOD REASON TO BE. GD IS MY COUSIN & VERY DEAR TO ME. MY HEART & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. LOVE, LANA

LANA LEE TODD - October 29, 2024 at 08:00 AM



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

October 28, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeannette Ann Williams.



October 28, 2024 at 05:22 PM