



## John A. Williams III

May 16, 1937 - April 2, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. John A. Williams, III, age 81, of Lindale, Texas are scheduled for 3:00 P.M Sunday, April 7, 2019 in the New Harmony Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Towns, Rev. Kenneth Meadows, Rev. Ron Wells and Bro. Robbie Caldwell officiating. Interment will follow in the Lindale City Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. John died Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at his residence in Lindale, in the arms of his wife. He was born May 16, 1937 in Dallas, Texas to the late John Augustus, Jr. and Lurlyne (Cannon) Williams. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1955. John attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) and graduated with a BBA in 1959. While at SMU, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Delta-Pi Chapter. After John's graduation, he worked in his father's printing company, John A Williams, Printer. In the mid 1960's, John took over management of Ben Griffith Enterprises as CEO and managed 19 companies under that name. Later John worked for many years as a real estate developer under the guidance of George Shafer and John Stemmons.

In the past years he and Bambi Herndon owned East Texas Realty and most recently John worked at Century21 as a real estate broker. He retired many times but enjoyed real estate and people so much he kept going back to work. He enjoyed collecting pre-Columbian art and antiques, fishing, hunting and playing tennis. He also had a love for flying and held a pilot license for many years. He owned his own planes and would fly to his hunts or to go skiing.

He read through his Bible every year since 2004 and was known to give chronological Bibles to several of his friends and even strangers.

John served his community with great pride. Among his participation, he served as past president of the Lindale Rotary Club, past president of the Lindale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and past master mason of the Colfax Masonic Lodge #904 in Van. He was preceded death by his sister, Betsy Kuebler.

John is survived by his wife, Kathy Hopkins Williams of Garden Valley; children, Leslie Klingman of Dallas, Texas, Lorrie Beck and husband, Walt of Colorado Springs, Colorado, John A. Williams, IV and wife, Sophia of Denver, Colorado, Teresa Wickham of Hideaway, Texas and Shelby Tucker and wife, Joey of Hallsville, Texas; grandchildren, Evan Howell, Carson Klingman, Matthew Beck, Hayden Beck, Anderson Wickham, Lawrence Wickham, Gracie Tucker, Levi Tucker and Baby Girl Williams who is due on April 22, 2019.

Serving as pallbearers will be George Shafer, Jim Hamblen, Barham Fulmer, Don Hines, Duane Fangman and John Wampler. Honorary pallbearers are Jeff Daugherty, Jim Mallory, Bobby McClenny, Tom Boone, Joe Terry, Jeff Phelps, Garrett Thomas, John Droblyn and members of the Lindale Rotary Club.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lindale Rotary Club or Lindale High School Drama Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771

# Previous Events

## Church Service

APR 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

New Harmony Baptist Church  
10251 FM 724  
Tyler, TX 75704  
[nhbc@newharmonybaptistchurch.org](mailto:nhbc@newharmonybaptistchurch.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of John A. Williams III*



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**Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home** - April 04, 2019 at 11:27 PM

GT

*I just loved the obituary video.*

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**Garret Thomas** - April 06, 2019 at 04:03 AM

TG

*Such a great man! He will be missed*

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**tawni gibson** - April 07, 2019 at 08:45 AM

HN

“ *H. L. Nash has fond memories our domino games were an example of our good times together. I am an old man now (94).*

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**HL Nash** - January 26, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *John A. Williams III*

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October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *John A. Williams III*

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October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

AB

“ *Whether you were the President of the United States or a Lindale Blackberry picker, John treated you the same. He was always friendly, happy and personable. I will miss him.*

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**Annie Baldwin** - April 08, 2019 at 06:05 PM

TO

“ *John was a great neighbor and friend. I will always treasure the many visits we had together! He had a big heart, love of Christ, great friend to many people, thoroughly enjoyed his country estate and cherish his time with Kathy!*

*Todd & Jamie Upson*

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**Todd** - April 07, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *59 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home** - April 07, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.*



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April 06, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.*



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April 06, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ *Loved our time together. Trip to Galveston will be remembered. Love Richard and Dianne Geddie*

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**richard geddie** - April 05, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.*



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April 05, 2019 at 06:11 PM

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“ Duane and Liz Fangman purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John A. Williams III.



Duane and Liz Fangman - April 05, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.



April 05, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.



April 05, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.



April 05, 2019 at 11:43 AM

TS

“ John and I had a unique relationship of trading insults. Try as I may he would always top mine of him and hit me with a zinger. One of the finest gentlemen I ever had the privilege of knowing.

Tim Sacrey - April 05, 2019 at 10:00 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.



April 05, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Williams III.



April 05, 2019 at 08:38 AM



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Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - April 04, 2019 at 10:04 PM

MC

“ *Mrs. Dick Reynolds (Donna) & children purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of John A. Williams III.*



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**Mrs. Dick Reynolds (Donna) & children** - April 04, 2019 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ *John exhibited a wonderfully dry wit and wry smile that put you at ease very quickly. He was above all a gentleman and a fierce advocate for the causes and people for which he cared. My condolences to his family .*

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**Jeff Baker** - April 04, 2019 at 01:12 PM

BH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Bambi Herndon** - April 04, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MK

“ *Kathy, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. We know he is free of pain and in heaven. We love you and many prayers for your family and your comfort during this sad time.  
Love, David and Michele Klutts*

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**michele klutts** - April 04, 2019 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ I worked for John's printing company over 30 years ago. He and I became very good friends and had lots of fun times together whether at a bar, laughing and talking, or at his ranch (my kids loved to visit Mr. John). He was one of my biggest cheerleaders encouraging me to get my CPA after my MBA and to move on from John A Williams, Printer to bigger and better things. I have remained in contact with him over all of these years and always looked forward to our calls or visits. He always acted so proud when I would tell him about something I was doing or an accomplishment. He was a big jokester and loved to laugh. I will miss our birthday chats.

*Kathy and family: My prayers will be with you as you begin this dark process of separation and grieving. May you feel the presence of God enfolding you with comfort and peace.*

*Janet McGrath Bradshaw*

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**Janet McGrath** - April 03, 2019 at 05:26 PM



*An Employer, Mentor and Friend. John had a large presence in my life. His friendship will always be cherished and will be dearly missed.*

*God's Blessings to Kathy and all the Family, he loved you all so very much as I know you loved him.*

*My sympathies and love,*

*PJ Strong*

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**Pj Strong** - April 07, 2019 at 05:43 PM

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Bambi Herndon - April 03, 2019 at 04:53 PM

BH

“ John and I would drive around a lot looking for property listed for sale by owners. I thought I saw a sign on FM 1995. Beautiful area right well I had him back up quite a ways. Turned out to be a sign "Fresh eggs for sale". So he bought me this a few years later.



Bambi Herndon - April 03, 2019 at 04:20 PM