



## Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan

August 27, 1939 - June 18, 2022

Durant, OK- Shirley Ann Williams was born Sunday, August 27, 1939 in Bennington, Oklahoma to Nelson Abner Williams and Samantha (Fobb) Williams. She entered into the presence of her Lord on Saturday, June 18th, 2022 from Sherman, Texas at the age of 82.

Shirley grew up and attended schools at a young age in the Smith-Lee community. She graduated from Bennington High School in 1958. Shirley married the love of her life, Daniel Barboan Sr. in 1964 in Mountain View, California. They relocated to Durant in 1967 from California to be closer to family. Shirley attended Oklahoma Presbyterian College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She worked as an educator most of her life for Durant Public Schools in the Indian Education Department as a program coordinator and tutor and faculty sponsor of the Indian Heritage Club at Durant High. After her retirement from public schools, Shirley served as the Director of the Language Department at Choctaw Nation for two years.

Shirley was a talented Choctaw artisan, who specialized in making traditional Choctaw dresses and shirts and beadwork. She enjoyed giving back to the community by teaching several dressmaking and beadwork classes for many years. Her other community involvement included being a foster parent, softball coach and player and team sponsor, playing intramural basketball,

Cub Scout Den mother, Blue Bird leader and 4-H club sponsor. She was known for her delicious cooking of traditional Choctaw recipes and Indian tacos. Shirley loved watching basketball especially Oklahoma City Thunder and the Oklahoma Sooners.

She also enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley, Josh Turner and Alan Jackson and most importantly reading her Holy Bible daily. Shirley was a lifelong member of the Chishoktak Presbyterian Church south of Bennington. Her church work took her to native communities across the country from Sitka, Alaska to Tonawanda, New York. She served on various committees within the Presbyterian Church USA, most importantly as Chairperson of the Native American Consulting Committee, which led her to address the General Assembly regarding the concerns and needs of the native churches she represented.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Daniel Barboan; daughter, Denise Renee Barboan on November 15, 2021; sister, Bertha Brock and husband, Delbert; brother, Nelson Abner Williams, Jr; nieces, Gladys Rogers and Twila Long; and nephews, Ricky Brock and Michael Brock.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Richard Barboan Jr. of Oklahoma City; daughter, Stephanie Pritchett and husband, Ricky Haislip, of Bennington; grandkids, Kerwin Moore of Oklahoma City, Shanelka Barboan of Durant, Kira Moore of Norman, Jared Pritchett of Durant, and R.J. Haislip of Bennington; honorary grandkids, Sydney Branson Tillery, Benjamin Singleton, Kristin Brooks and Chantelle Standefer. She is also survived by two sisters, Anita Navarro of Durant and Sue Folsom and husband, Michael (Happy), of Bennington; along with numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Thursday, June 23rd, at

Brown's Funeral Service.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 24th, at the First Presbyterian Church in Durant with Bro. Olin Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Bennington Cemetery in Bennington, Oklahoma with Larry Wade, David Batton, Skyler Robinson, Ian Thompson, Ryan Spring and Sam Steve serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearer will be Terry Cole.

The family asks if you have a dress, shirt or beadwork made by Shirley to wear them to the service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/SL86WG539MQ3P3RX>

# Cemetery Details

## Bennington Cemetery

Bennington, OK 74723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
501 15th Avenue  
Durant, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - June 23, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Alice R Passarell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan*



**Alice R Passarell** - June 24, 2022 at 02:14 PM



*Thanks Alice!*

**Richard** - June 27, 2022 at 02:15 AM

BS

“ So very sorry Richard and family. Many fond memories I have of Shirley. Thinking of you through this time.



Bennie Speaks-Tanner - June 23, 2022 at 02:12 PM

RI

Thanks Bennie! My memories are your mom and my mom getting each other tickled. They had the best laughs!

Richard - June 27, 2022 at 02:18 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan.



June 23, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan.



June 23, 2022 at 12:03 AM

EJ

“ *Eva J. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan.*



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**Eva J.** - June 22, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan.*



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June 22, 2022 at 01:24 PM

AC

“ *Anthony Collura lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan*



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**Anthony Collura** - June 22, 2022 at 10:23 AM

RI

*Thanks Anthony!!*

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**Richard** - June 27, 2022 at 02:19 AM

DB

“ *Debra Briddell lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan*



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**Debra Briddell** - June 22, 2022 at 09:33 AM

RI

*Hi Deb. Thanks so much for the sentiments. It means a lot!*

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**Richard** - June 27, 2022 at 02:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann (Williams) Barboan.*



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June 21, 2022 at 01:43 PM