



Willie Thomas

April 8, 1944 - March 13, 2022

Bokchito, OK- Willie Thomas was born Saturday, April 8th, 1944 in Fresno, California to Willie Henry Thomas and Mary Aline (Peden) Thomas. He passed from this life on Sunday, March 13th, 2022 in Durant, Oklahoma at the age of 77.

Willie is a graduate of Blue High School with the class of '64. Growing up in the back hills of Bokchito, and a confirmed "Hillbilly", Willie spent his time as a young adult to add beauty to the dismal surroundings. Willie grew up in a five-room house and was one of eight children. He developed a green thumb for growing plants and love of flowers. Willie also was a collector of many treasured pieces of solid oak furniture such as cupboards with frosted glass doors, pedestal dining tables, chairs and dressers. He also had old fashioned cookstoves, numerous pieces of crockware, kerosene lamps and a wall arrangement of gold painted pitchforks and shovels intertwined with dried wheat.

Willie worked in remodeling and construction. He was educated in the Job Corp and developed a talent for drafting. He had a passion for finding beauty in old things and refurbishing all kinds of furnishings. Willie recalled a philosophy he learned at a young age: "If somebody else can do a whole lot of something, whatever it might be, I can at least do a little bit of it." Willie's favorite pick-me-up is the piano. He gets absorbed in the keyboards and his

troubles soothe themselves away. Willie gave much credit to his wife Carol for her never-ending support and help. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol, in 1990; and brother, John Thomas.

He is survived by his sons, Willie Lee Thomas and his wife, Cindy, of Caddo, and Rodney Thomas and his wife, Lethia, of Bokchito; grandchildren, Lauren Cantrell, Logan Thomas, Lexus Thomas, Rodney Lee Thomas (Krystal) and Gabriel Thomas; siblings, Henry A. Thomas of Bokchito, Sue Meyer of Bokchito, Lois Sprouse of Rosedale, OR, May Thomas and Barbara Thomas of Bakersfield, CA, and David Thomas of Mead, OK; several great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, March 18th, at the Bokchito Cemetery pavilion with Bro. Ross Phillips officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Thursday, March 17th, at Brown's Funeral Service in Durant.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Services are under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service, Durant.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/BBTPYCG7Z6N8962P>

Cemetery Details

Bokchito Cemetery

Bokchito, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
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<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bokchito Cemetery
Bokchito, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Thomas*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - March 16, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Willie Thomas*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Prayers for the family at this difficult time. 🙏🙏 May the special memories give each of you comfort and strength. Loved the video!*

David and Berniece Tucker - March 18, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts Bo and Bicken. Rick and Donas Charbonneau*

Rick Charbonneau - March 18, 2022 at 08:46 AM

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“ Always loved Willie’s view on projects like making cabinets and collecting antiques. His “twang” was light hearted and was just who Willie was. Thanks for the memories.

Roxy Moore - Carol Ann’s cousin

Roxy Moore - March 17, 2022 at 11:14 AM

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“ I remember when Anj & Justin were young & Uncle Willie had a big vegetable garden, Never heard of some of the veggies But.. made kids try,turnips,rutabaga & okra out of there just the same!! Also remember his Flower garden,never knew there were So many different color of Iris till then. He's probably up there tilling as we speak..He'll b missed..

Anjie Myer-Niece - March 16, 2022 at 09:41 PM

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from Margy

Anjie Myer-Niece - March 16, 2022 at 09:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willie Thomas.



March 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM

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“ You will be greatly missed by all. I wish me and kids got to know you more but we still love you and the thomas family.

Krystal neasbitt - March 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM

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Many prayers going up for the family. We hope the special memories you have will comfort you during this time.

Berniece & David Tucker - March 18, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Thomas.*



March 16, 2022 at 07:52 PM

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“ *Things that make me think of Willie popcans with chew spit and thorny bushes. May yours and Carol's garden be plentiful in heaven*
Anjie

Anjie Myer-Niece - March 16, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Willie Thomas.*



March 16, 2022 at 07:22 PM