



## Janis Williams

October 12, 1941 - August 13, 2021

Janis Elaine Williams, 79, died August 13, 2021, peacefully at home after a short battle with brain cancer.

Janis was born October 12, 1941, in rural Neosho County, Kansas, to Elvin and Louise (Harding) Richwine. She graduated from Stark (KS) High School and Chanute Junior College. While in college, she met Larry Williams; they were married September 2, 1961, in Carson City, NV, and enjoyed 47 years together before Larry passed away in March 2009.

Janis was at first a homemaker, but later worked at Cloth World, and for the Kansas Legislature. She and Larry were both avid fans of Washburn University Athletics, and in particular, women's and men's basketball. She was a sewer and quilter and took great pride in creating quilts for family members and friends.

Janis was preceded in death by her parents and husband Larry. She is survived by her daughters, Tori Mason of Nashville TN; Jill (Tim) Rowland of Wetmore, KS; grandsons, Nicholas, Trenton and Alex Rowland, all of Wetmore; brother, Ron (Dixie) Richwine, Chanute; sister Glenda (Ken) Taylor, Stark KS; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A visitation with family will be Thursday, August 19 from 5-7 pm at Kevin

Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 Urish Rd, Topeka KS, 66614.

A graveside service will be held at Bethel Cemetery, Stark KS on Saturday, August 21, at 11am, followed by a celebration of life at the Grant Community Center, Stark. Please bring your favorite finger food to share; tea, water and plates will be provided.

Memorial contributions may be made to Washburn Athletics, 1700 SW College Ave, Topeka KS 66621.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

Stark, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Graveside Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM.

Bethel Cemetery  
Stark, KS

## A Celebration of Life

AUG **21**. 11:30 AM.

Grant Community Center  
Stark, KS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janis Williams*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - August 17, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Janis Williams*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Janis passing. We graduated by Chanute Junior together in 1961..  
Saw her at a Washburn football game while attending the game to watch our grandson play a few years ago! God Bless your family!  
Rosemary Nicholson Greenwood*

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**Rosemary Ann Greenwood** - September 28, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *I will miss Janice whenever I walk around the block with my dog. Janice was so warm and friendly whenever we stopped to visit her. She exhibited a love for animals, sewing/quilting, her daughters and their families, WU sports, life. May Janice now Rest In Peace.*

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**Julia Seago** - August 25, 2021 at 12:35 AM

SF

“ Susan And Jerry Farley lit a candle in memory of Janis Williams



susan and Jerry Farley - August 19, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



August 17, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



August 17, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



August 17, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.*



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August 16, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.*



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August 16, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Rick and Heather Schwartz purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Janis Williams.*



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**Rick and Heather Schwartz** - August 16, 2021 at 04:27 PM

SH

“ I'm so going to miss Janis at Washburn athletic and alumni events. I've sat in back of her at Ichabod basketball games for nearly two decades. She was an absolute jewel. I think of both her and Larry nearly every day ... I have a picture of them taped to my wall at work from a trip we took to Las Vegas to cheer on the Ichabods. My condolences to Tori and Jill and all the other people who had the pleasure of knowing Janis.



Susie Hoffmann - August 16, 2021 at 01:03 PM

JH

“ I grieve with you and your family and will remember you in my prayers.

- Jayne Hardwick, Nashville Zoo, TN

Jayne Hardwick - August 16, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



August 16, 2021 at 10:33 AM

MK

“ She was Always so kind, she will be missed! Tori, Jill, and family, remember the good times, not this darned cancer. Love you all!

Michael Kiernan - August 16, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



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August 15, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



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August 15, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *I will always remember our spontaneous visit sessions when I came to town when my folks lived down the street. I've known the family since the 70s, but it was those spontaneous visits I will remember. I just knocked on her door and she always had a welcome smile in greeting. She always made time to sit and chat. I'm glad to have memories of her kindness including the last time, when she came to my wedding. My sincere sorrow at the passing of this dear lady. I'm thinking of the Williams family today. Love, Joanna Luft Hart*

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**Joanna Hart** - August 15, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Michelle Martindale* purchased the *Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of Janis Williams.



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**Michelle Martindale** - August 15, 2021 at 12:46 AM

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“ Douglas Brazell (No Spring Rooster) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Janis Williams.



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Douglas Brazell (No Spring Rooster) - August 14, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



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August 14, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album



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Tori M - August 14, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.



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August 14, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janis Williams.*



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August 14, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Tori and Jill, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. What a beautiful lady. Though I haven't met her, I feel as though I know her after seeing her photos about her. Condolences to you both and your Entire Family. Keeping you all in my thoughts.*

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**Diane Furlong** - August 14, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Very nice lady!! Always enjoyed running into her at the casino, 🎰*

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**judy mcgrath** - August 14, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *Tori and Jill, I am so sorry to hear about this. Please know that I absolutely loved your mother. Such a wonderful person!*

*Laurie Keltner Luksa*

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**Laurie Luksa** - August 14, 2021 at 12:58 PM