



Tom Williams

June 27, 1945 - March 19, 2015

Joseph Thomas “Tom” Williams, 69, Topeka, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at his home.

Tom was born in Topeka KS on June 27, 1945. He grew up in Topeka, attended Topeka West High School and graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in Missouri. Tom was an insurance salesman for Met Life for seven years while serving in the Army National Guard on weekends and in the summer. Tom went full-time with the National Guard and was active for twenty-two years as a recruiting and retention NCO. After leaving the Army, he was self-employed as an Amway Agent and opened Williams Automotive in 1995. Tom was very family oriented and loved his children greatly. Tom’s hobbies included the Sports Car Club of America, auto racing, boating and camping.

Tom is survived by his children; Julie Kingsbury (Patrick), Baldwin City, Robert Williams, Topeka, Ron Williams (Tina), Topeka, Richard Williams (Donna), Geronimo OK, Trish Boatwright (Ryan), Topeka; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Williams.

Memorial Service for Tom will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan

Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with visitation at 10:00 a.m. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Road, Suite A, Topeka KS 66604.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 26, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ He was a physically, verbally and psychologically abusive subhuman towards woman and children. That piece of human refuse made it a point to punch my pregnant mother in the stomach repeatedly. Satan couldn't have taken him too soon.

nunya - October 11, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Tom Williams

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

LD

“ I met Tom at a Kansas Region autocross. He was working with Rob and Ron to set up the event. He was always smiling and willing to stop and chat. A bit later I discovered his shop and had him repair a few things on my cars. It was nice to talk to someone about cars on even ground. He always listened to what I had to say. I will treasure those moments when Tom and I could share a story or two. My thoughts and prayers to all of his beautiful family. I wish you wonderful memories that you all made with Tom.
Linda Duncan

Linda Duncan - March 26, 2015 at 09:19 PM

SM

“ I'm guessing we've been using Williams Auto for more than 15 years... I'm not really sure. I do know that my wife and I - and all three of our kids - have been blessed to know both Tom and Rob. Tom was always matter-of-fact - and very fair. In fact, he was generous a number of times, when he could have made a few more bucks. I know Tom had strong feelings, and that I often disagreed. However, I knew he had a good heart and that he cared about his clients and his family. I was sad to see his health fail. He will be missed!
Steve Martin

Steve Martin - March 25, 2015 at 11:03 AM

EB

“ I first met Tom when I hired him to work Metropolitan ife as an agent. He was one of the best agents and friend that I had. I was proud to know his Family and watch the children grow. I know he will be missed by all that ever knew him Edd& Ruth Bradney

Edd Bradney - March 24, 2015 at 03:34 PM

HD

“ Prior to SCCA moving to Topeka I only knew Tom as a competitor, but once here I realized his deep involvement in the Kansas region and how much he loved the Cub and its members. A couple of years later we began to make use of his services at his repair shop and I discovered another aspect of Tom as an honest businessman that was highly regarded by his customers. As I would stop by his shop to get estimates or repairs, I was quite taken with the interaction he had with his customers and the mutual respect that was apparent. I came to truly enjoy those times that I stopped by and we could just chat about a variety of things, although SCCA was always at the center of those conversations. I will miss those chats and now wish that I had stopped by more often.

Tom will be missed deeply by all that knew him.

Howard Duncan

Howard Duncan - March 24, 2015 at 08:36 AM

SJ

“ Fifteen years ago I found the best two mechanics in the world and when I kept going back in, I found two wonderful friends. Tom was very entertaining telling stories while Rob was hard at work on your car!! What a kind and generous with everyone he met. I will miss him very much.

Susie Jones

Susie Jones - March 24, 2015 at 01:46 AM

EB

“ Carol and I got to know Tom during our SCCA autocrossing days. He was always friendly, generous, and willing to help in any way needed. We came to have a great deal of respect for Tom and the whole Williams family. Our most sincere condolences. He will be missed.

Eric and Carol Buetzer

Eric Buetzer - March 23, 2015 at 09:50 PM

DE

“ I was fortunate to get to spend time with Tom and his family relaxing on the lake. He gave me great tips when I was learning to water ski :) He was always kind and generous and loved to be surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Tom is missed.

Deanna

Deanna - March 23, 2015 at 08:48 PM

FW

“ Tom and I go back to the mid seventies when we started auto crossing with NCCC. We always had stories to share. Tom will truly be missed.

Frank and Alice Wietharn

Frank Wietharn - March 23, 2015 at 08:30 PM

VE

“ We remember Tom as a great friend and respected fellow racer. Also as a great advisor about cars and repairs. I know Ron, Tina and Rob will carry on this tradition.

Vern and Pat Peterson

Vern&Pat - March 23, 2015 at 07:27 PM

GR

“ Tom has been a long time friend, father figure, mentor, historian, and great story-teller to me. I owe him a lot and he will be missed. I hope Ron, Tina and Rob know that if they need anything during this rough time, they can certainly ask me to help, and I'll be there.

Greg Reno - March 23, 2015 at 06:49 PM