



Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford

October 26, 1945 - March 30, 2024

Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford, aged 78, of Red Bank passed away in late March 2024. He previously resided in Douglasville and around Atlanta, Georgia and has lived in Chattanooga for the last ten years. Joe attended Ooltewah United Methodist Church with his family and enjoyed biking, running, and playing tennis. While living in Atlanta he worked with Eastern Airlines and drove a truck for Geographics. For the last six years he has worked at Volkswagen through different contractors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilber Hughie Williford, Sr. and Martha Williams Williford, and two of his sisters: Gloria Nabors and Teri Raven.

Joe is survived by his sons, Flynn (Elizabeth) Williford, Luke (Kendall) Williford; and son Thomas (Laura) Richardson; former daughter-in-law, Jenny Ramsey Richardson; his siblings, Helen Richardson, Sonny (Patsy) Williford, Allie (Tony) Whisenant, John (Beth) Williford, Brenda Connell, Doug (Brenda) Williford; brothers-in-law, Greg Nabors and Randy Raven; grandchildren, Ashley Richardson, JoAnna (Tevan) Bleckley, Cassidy, Brooke, and Brylee Richardson, Rosaleen and Peter Williford, Emma and Henry Williford; and great grandchildren, Addie, Jenna, Charlie, and Brentley.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 18th from 12:00 until the time of service at the funeral home. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19th, 2024 at Holly Hill Memorial Park in Fairburn,

Georgia. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis – Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 SW Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30212

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel
443 Boynton Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 935-2331
spencer@wilsonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR **19**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“Mindy R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.

Mindy R. - April 18, 2024 at 02:18 PM

SB

“Sarah Bray Drinnon, Don and Alan Bray purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.



Sarah Bray Drinnon, Don and Alan Bray - April 17, 2024 at 08:33 PM

LG

“Love, Ginny purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.



Love, Ginny - April 17, 2024 at 08:26 PM

LG

“Love, Ginny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.

Love, Ginny - April 17, 2024 at 08:26 PM

VM

“ *My sincere condolences to Joe's family.*

My connection to Joe began at the Cajun dances at the Knights of Columbus in Atlanta. Joe was a very energetic, bouncy dancer with lots of stamina due to his regular fitness running routine. We danced until midnight, went for a wee hours dinner, and sometimes he came home with me and on the Sunday we went canoeing on the lakes in Rabun County. I don't think he liked canoeing that much or my choice of remote locations like Tugalo Lake, so, he was mostly along for the ride. He definitely didn't like my canoe, a hundred pound fiberglass hull dubbed "the tank" that we hoisted onto the roof of my Blazer, much to the dismay of our poor shoulders. We also enjoyed a couple of road trips to Virginia Beach and even as far as Maine. We saw each other intermittently over many years. I sometimes romanced the idea of a Cajun dancing wedding, but, we were both too non-committal to go through with it.

Joe was my only witness to a most extraordinary thing that happened while we were on the lake on a rainy night. I had underestimated our travel time to return to the car after a long paddle up the Chatooga branch of Tugalo Lake. As we toiled across the lake at nightfall, it began to rain. It was a real storm with wind and lightning and thunder. For a few seconds we could see thousands of illuminated orbs, each about the size of a basketball. It was incredibly beautiful with all those lights in the crystalline green water and utterly terrifying. There is no logical explanation for what we saw. It was definitely a one in a thousand lifetimes event. I am sorry I wasn't a better friend in these last years and may Joe rest in peace in heaven.

Virginia McClure - April 17, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ *Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.*



April 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Bruce, Mom & Aunt Cindy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Joseph "Joe" Williford.*

Bruce, Mom & Aunt Cindy - April 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM