



Lois M. Williams

January 7, 1937 - May 20, 2026

Lois McClellan Williams passed away peacefully on May 20, 2026, following a long illness. A faithful servant of God, loving matriarch and devoted educator, she leaves behind a rich legacy of love, learning, and family. Born in Branchland, West Virginia, in January 1937, Lois moved with her four siblings to Florida in 1952. After graduating from high school in Waldo, Florida, she began her studies at the University of Florida. It was during this time that her friend, Shirley (Williams) Toney, introduced Lois to her brother, fresh home from serving in the Korean War. Charles R. ("Bob") Williams and Lois were married on May 4, 1956, marking the beginning of a beautiful, rare, and inspiring 70-year marriage.

Lois and Bob quickly blessed their home with three children: Deena, Sandy, and Carl. While having three children under the age of four, Lois demonstrated her trademark determination by commuting between Jacksonville and Gainesville to complete her bachelor's degree. She later earned her master's degree in education. The family relocated to Leesburg, Florida, in the late 1960s, where Lois dedicated 28 years in the Lake County Public Schools, spending the majority of her career teaching kindergarten.

Lois was a devout Christian whose faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she was a deeply involved church member, most recently serving and worshipping at the South Campus of First Baptist Leesburg. An exceptionally

talented seamstress, Lois loved the challenge of a complex project and kept a collection of advanced sewing machines ready for any task. She was also a passionate, lifelong fan of University of Florida sports, enthusiastically cheering on the Gators football and basketball teams for decades. Above all, her love for teaching and children lived on through her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Deena W. Newman, in 2023. She is survived by her devoted husband, Charles R. "Bob" Williams; her children, Sandy W. Pemble and Carl Williams; and Deena's widower, Tom Newman. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Brandon Pemble, and Lance (Dakota) Pemble and Allison (CJ) Songer, as well as her cherished great-grandchildren, Shylah, Daylen, Kylie, Lacey, Grayson and Skye.

She is also survived by her siblings Shannon Dykes and Mike McClellan. She was preceded in death by her siblings Becky Sodikoff and Larry McClellan.

For those interested, donations can be made in Lois's memory to the Florida Baptist Children's Home / One More Child at 1015 Sikes Blvd, Lakeland Florida 33815 (OneMoreChild.org) to honor her lifelong passion for early childhood education and faith.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday May 26, at 10:00 and service at 11:00 at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, followed by a brief graveside service at Lone Oak Cemetery in Leesburg.

Cemetery Details

Lone Oak Cemetery

306 Thomas Avenue
Leesburg, FL 34748

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Leesburg
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Service

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois M. Williams*



Beyers Funeral Home - May 22 at 09:51 AM



“ *Karen M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois M. Williams.*

Karen M. - May 25 at 02:28 PM



“ *Staci, Dale, Haylee & Mackenzie purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Lois M. Williams.*



Staci, Dale, Haylee & Mackenzie - May 24 at 08:35 PM



“ *Staci, Dale, Haylee & Mackenzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois M. Williams.*

Staci, Dale, Haylee & Mackenzie - May 24 at 08:35 PM

TG

“ *The Dykes', Shannon, Barry&Margie, Greg purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Lois M. Williams.*



The Dykes', Shannon, Barry&Margie, Greg - May 24 at 04:31 PM

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“ *The Dykes', Shannon, Barry&Margie, Greg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois M. Williams.*

The Dykes', Shannon, Barry&Margie, Greg - May 24 at 04:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lois M. Williams.*



May 24 at 12:41 PM

DF

“ *David Alvarez and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lois M. Williams.*



David Alvarez and family - May 23 at 09:43 PM

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“ David Alvarez and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lois M. Williams.

David Alvarez and family - May 23 at 09:43 PM

KH

“ Kim & Dave Henderson purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Lois M. Williams.



Kim & Dave Henderson - May 23 at 05:37 PM

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Kim & Dave Henderson - May 23 at 05:37 PM

KM

“ My prayers and heart goes out to the family of Lois Williams. She was very special to me and I value memories of our talks and time together. She was more a Sister than Sister-in-Law to me. She's now with her beloved daughter, Deena. I loved her and will miss her, but am grateful I will see her in Heaven.

Karen McClellan - May 23 at 02:40 PM

KM

Maureen Robinson and Karen McClellan are sending donations to The Baptist Children's Home in loving memory of my "sister", Lois Williams.

Karen McClellan - May 25 at 11:51 AM

LM

“ Love from Mike, Ginny & Megan McClellan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lois M. Williams.



Love from Mike, Ginny & Megan McClellan - May 22 at 08:31 PM