



## Thelma Williams

July 17, 2013

### Obituary of Thelma Williams

Thelma McKenzie "Telt" Williams, a longtime resident of Leesburg, died July 17, 2013, after a long and trying illness. She was 88 years old. Born in Cheap, KY, she was known as "Teltie" to her loving and devoted husband of 63 years, Charles, and as "Mom" to her two children, Lynne W. Frazier (David) of Leesburg and Robert Q. Williams (Julie) of Okahumpka. However, she was probably better known as "Mamaw" to her tribe of six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and to her extended church and community families. And what a "Mamaw" she was; she was the epitome of unconditional love, acceptance, and maternal sacrifice. She was an old style housewife, mother, and grandmother, and she loved her children and grandchildren fiercely. She was a homeroom mother, a field trip chaperone, a Cub Scout den mother, a Girl Scout leader, a PTA member, and a Gray Lady at Beverly Shores Elementary School. She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg for over 50 years, and she doggedly insisted that her children and grandchildren attend Sunday School and church on a regular basis. As evidence of that legacy, Charles and 14 of her descendents still attend First Presbyterian. Over the last ten years, dementia slowly took this remarkable lady away from her family and friends. Charles lovingly cared for her in their home until 2010, when she went to live with her wonderful caregiver, Mary Lou Speegle. She was treated like a member of their family

there for the past three years. Those who knew "Mamaw" will forever remember her calm demeanor, her loving and compassionate manner, her soft hands, and her warm smile. They will remember her gentle voice, her tenderness, and passion for her husband and family. They will remember how she always put others first. We miss her greatly, but we rejoice that she has been freed and has claimed her final reward with God. In addition to Charles, Lynne and David, and Bob and Julie, Telt leaves behind sister Joye McKenzie King; grandchildren James R. Williams (Candace), William D. Frazier (Donna), Christen Williams Lamons (Brent), Ellen Frazier Miller (Brian), John R. Frazier, and Anne Williams Logan (Brooks). She also leaves great-grandchildren Camden, Siler, Neyland and Rigsby Williams; Maggie, Jack and Raney Lamons; Ava, Cole and Eli Logan; Charlie, Owen and Carolynne Frazier; and Carson, Davis and Anna Miller.

A celebration of Telt's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, on Saturday, July 20, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Roy Sharpe officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her honor to the Memorial Fund at First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 491246, Leesburg, FL 34749-1246.

### Services

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## Memorial Donations

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Our hearts were heavy when we heard of your Mom's passing. She was such a kind and generous person and made us feel like family whenever we were in Leesburg. I have so many memories of her on our weekend visits and how wonderful she was with Steffie. She was a blessing to everyone who knew her. I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort in knowing she is at peace and will be watching over you all until you meet again.

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**Kristin and Stephen Boyce** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Uncle Charlie, Lynne Ann and Bob, I am so sad for your loss, but as expressed by many, she is no longer suffering. I loved Aunt Telt. The last time I spoke with her was 3-4 years ago and dementia was getting more pronounced. She realized that and hated it. We talked for about 2 hours. I will cherish spending that time with her. Know that I love you all and think of you also. Love, Terrie Leigh. (I think she and Charlie started calling me that!)

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**Terrie Leigh (Williams) Porras** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am sad to read of Mrs. Telt's passing. I always think of her smile and gentleness as we were growing-up. Please know I am sending prayers for your comfort and peace.

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**Rachel Alexander McMahan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Lynne and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was an awesome woman. I will always remember her kindness and sweet smile. I know she will be missed, but she is now in a peaceful place with angels taking good care of her. Loving thoughts to you and your family. Roseann & Stephanie

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**Roseann Giovenco** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Charles, Bob and Julie, Lynne and David and all your children, Our hearts go out to you at this time and we are praying for you! You are so right that Telt is now set free and young and alive again as you all knew her! We pray that those will be your memories of her!! May God continue to comfort you all and be your strength and joy! With love and prayers, Anne & Kent

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**Kent and Anne Adrian** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I will never forget Aunt Telt. She was a woman of grace and beauty and her smile and twinkling eyes are forever etched in my mind. While I know you will miss her I also know you are thankful she is no longer suffering. I always thought she looked like Peggy Lee. What wonderful woman and what a great legacy. Live you all

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**Tracy Hazard Allen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Bob and Julie, We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Its so very hard to loose a Mom. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Susan and Stoney** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“ *We are sorry for your loss.*

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**Ed and Jo Zimmerman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Ours thoughts and prayers go out to your family for the loss of your mother. May God grant you peace during this difficult time. With sympathy.*

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**Marylen & Jim Hastings** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. We will keep you in our hearts.*

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**Rich & Claudia Bulgrin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Lynn, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. I'm sending prayers to you and your family. Hold on to the sweet memories that you will cherish forever. Love you, kathie*

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**Kathie Ragan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *What a wonderful tribute to an incredible woman. Telt was a privilege to know. We are praying for God's peace and blessing for Charles, Bob and Julie, Lynn and David and all your children and grandchildren. What a remarkable legacy.*

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**Ken and Katie Weaver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ A great lady whose life is a testimony of important things given in the most loving of ways. There is a glad and wonderful homecoming for her in heaven today. Best put to say of her "Until we meet again"

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**Roy Alexander** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Please know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers at this time.... but also remember that Teltie is now all that God created her to be, and is free from the sufferings of this life. It is for us to grieve, for the loss is ours. We will forever remember her for the love and laughter she brought to us, and to our children as well. May God bless you, enfold you in His everlasting arms and grant you His peace at this time. Mack, Lori, Janelle & Rocky

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**Mack & Lori Riddle** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dearest Lynne and Bob, Please know how my heart shares your sadness for the loss of your precious mother. I also share in your celebration of her entering eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus! What a touching legacy she has left to all who knew her. Praying for comfort and peace at this difficult time. Love, Lynn

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**Lynn Stegall Geohagan** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bob, So sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in our prayers

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**John & Sherry McLeod** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm thinking of all this wonderful family. Lynne, I didn't know your mom well but I picture her with a bright friendly smile for all she greeted. Now that her long struggle is over, I know there will be many wonderful memories to bring you comfort as days go by.*

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**Nina Coe** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thelma Williams*

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