



## Marge L. Williams

September 9, 1923 - March 4, 2020

Marge L. Williams, of Towanda, PA passed away surrounded by family, on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at the Towanda Guthrie Memorial Personal Care Home. Born September 9, 1923 in Rummerfield PA, she attended Towanda High School.

After graduating from high school, Marge was accepted to Cornell University as well as a business school in Philadelphia. She chose to attend the business school for a short time but returned to Rummerfield to work in her father's general store where fate intervened. In 1941, she met the love of her life when Bert Williams stopped by her father's store. Bert bought a soda pop, promptly shook it up and asked Marge to open it. As it sprayed all over her, Marge looked up into the eyes of the man with whom she would share the rest of her life. That same night they both coincidentally showed up at the dance in the Odd Fellows Hall in Rummerfield and from that evening forward they danced their way through a wonderful life together. Their romance was interrupted when Bert enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp and left the country to serve in England. Thirty-three months later, Bert returned and the two were married on August 19, 1945, at the Standing Stone Methodist Church. Marge and Bert's marriage is one to be celebrated. They not only worked together but traveled the country in their camper, square danced into the night, played many board and card games, enjoyed a wealth of friendships, and were known for always wearing matching attire. For most of their seventy-plus years together, they lived in Towanda where they became active participants

in the community. In 1958, together they purchased a local fuel oil company that consisted of one rusted pickup truck and one fuel delivery truck. Initially operating from their home, they worked together to grow Williams Oil Company from its humble beginnings to a trusted provider of petroleum products and services in Towanda and the surrounding communities. Prior to her long career with Bert at Williams Oil Company, Marge was employed at Sheffield Farms, the Bradford County Court House, and GTE Sylvania. Marge became a valuable member of the community participating in organizations such as the United Methodist Church Women's Club, TACO, and volunteered for the American Red Cross. As a couple, Marge and Bert enjoyed a variety of activities such as camping (French Choppers Camping Club, National Campers and Hikers), square dancing (Grand Paraders) and playing cards with friends. Marge was known by her family and friends for her sharp wit and humor, her love of cooking for one and all, and her thoughtful nature. All who knew her well would be honored to receive a card or letter from Marge on any occasion.

Marge was predeceased by her loving husband of 71 years in April of 2016. Since then she has been a resident of Guthrie Memorial Personal Care Home. As a young girl Marge campaigned to convince her parents that she needed a sister. As a result, very close to Marge's 7th birthday, her sister Jan was born. Marge and Jan would become more than sisters but were the closest of friends for the rest of their lives. At the Personal Care Home, Marge's childhood wish for a sister would once again become a blessing. Jan joined Marge in the room next door and on almost any day and time you would find the sisters together. Jan's loving care and companionship helped Marge to feel more at home in her final years.

Marge was extremely proud of her three children: Bonney (Gary) Hettinger of Julian, PA, Randy (Nancy) Williams of Towanda, PA, and Wendy (Paul) Manchester of Fleming, NY. She is survived by her sister Janice Marie Corbett. She left behind her loving grandchildren, Jayme Hettinger, Season Bonino (Mark), Bert Hettinger (Erin), Stacey Manchester, Joshua Hettinger,

Joel Manchester (Kristen), Dyson Williams (Megan), Dalton Williams (Katelin) and Sydney Williams. Marge also had 12 great grandchildren: Jacob Manchester, Christopher Hettinger, Jordan Isbell, Miranda Isbell, Abbie Bonino, Natalie Bonino, Hannah Shutter, Paul Manchester, Brock Hettinger, Connor Manchester, Isabel Hettinger and Michael Bert Williams, and a great great grandchild, Salem Fulmer.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 12 until 2:00 pm visitation with a memorial service to follow at 2:00 pm at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Avenue, Towanda, PA. Officiating the service will be Pastor Jira Albers. Burial will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda. Memorial donations may be made in Marge's name to the Guthrie Memorial Personal Care Activities Fund, Guthrie Hospice and TACO Food Pantry. Memories and Condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marge L. Williams*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Marge L. Williams*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Marge L. Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Marge L. Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Marge L. Williams*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *So sorry to read about Marge's passing. She was a wonderful person. My condolences to the whole family.*

**Mark Chapdelaine** - March 07, 2020 at 08:01 AM

NI

“ So very sorry to hear of Marge’s passing. I always enjoyed visiting with her when she came into the office. Such a lovely lady, quick witted and always a joy to talk with. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her.

Nellie Irvine - March 06, 2020 at 04:05 PM

CH

“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of Marge L. Williams



Claire Holton-Lizon - March 06, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MP

“ My Deepest Sympathies and Prayers to all of Marges Families. Use to talk to her and Bert at Senior Citizens. They were such a wonderful couple and they both will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

Marie Post & Family



Marie Post - March 06, 2020 at 11:14 AM

MM

“ To Wendy and family my heartfelt sympathy on your loss. A beautiful lady who now is at peace.

Mary Kay Ward, Monroeton - March 06, 2020 at 10:30 AM

MA

“ Wendy, Randy and Bonney and family.  
My sincere condolences for your loss. Marge, as I knew her was a wonderful, loving, and the sweetest person I ever met. She was an inspiration in her daily struggles to all who had the pleasure of being in her company. I was honored to have been part of her life for a couple of years. Thought of her often after not having daily contact with her. Marge stole a part of my heart . Peace and comfort to you all. May she rest peacefully.  
Mary Adams (former Administrator PCH)

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**Mary Adams** - March 06, 2020 at 09:39 AM

ES

“ My heart is sad for Marge's family. I first knew her through the Boatclub and as part of the gas delivery to my family's store in Durell. After I retired, I reconnected with her at TACO. She was so delightful and I loved her stories especially her love story with Bert. When she had to give up volunteering, I really missed her and would say "Hi" at Personal Care. She was a lovely person and will be missed by so many. She thoroughly enjoyed life and cared about people. She was a lovely person and will be missed by so many. God bless.

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**Elaine Silverstrim** - March 06, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ My deepest condolences go out to the children of Marge Williams. Your parents were a source of great friendship to not only my parents Myrtle and Dode Harris but to my wife Bobbie and myself as well. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered.

*Lyall Harris*

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**Tammy Harris Howard** - March 06, 2020 at 08:29 AM

FB

“ Our deepest regrets to the family of Marge. Great lady and several good memories of her.

*Frank and Cha Babcock*

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**Frank Babcock** - March 06, 2020 at 07:12 AM

KC

“ My Aunt Marge never forgot my birthday, I received a card from her every year of my life until just the past few years. I could always tell it was from her because I could recognize her hand writing. I have very fond memories of family and holiday events at Gramma and Grampa Clagett's. She will surely be missed. Until we meet again.  
*Kim*

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**Kim Corbett** - March 06, 2020 at 07:04 AM

RS

“ To Marge's family, I send my sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother. May she rest in peace. Have many memories of Marge, as we were classmates from Towanda High School's class of 1941 and attended many reunions and monthly luncheons. God bless, Ruth Squires

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**Ruth Squires** - March 06, 2020 at 06:22 AM