



Thomas E. Williams

February 3, 1922 - January 6, 2020

Mr. Thomas E. Williams, 97, of Hornbeak passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital after an illness. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Hornbeak City Cemetery, with the Rev. Jimmy Calhoun officiating. Pallbearers will be family members, Tim Biggs, Todd Thayer, David Thayer, Dylan Thayer, Nicholas Gwaltney and Justin Branch. He was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Hornbeak, the son of the late O. C. and Anna Williams. He had a busy life, serving in the U.S. Navy for 26 years. He served in World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War, before retiring to Hornbeak, where he was co-owner of the ESSO gas station for many years. He served as mayor Hornbeak for several years and as Hornbeak Fire Chief from 1965-1988. During that time, he founded the First Responders in Hornbeak. He also drove a school bus for 15 years. He was a clock maker, building and repairing many clocks for friends and family near and far. He also worked with leather, making many purses and billfolds. He was a member of the Hornbeak Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Bernadette, a baby son, Tommy; his parents, O.C. and Anna Williams; two brothers and four sisters. He is survived by three daughters, Elaine Biggs (Terry) of Hornbeak, Janet Hughes (Roger) of Union City and Patty Williams of Union City; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Hornbeak City

240 Cemetery Rd
Hornbeak, TN

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I was one of the many students who rode Mr. Williams' bus. He always made us feel safe. He didn't allow any foolishness on his bus, and encouraged the older kids be good examples for the younger ones. He was a very special person. Very sad to hear of his passing. My prayers are with you.

Judy Long Denman - January 09, 2020 at 11:33 AM

LY

“ Liz Yates lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Williams



Liz Yates - January 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM

MP

“ My prayers and love are with you, Janet, and your family. Marion Shields and David Pitts

Marion Pitts - January 08, 2020 at 08:46 PM

JJ

“ Mr Tom was a awesome neighbor, we will miss talking with him (such a interesting and accomplished man) he and your mom were some of the sweetest people we've had pleasure of knowing. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

jeff n lisa johnson - January 08, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JJ

“ *Jeff N Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Williams*



jeff n lisa johnson - January 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM

BW

“ *Mr. Tom was a considerate, kind person, he was my kids bus driver for many years, he repaired a couple of clocks for me, he wanted my husband to take up his clock repair business but my husband didn't think his hands would be agile enough to do it. He knew a lot about the history of Hornbeak and it's people, I wish it was all written down, he took care of the Hornbeak Cemetery business for many years and created a map of graves that he could find headstones for. He gave Ms Vinnie Riley a job cleaning up trash on the streets of Hornbeak and she did for several years. Prayers for the family, I know he'll be missed and Thank Your Mr. Tom for your service to our country.*

Betty Walley

Betty Walley - January 08, 2020 at 01:11 AM

GW

“ *I knew him well. He was my ver first boss. A bus driver while i was in high school. And a wonderful person throughout my life. Always treated everyone with respect. The world needs more like Mr. Tom!*

gail harris whitmore - January 07, 2020 at 10:40 PM

RR

“ One of the most Admired, kind person I ever met. Praying for his family and may God be with them.

Robbie Riley - January 07, 2020 at 08:29 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear. I remember him so well... driving the school bus as well as the Esso station. My sympathy to the family during this sad time.

Joan Mouser - January 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM

NL

“ Condolences to my second cousins in Hornbeak. My dad was Fredric Williams, son of John Fred Williams and Anna's brother. Our family is dwindling; my sympathies to you all.

Nancy Williams Laird
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Nancy Williams Laird - January 07, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DA

“ David and Alana purchased the Lovely One Spat hiphyllum Plant for the family of Thomas E. Williams.



David and Alana - January 07, 2020 at 05:08 PM