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Jerry Wallace Williams, age 80, of Bella Vista, AR passed away peacefully on November 15, 2025, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, AR with his wife and daughter by his side.

Born January 20, 1945, in Helena, AR, he was raised surrounded by cotton fields on the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station in Clarkedale, AR by his parents, Wallace and Eloise Williams, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Marion High School in 1963 before earning a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1967 and a Master of Science in entomology in 1969 from the University of Arkansas, where he was proud to have his name etched in Senior Walk with numerous family members.

During graduate school, a freshman work-study student in the entomology department named Christine Cox caught his eye, but the U.S. Army called him away before their first date. They did connect later and despite him being four hours late for their first date as he drove from San Antonio, she later agreed to marry him on July 11, 1970. They shared their lives together for the next 55 years.

In addition to San Antonio, his Army career took him to St. Louis and overseas to Seoul, South Korea. He obtained the rank of major and received two Army Commendation Medals for Meritorious Service. He was proud of his military service and never missed a chance to tell stories about his Army days.

Following the Army, Jerry worked as a county extension agent with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service for 35 years. Throughout his extension career, he spent many summers from sunrise to sundown cruising the farm roads with his arm hanging out the truck window, often with his daughter, Tammy, in the passenger seat.

He walked thousands of miles in the fields of Phillips, Arkansas, Mississippi and Lincoln counties helping farmers take care of their crops. During his second stint in Helena as Cooperative



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Extension Service staff chairman, Jerry was active in the Helena Rotary Club, serving as president and named a Paul Harris Fellow.

He also served as president of the Phillips County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Tri-County Fair Association and was a member of the Boll Weevil Eradication Committee. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and was elected the 58th president of the Arkansas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Jerry hung up his dusty work boots in summer 2004 before he and Christine moved across the state to Bella Vista in 2006 to live closer to their daughter and the Razorbacks. He became active in the Bentonville Rotary Club, serving as treasurer, and the Bella Vista Baptist Church.

He also served as president of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Alumni Association, was a member of the Razorback Foundation and enjoyed working on his stamp collection. Growing up, Jerry was given no choice but to cheer on the Arkansas Razorbacks football team, a passion handed down from his father and then passed on to his daughter.

Fridays in the fall were always reserved for driving up the mountain to attend football games with no ifs, and or buts. He continued going to games until a few years ago when his health no longer allowed him to sit in the stands.

Jerry and Christine enjoyed traveling the United States with adventures taking them to almost all 50 states. They spent their early retirement years road tripping to every Southeastern Conference school and numerous bowl games to watch Razorback football. They could also be spotted Calling the Hogs inside Bud Walton Arena for both men's and women's basketball games.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Williams; his daughter, Tammy Tucker of Fayetteville, AR; his brother, Kenneth Williams and his wife, Mary, of Hamburg, AR; his brothers-in-law, David Cox and his wife, Marietta, of House Springs, MO; Charles Cox and his wife, Cathy, of Muskogee, OK; Bill Cox and his wife, Mary Ann, of Farmington, MO; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Cox of Bentonville, AR and Carol Wood and her husband, LaMont Fisher, of Rio Rancho, NM; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. followed by a celebration of life on Thursday, November 20 at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home in Rogers. A military honors service will follow at the



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Fayetteville National Cemetery. In keeping with Jerry's love for the Arkansas Razorbacks, the family requests that guests wear something red.

Memorials may be made to the Bella Vista Baptist Church, the Bella Vista Animal Shelter or Circle of Life Hospice.






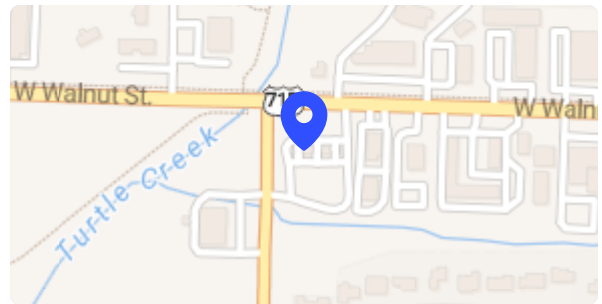
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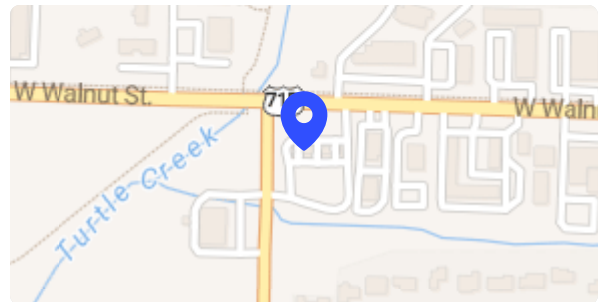
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, November 20, 2025
-  10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT
-  **Nelson-Berna of Rogers**
100 S 28th Street, Rogers AR 72758






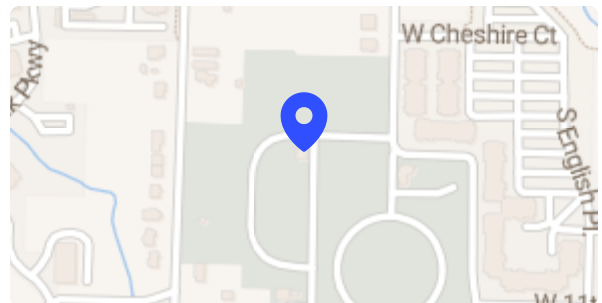
Funeral Service

-  **Thursday**, November 20, 2025
-  11:30 AM CT
-  **Nelson-Berna of Rogers**
100 S 28th Street, Rogers AR 72758



Burial

-  **Thursday**, November 20, 2025
-  1:30 PM CT
-  **Fayetteville National Cemetery**
1000 S. Lt Col Leroy Pond Ave., Fayetteville AR 72701





Tribute Wall

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G

Gerald Jordan lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Dear Tammy and family, We were so sad to learn of Jerry's passing. He was – as you know better than we do – a great man who loved you and just beamed with pride every time that Elizabeth and I saw your family. We met your parents at your wedding and both of us instantly felt welcome, just as though we had all known one another for years. We never felt more welcome on meeting folks who instantly became friends. We also knew the genesis of your big smile and welcoming personality. I'm sorry that we're leaving in the morning and won't be with you for the service, but please know that we stand with you and family in all ways of friendship and support. Jerry has left a treasure trove of memories and happy times for you and your mom to celebrate again and again. Our love to you, Elizabeth and Gerald Jordan

November 19 at 7:19 PM



JA

Jace And Jim sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Williams family.

November 19 at 5:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Williams family.

November 19 at 10:12 AM



MR

Mike And Heather Richmond planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jerry.

November 19 at 10:12 AM



OC

Olivia Orsak & Matt Carter sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Williams family.

November 19 at 7:09 AM





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Matthew Butler shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Christine, Janice, Jerry, and I would meet up near Harrison or Fayetteville during Christmas time. We would all gather in the hotel for gift exchange after dinner. This image is from DEC 2016 in Branson. So many memories...Jerry's positive impact and unwavering friendship to me is simply not replaceable...❤️🙏 / Matt Butler



November 19 at 2:55 AM



Cathryn S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jerry.



November 18 at 11:06 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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