



## James Williams

September 20, 1923 - July 29, 2022

1923-2022

James Seth Williams, age 98, a resident of Los Lunas, NM, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Tondre Williams, who passed in 2013. James is survived by his sons, Tony (Stephanie) of Los Lunas, Chris of Albuquerque, and Pete of Albuquerque; daughter, Meta Rosen (Bob) of Tempe, Arizona; six grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren. He was born on September 20, 1923 in Tajiique, NM, to parents Seth and Beulah Williams. James was the last surviving of four children. Beulah taught school in Tajiique. Seth was a farmer. After a few years in Milan, NM and the South Valley, in 1934, when James was eleven, the family bought a farm in El Cerro and set up a small dairy and produce farm, taking advantage of the new drainage and reclamation project of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. He graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1940, while in high school working on the family dairy and an after-school job testing milk at local dairies. James served proudly in the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II, and for many years claimed to be the oldest living WWII veteran he knew of in Valencia County. After the War, James married Anne Tondre of Los Lunas, earned a bachelor's degree in soil science at New Mexico State University and started his family. His career in business began selling agricultural products in El Centro, California and later in New Mexico. Through various corporate mergers and acquisitions, starting

with the company he joined in Albuquerque, he became an executive in a publicly traded company in the energy sector, retiring from a position in El Paso in about 1982. James was a lifelong farmer, buying the family place in El Cerro right after the War. During his career as a corporate executive, James, with the help of his sons, farmed in El Cerro, at times cultivating hundreds of acres and running a cattle feed lot and later grooming only a remaining parcel of alfalfa next to the family home, always tidy, verdant and admired by the his many new neighbors in new houses on the old surrounding farm parcels. After retiring from his corporate job, James started Williams Glass Company, with sons Chris and Pete. In the early 2000's he turned over to his sons a window distributorship in New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. James was a wonderful father, husband, friend and citizen. He will be dearly missed. His contributions to everything he touched will remain. There are no services scheduled at this time. Please sign James's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *JR Boliver lit a candle in memory of James Williams* ”



**JR Boliver** - August 13, 2022 at 12:58 PM

ST

“ *Sylvia Garcia Teofilos lit a candle in memory of James Williams* ”



**sylvia garcia Teofilos** - August 11, 2022 at 11:03 AM

KG

“ *Ken Garcia sent a virtual gift in memory of James Williams* ”



**Ken Garcia** - August 09, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of James Williams* ”



**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - August 07, 2022 at 08:49 PM

AA

“ My condolences to the family. Jim and Ann were our neighbors for many years. I will always appreciate the friendship.

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**Alicia Aguilar** - August 06, 2022 at 08:28 PM

PL

“ Dear Tony, Chris, Pete, Meta and family:

*I am so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. What a wonderful life he led, and what a wonderful example he has been to all of us, he has left quite the legacy!*

*May each of you find comfort in the lasting memories you have of him, and also of your Mom!! I remember Mr. and Mrs. Williams very well, having attended school with you Chris, they were always there to support you, along with supporting your brothers and sister!!!*

*Mrs. Williams was a great support as a Substitute Teacher for many years in the Los Lunas Schools, she was always someone we could count on to help us out!!!*

*Thinking of each of you, may you find peace as you move forward!  
Many Blessings to each of you!!!*

*Paul T. Luna*

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**Paul T. Luna** - August 06, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ My Condolences and prayers to the family. Mr Williams shared so much history of Valencia county and his military service days when he'd visit the Los Lunas museum. He was such a kind person and a joy to talk to.

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**Jan Micaletti** - August 05, 2022 at 06:35 PM