



Grace Marie Williams

October 7, 1938 - February 7, 2026

Grace Marie Williams, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Fountainbleau Lodge in Cape Girardeau.

She was born October 7, 1938 in Cañon City, Colorado to Robert E. and Mary Elizabeth O'Hanlon Colgate.

She and Lorenz "Red" Williams, Athletic Trainer at SEMO, were married November 21, 1956 at Englewood, Colorado. He preceded her in death on January 26, 2008.

Grace was a graduate of Englewood High School in Englewood, Colorado.

She worked at Royal N'Orleans for 37 years in several capacities, as a waitress, dessert chef and manager.

She loved to teach her children about sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals, enjoyed oil painting, writing poetry, and Country music.

Survivors include two daughters, Toni Mills of Cape Girardeau and Terri Williams of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a son, Tracy Williams of Cape Girardeau; grandson, Drake Mills of Boston, Massachusetts; three brothers, John (Liz) Colgate of Macomb, Illinois, Jerry (Carol) Colgate of Colorado

Springs, Colorado and Paul (Patti) Colgate of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Tom Williams and a brother and sister.

There will be a memorial service at a later date in Colorado.

Memorial contributions may be given to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, 7711 Bonhomme Ave., Suite 800, Clayton, MO 63105.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.