



Herman 'William' Chrisman

August 9, 1941 - January 31, 2026

Herman William Chrisman passed away peacefully on January 31, 2026, at his home in Leach, Oklahoma, at the age of 84. He was born on August 9, 1941, in Pryor, Oklahoma, to Herman and Zelma (Moyer) Chrisman. He attended school in Kansas, Oklahoma and graduated High School there in 1959.

A lifelong resident of the area, William was a farmer, a career that not only reflected his hard work and dedication but also his deep connection to the land and community. He, along with his brother, operated a dairy for over 30 years then ran beef cattle for the remainder of his career. He was a faithful member of the Leach First Baptist Church where he served the Lord and cherished his church family.

William was always ready to lend a helping hand without expecting anything in return. His love for the outdoors was evident in his passion for hunting and fishing; he especially enjoyed pheasant hunting in Nebraska with his longtime friends & fishing the local lakes with his family. He was known for having one of the biggest gardens in the area, especially his corn. He picked up hundreds of pounds of pecans each year that he would crack and sell but also made some of the best pecan brittle you've ever eaten. William also found joy in his time socializing at the Kansas, OK Senior Center where his fierce competitive spirit came out playing cards, dominoes or marbles. His family was a valuable

part of his life, and he delighted in spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

William is survived by his daughters, Stacey Martin (Kevin) of Rose, OK, and Dana Waits (Robert) of Kansas, OK; six grandchildren, DeAnn, Evan, Ashlyn, Sarah (Jimmy), Des (Tyler) and KJ; and ten great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his brother Earl Chrisman of Tulsa, OK, and his sister Zelma Williams (John) of Siloam Springs, AR, and sister-in-law Bonnie Chrisman of Siloam Springs, AR. William was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Sue Chrisman, and his brother Gene Chrisman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Leach First Baptist Church, Leach, OK. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services of Grove, OK, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Leach First Baptist Church in memory of William, honoring his commitment to his faith and community.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Leach First Baptist Church
5804 US Hwy 412 Alt.
Rose, OK 74364

Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Herman 'William' Chrisman



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - February 05 at 02:28 PM

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“ William worked very hard on the farm from a very young age. Most chores were done physically by hand. William and I were close growing up as we were only a year apart in age and he had to do the work I did though younger. We played and worked together. My mind is flooded with such good memories of our childhood working together. William had a long and productive life. Earl

Earl Chrisman - February 06 at 10:01 PM

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“ Landa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman 'William' Chrisman.

Landa C. - February 04 at 08:33 PM

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“ The NT PN staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman 'William' Chrisman.

The NT PN staff - February 04 at 10:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Herman 'William' Chrisman.*



February 04 at 10:06 AM



“ *So many wonderful memories of William and Sue and our escapades together in Oklahoma and illinois. From fishing, boating, spending time at the lake, to car trips, the Marshall putnam fair, horse racing, laughing and reminiscing...we had so much fun. Thanks for the memories and now that is all I have. PAT WILLIAMS of Henry, ill. Bill is in heaven with William and Sue*

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Pat Williams - February 02 at 09:52 PM