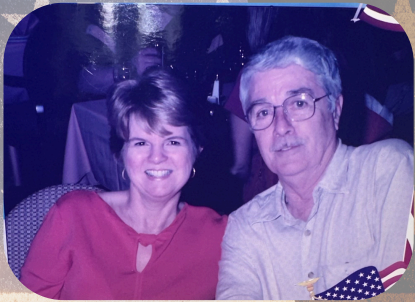


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THE LIFE OF



**IVY DEWITT "SONNY" WILLIAMS**

November 22, 1933 ~ June 06, 2024

## *HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN*

Don't think of him as gone away,  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets,  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting,  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

E. Brenneman



Ivy Dewitt "Sonny" Williams, born on November 22, 1933, and raised in Winnsboro, Louisiana, passed away on June 6, 2024.

Sonny proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, including service during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After military retirement, he worked for the Central AR Veterans Healthcare System for 22 years.

He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Christine Miles, beloved daughter Brooke Williams, his parents Floyd and Lillian Williams, and his sister Martha Williams Murry.

Sonny is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Janet Kresse Williams; his daughter, Jessica Pauley of Maumelle, Arkansas; his son, Chad Williams of North Little Rock, Arkansas; his grandson, Gavin Pauley of St. Charles, Missouri; his great-grandson, Dakota Pauley of St. Charles, Missouri; his sister, Shirley Bradford of West Monroe, Louisiana; his brother, Bennie Williams of El Dorado, Arkansas; and his mother-in-law, Barbara Kresse of Maumelle, Arkansas.

A passionate Arkansas Razorbacks fan, Sonny loved nothing more than cheering on his Hogs. For many years, he traveled to all out-of-state football games in his Red Razorback van with his wife and babies in tow. Annual Orange Beach trips with the family etched memories of laughter and the simple pleasures of life. Known for his quick wit, he always had a humorous saying at the ready. He also had a deep love for cooking and grilling, bringing joy to many gatherings with his culinary skills.

His wife Janet was his amazing caregiver and showed the true meaning of "In Sickness and In Health." The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the following for their compassionate support:

- VA Caregiver Support Program, VA Home Based Primary Care - Janet Freeman, APRN; Ashley Newton, RN; Joe McElduff, SW; Betsy Robken, RD; and Mikka Yant, OT
- Arkansas Hospice-Conway - Shannon Tate, RN; Michelle Miles, RN; Ty Cooksey, CNA; Jennifer Lafon, CNA; Michael Reece, Chaplain; and Mica Gunter, Chaplain

He was known for his love of family, upbeat personality, and unwavering support for those he held close. His impact on the lives of his family and friends will be remembered with profound gratitude and love.

Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Monday, June 10, 2024 at Smith North Little Rock Funeral Home. Funeral to celebrate Sonny's life will be 1:30 PM, Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Rest Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Arkansas Hospice-Conway, 1105 Deer Street, Suite 10, Conway, Arkansas 72032 or Alzheimer's Arkansas, 201 Markham Center Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.

Sonny will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. His legacy of service, love for family, and infectious humor will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.