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Williams, John Thomas (Sr.)
1895 FL – 1974 FL

50 Years Together



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John Thomas Williams - "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" 19 Oct 1973 (from Find A Grave record 14517462)



Seated at front left is John Thomas Williams & at front right is his wife, Pearlie Mae Bryant Williams. The children (not captioned) are Wavie Mae, Robert Byron, Shirley Yvonne, Alta Marie, David Andrew & Hazel Vondell – believe from other photo found that 3rd from right is Shirley Yvonne - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/51552846/person/162201942351/media/2bb75859-ae7c-4442-88d1-c62e33551352?_phsrc=hFB69326&_phstart=successSource

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In this version, the only person identified is Hazel Vondell Williams, standing in the back 3rd from right, in the yellow dress with vertical stripes - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/1482121/person/-1934590806/media/8e8c24dd-dc8f-4188-b763-20d9fc9ad39a?_phsrc=hFB69332&_phstart=successSource



Photo from the early 1970s - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/1482121/person/-1934590806/media/ed35e6e0-7fab-4ada-8903-bf49d850fe28?_phsrc=hFB69329&_phstart=successSource



John Thomas Williams & Pearl Mae Bryant Williams with baby - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/1482121/person/->

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WILLIAMS

GARDNER — Funeral services for John Williams, 78, will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Gardner Baptist Church with Burial in Gardner Cemetery. Survivors are his widow, Pearlie M. Williams, 5 daughters, Mrs. Mae McGaw, Mrs. Marie McRae, & Mrs. Shirley Thornbury, all of West Palm Beach; Mrs. Wanda Polk, Port Salerno, Mrs. Hazel Woods, Ft. Myers; 3 sons, David A. Williams, West Palm Beach, Robert B. Williams, Ft. Myers, Jerry Williams, Port Salerno, a sister, Mrs. Nettie Newell, Punta Gorda; brother Raymond Williams, Immokalee, 34 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren. Coker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of John Thomas Williams - "Tampa Tribune" Tuesday 19 Feb 1974 p 48

* WW I		WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State)			
WILLIAMS, John Thomas				Gardner Cemetery, near Zolfo Springs, Fla.			
2. SERVICE NO. / SSAN		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
2 50 681		1 330 968		18. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year)		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year)		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type)			
Sept. 18, 1917		Feb. 13, 1919		Pearlie M. Williams			
6. STATE		7. DECORATIONS		RELATIONSHIP			
Florida				widow			
8. GRADE OR RANK		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City, State and ZIP Code)			
Pvt.		40th Co., Tenth Reg.		Rt. # 1, Box 230 A, Zolfo Springs, Fla. 33890			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year)		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	
March 11, 1895		Feb. 18, 1974		Pearlie M. Williams		Feb. 28, 1974	
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one)		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED		16. FREIGHT STATION			
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(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)		* White * Colored	
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(Street and house number)		(Town or city)		(County) (State)	
* Enlisted * R.A. * N.G. * E.R.C. * Inducted at		Arcadia Fla		Sept 18/17, 19...	
Place of birth: Gardner Fla		Age or date of birth: 22 6/12 yrs			
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:					
Co 2 6 Bn 20 - 1917 to disch.					
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt					
Engagements:					
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.					
Served overseas from Jan 23/16 to Jan 6/19, from to					
Honorably discharged on demobilization Feb 13/19, 19...					
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.					
Remarks:					
Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.					
Nov. 22, 1919.					

FL state archives – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

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? Wife Maud Wilson

Maud E. Wilson

Mentioned in the Record of **John T. Williams** (Maud E. Wilson's Husband)
Vital • Florida Marriages, 1837-1974

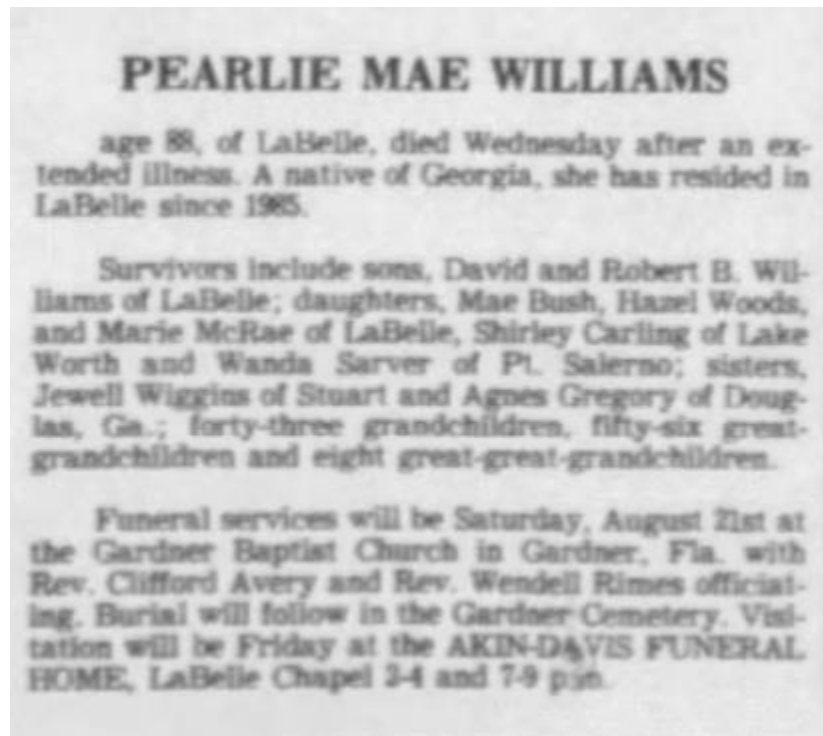
Name	John T. Williams
Sex	Male
Age	21
Birth Year (Estimated)	1895
Race	White
Ethnicity	American
Spouse's Name	Maud E. Wilson
Spouse's Sex	Female
Spouse's Age	21
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Spouse's Ethnicity	American
Event Type	Marriage
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Source Details	bk 3 p 598
Reference	Volumes 1 and 3

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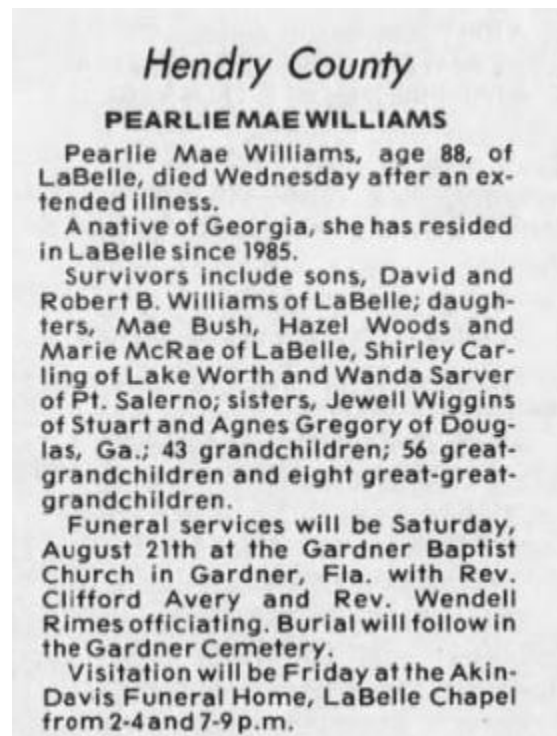
Wife **Pearlie Bryant**



Wife Pearlle Mae Bryant Williams – Find A Grave 14517455



Obituary of wife Pearlle Mae Bryant Williams - "Palm Beach (FL) Post" (West Palm Beach)
Thursday 19 Aug 1993 p 20



“Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Thursday 19 Aug 1993 p 19

Children:



Daughter Nora Alberta Williams McKinney (1924-1947) – Find A Grave 14517429

Nora Alberta Williams

in the Florida, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1823-1982

Name	Nora Alberta Williams
Gender	Female
Age	18
Birth Date	abt 1924
Marriage Date	6 Nov 1942
Marriage Place	DeSoto, Florida, USA
Spouse	Lloyd A McKinney

Nora's marriage to Lloyd Andrew McKinney - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900058868:61369?tid=1482121&pid=7014437879&queryId=a27daaf7508b0882336cd01b83b32cc4&_phsrc=hFB69389&_phstart=successSource

Nora Williams McKinney

in the Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877-1998

Name	Nora Williams McKinney
Gender	Female
Race	White
Death Date	1947
Death Place	De Soto, Florida, United States

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Son John Thomas Williams Jr. (1927-1959) – left: Find A Grave 155821689 – right:

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– lost at sea

**Wreckage of Missing Boat
Washes Up Near Englewood**



Eddie Kaye, left, verifies piece of wreckage as from bow of his boat, the Capadoo, missing since Sept. 20, for Al Gallman, Kaye's employer, Det. George Gallman and Deputy Ted Smith, after wreckage was found on beach at Englewood yesterday.

Sea Still Holds Bodies of 5 Men Lost Five Weeks

By JEWELL DEAN

Shattered pieces of the Capadoo, missing five weeks to the day with five Fort Myers men aboard, washed up yesterday on Manasota Beach north of Englewood.

Positive identification of the wreckage was made by the owner of the boat, a 26-foot Chris Craft cabin cruiser. Identification was made easy as the transom bearing its name except for the "C" in Capadoo, as well as the boat's registration number, except for the first digit, were washed up by tides.

Letter Missing

The first letter in Capadoo had been missing when the five men took her out for a day's fishing Sept. 20.

None of the 13 life jackets aboard were found, nor were any of the bodies of the men, although about 20 pieces of hull wreckage washed up on the beach.

The five men lost were:

Leo Barrington, 2560 Parkway, South Gate, owner of an auto trim shop and father of two children.

Frank Connors, unmarried partner of Barrington's.

Ronald Deese, 243 Redland Street, drywall applicator and father of six.

Marshall Miller, 120 Figuera Street, father of four and a surveyor with J. B. Ford Co.

John Williams, 3378 Apache St., also a Ford surveyor and father of three.

Families Hear Bad News

Connors was 52. Sheriff Flanders Thompson said all the others were in their thirties.

Some members of all of the families except Barrington's were at the county jail awaiting the positive identification. The relatives wept quietly as their faint hopes were dashed. Mrs. Barrington could not be reached.

Present was Eddie Kaye of Fort Myers Beach, owner of the Capadoo. He loaned it to the group for the fishing trip.

"I'm positive, all right," Kaye said last night. "There is too much of it (evidence) there for any doubt."

Kaye, drummer at the Calypso Club and part time auto salesman with Al Gallman here, flew to Englewood with Al Gallman and Ed Wilson late yesterday to join Deputies Ted Smith and George Gallman, who already were at the beach where the wreckage floated in.

Number Turns Up

Smith went to Englewood early yesterday afternoon after the sheriff's office was notified by the Florida Highway Patrol from Bradenton of the finding of the large piece of wreckage with the boat's number.

The find was made about 8:30 a.m. yesterday by Ronald Perkins, owner of the Tradewinds Apartments at Manasota Beach. Perkins told Smith he was walk-

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Wreckage of Missing Capadoo Washes Ashore Near Englewood

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ing on the beach when he came across the wreckage. He turned it over and the painted side with the number came up. The FHP was notified.

Perkins said he was certain the wreckage came in during the night or early in the morning as he had been on the beach Saturday afternoon burying some fish which were killed by the red tide and floated ashore.

Fresh Breaks Seen

Smith said the piece was deposited at about the high tide mark. Al Gallman estimated that the pieces recovered before he flew back to Fort Myers represented about 20 per cent of the hull. Included were the cabin door and one or two pieces of the hull which were 20 feet long.

The boards showed fresh

ning up and down the sand for that purpose.

He said there was no explanation as to why none of the 13 life preservers had not come ashore. He said nine of these were the large adult jacket type and painted a vivid orange.

Smith estimated the place where the wreckage was found was about 60 miles north of Captiva Pass where the Capadoo was last seen on Sept. 20 by another fishing boat.

Small craft warnings were hoisted that day and the Gulf was choppy.

Sheriff Thompson said he will send Smith and George Gallman to Manasota Beach early today to follow through on the search for more wreckage and the bodies of the men.

breaks and led to the theory that the boat did not break up until the past weekend's severe winds. The Coast Guard, which sent a helicopter from St. Petersburg to help hunt wreckage, will have the wood and paint analyzed to try to determine when the boat broke up.

Kaye said he had been told by mechanics who worked on the Capadoo when it was removed from the water for a complete overhaul that she would not sink completely to the bottom when in deep water. They said she might float submerged. Deputy Smith said there was a "breaker bar" about 400 feet out in the Gulf along Manasota Beach.

Last night Kaye said the boat was insured for \$2,000, covering a mortgage, and the policy included liability insurance for \$5,000 for each and any life lost on the Capadoo.

Kaye said some additional pieces of the boat were brought up while he was at Manasota Beach by a jeep which was run-

"Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Monday 26 Oct 1959 p 1 & p 3

Skyway Area Searched For Fort Myers Man

Relatives of a Fort Myers man who has been missing since an ill-fated fishing trip Sept. 21 made a futile search yesterday of islands between Sunshine Skyway and Pass-a-Grille on the slim chance that he might be stranded on one of them.

Their hope was stirred by a note in a bottle which washed ashore at Sunset Beach several days ago. The note indicated the writer was stranded on an island between the Skyway and Pass-a-Grille.

Although police termed it "the work of kids," Mrs. John Williams came here from Fort Myers yesterday to look at the note. She is the wife of one of five sport fishermen who disappeared on the 25-foot cabin cruiser Capadoo.


Mrs. Williams, her father-in-law and her brother-in-law, took a boat from Fisher's Pier at Pass-a-Grille and spent several hours touring the islands under the guidance of Capt. Horace Roberts.

Treasure Island Police Chief Gene Marshall said Mrs. Williams will look for some samples of her husband's printing (the note was printed), and will return here to compare them with the note.

The Capadoo was the object of a massive air and sea search for more than a week after it disappeared in the Gulf of Mexico. Wreckage of the craft washed ashore Oct. 25 at Manasota Key in Venice-Englewood area.

John Thomas Williams searches for his son John Jr. – "Tampa Bay (FL) Times" Thursday 29 Oct 1959
p 34

Florida Divorce Index, 1927-2001

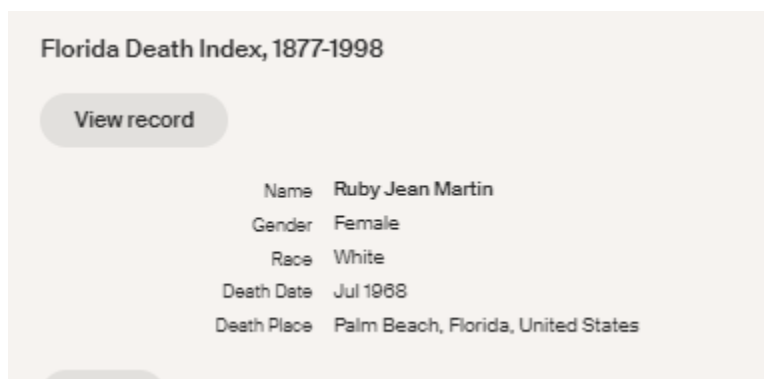


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Name	John T Williams
Gender	Male
Spouse's Name	Jean Williams
Divorce Date	Oct 1959
Divorce Place	Dade, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	14670

Was this divorce a legal formality since John Jr. was missing? <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/7014432832/facts>



FL death index of Ruby Jean Hight Thomas Martin (1934 AR – 1968 FL)

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/109035756/person/100072680267/facts>

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MAE BUSH
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



Mae Bush age 79 of LaBelle went to be in the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 13, 2009 due to massive stroke.

Mae was born in Punta Gorda, Florida on March 6, 1930 the daughter of the late John Thomas and Pearl Mae Bryant Williams.

Mae is survived by her loving children; Rev. Lester Grant and wife Mary, Debbie Miller and husband Oliver, Ronald Dese and wife Sherry, Roger Dese and wife Sherry, Rhonda Linman and husband Don, Rebecca Mosher and husband Jim, Missie Nieto and husband Jessie and Johnnie Sue Beckworth and husband Billy, sisters Wanda Sarver and Shirley Carling and brother; Bob Williams, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, two great - great grandchildren.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held 10 am Saturday, September 19, 2009 in Akin-Davis Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Williams, officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-8 pm Friday evening in Akin-Davis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fort Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle.

Daughter Wavie Mae Williams Grant Deese Bush (1930-2009) – left: Find A Grave 136166681 – right: obituary from “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Tuesday 15 Sep 2009 p 18

James Earl McGaw

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	James Earl Mogaw
Gender	Male
Race	White
Marriage Date	30 Aug 1970
Marriage Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Spouse	Wavie Mae Williams
Certificate	050836
Volume	2956
Source	Florida Department of Health

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Harold Havlock Miller & wife Wavie Mae Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1482121/person/6113339467/media/05dee250-8409-439e-b4fa-145ef8f0a793>

Harold Havelock Mcallister

in the Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001

Name	Harold Havelock Mcallister
Gender	Male
Spouse's Name	Wavie
Divorce Date	19 Aug1970
Divorce Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	023880

Divorce from Harold Havelock McAllister 19 Aug 1970 -

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James E. McGaw, 48, and Wavie Mae McAllister, 40, both of Greenacres City.

Marriage license – “Palm Beach Post” (West Palm Beach FL) Monday 24 Aug 1970 p 33

James E McGaw

in the Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001

Name	James E McGaw
Gender	Male
Spouse's Name	Wavie
Divorce Date	19 Feb1974
Divorce Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	008077

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MARIE WILLIAMS McRAE

Marie Williams McRae, age 63, of LaBelle, died Saturday at Fort Myers, Fla., as a result of an auto accident at Lehigh Acres. She was born Dec. 25, 1931, at Gardner, Fla., to John Thomas Williams and Pearl Mae Bryant Williams. She moved to LaBelle in 1978 from W. Palm Beach. She was a member of the LaBelle Church of God.

She is survived by her husband, John McRae, of LaBelle; sons, Brian Gilley of LaBelle, Frank McRae of W. Palm Beach; daughters, Darlene Waddell of W. Palm Beach, Diane Buwalda of Lantana, Denise Lamphear of Ormond Beach and Sandy Guvetis of W. Palm Beach; brothers, David and Bob Williams, both of LaBelle; sisters, Mae Bush of LaBelle, Shirley Carling of Lake Worth, Wanda Sarver of Port Salerno, and Hazel Woods of Zolfo Springs; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the LaBelle Church of God, with Rev. Johnnie Holloway officiating. Burial will follow at the Ft. Denaud Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral home will be TODAY between the hours of 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle Chapel.

Obituary of daughter Alta Marie Williams McRae (1931-1994) – “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Tuesday 3 Jan 1995 p 27

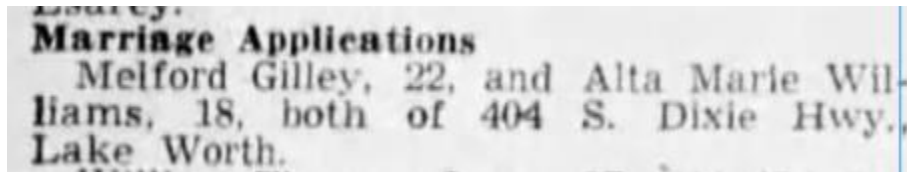


Alta Marie Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/-168014288/facts>

Alta Marie Williams in the Florida, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1823-1982	
Name	Alta Marie Williams
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	12 Feb 1950
Marriage Place	Florida, USA
Spouse	Melford Gilley

Alta Marie Williams married Melford Gilley 12 Feb 1950 -

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Marriage license – “Palm Beach Post” (West Palm Beach FL) Wednesday 8 Feb 1950 p 13

Alta Marie Simmons in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001	
Name	Alta Marie Simmons
Maiden Name	Williams
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marriage Date	16 Mar 1973
Marriage Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Spouse	John Duncan Mcrae
Certificate	015796
Volume	3343
Source	Florida Department of Health

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Death toll on county roads hits 100 for '94

By CATHERINE DODGE
News-Press staff writer

A 63-year-old LaBelle woman became the 100th person killed on Lee County roadways in 1994 when her car was broadsided by a woman who ran a red light in Lehigh Acres early Saturday.

Last year was the second deadliest for motorists and pedestrians on county roads. The only year in which more people were killed was 1989, when 103 people died in car accidents, records show.

A motorcyclist who ran into a pickup on Fort Myers Beach last week remains on life support at Lee Memorial Hospital.

In Saturday's accident, Maria Williams Mcrae was stopped at a red light on Richmond Avenue just before 9 a.m. When the light turned green she proceeded through the intersection.

Margie Poncier, 35, of Palmdale, who was traveling east on Leeland Heights Boulevard, failed to stop at the red light and collided into Mcrae's car, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.


Mcrae, who was wearing a seat-belt, was killed by the impact.

Poncier and a passenger, Wanda Sarver, suffered minor injuries and were treated and released from area hospitals, according to FHP.

The investigation is continuing.

Marie Williams McRae was killed – the car that hit her apparently carried Marie's sister Wanda Williams Sarver (although there was another Wanda Sarver) – "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Sunday 1 Jan 1995 p 32

David Andrew Williams, LaBelle

 David Andrew Williams, 71, died July 12, 2005, in Fort Myers.

He was born in Punta Gorda.

He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

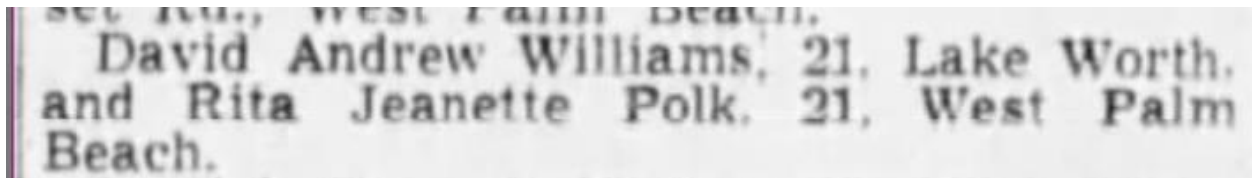
Survivors include his daughters, Dena Bushman of Palm City, Donna Squires and Mitzy Barkley; sons, David, Andrew, Raymond and John Williams; brother, Robert Williams; sisters, Mae Bush, Shirley Carling, Wanda Sarver and Hazel Meder; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

SERVICES: A service was conducted July 15 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with the Rev. Brian Billey officiating. Burial was in Gardner Baptist Cemetery in Gardner.



David Andrew Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1482121/person/7014428234/media/2627ecd2-56dd-4c1c-9460-b2cf6548a932>



Marriage license - "Palm Beach Post" (West Palm Beach FL) Wednesday 6 Jul 1955 p 16



Daughter Shirley Yvonne Williams Carling with brother Robert Byron Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1482121/person/-168015446/media/199eef85-a7f1-4e93-87d3-ce3efc46c4a1>


Shirley Yvonne Carling

in the U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-Current

Name	Shirley Yvonne Carling [Shirley Yvonne Williams]
Gender	Female
Death Age	76
Birth Date	6 Sep 1938
Birth Place	Arcadia, FL
Residence Place	LaBelle
Death Date	10 Oct 2014
Death Place	Lehigh Acres
Obituary Date	14 Oct 2014
Father	John Thomas Williams
Mother	Pearlie Mae Williams
Spouse	Charles L. Carling
Child	Dwayne Acuff Tamara Wilkes Michael Allen Toni Edge
Siblings	Wanda Sarver

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/316514256:2190>

Mrs. Acuss to Wed



MRS. SHIRLEY ACUSS

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Williams of Pine Island are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Shirley Acuss to Robert Phillips of Fort Myers today. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Phillips of Lake Charles, La.

The wedding will take place Saturday, July 20, at 11 a. m. at 211 Eugenia Ave., Fort Myers. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited.

Married to Jared Rupert ACUFF – “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Sunday 15 Jul 1962 p 16

Shirley

in the Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001

Name	Shirley
Gender	Female
Spouse's Name	Billy L Thornbury
Divorce Date	11 Oct1973
Divorce Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	045719

Divorced Billy L. Thornbury 11 Oct 1973 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6910489:8837>

Shirley Yvonne Thornbury

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Shirley Yvonne Thornbury
Maiden Name	Williams
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marriage Date	14 Oct 1978
Marriage Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Spouse	Charles Lester Carling
Certificate	074880
Volume	4350
Source	Florida Department of Health

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LABELLE - Shirley Yvonne Carling passed away October 10, 2014 in Lehigh Acres. She was born Sep. 6, 1938 in Arcadia, Fla., to the late John Thomas and the late Pearlie Mae (Bryant) Williams. She was a resident of LaBelle since 1996 and was a member of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion Post #130 Women's Auxiliary in LaBelle. Survivors include her husband, Charles [L.Carling](#); sister, Wanda (Clyde) Sarver of Leesburg; children, Dwayne (Debbie) Acuff and Tamara Wilkes of Lehigh Acres, Michael Allen and Toni Edge of LaBelle; grandchildren, Waylon Stout, Brandon Stout, Jeri Stout, Angela Chason, Jared Acuff, Carolyn Payne and Brianna Gibson; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters. A private family memorial will be held on a later date. Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Published by Lake Okeechobee News and SouthCentralLife.com on Oct. 16, 2014.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/newszapfl/name/shirley-carling-obituary?id=16746986>

ROBERT BYRON WILLIAMS

1940 - 2012

Robert Byron Williams, age 71, of LaBelle, passed away July 17, 2012 in Fort Myers.

He was born Sep. 17, 1940 in Gardner, FL, to the late John Thomas Williams and the late Pearlie Mae (Bryant) Williams. He served in the Army.

Survivors include daughters: Robin (Shorty) Howard of LaBelle and Stacy Williams of West Palm Beach, son: Jeff (Loretta) Flora of AL , sisters: Wanda (Clyde) Sarver of Leesburg and Shirley (Chuck) Carling of LaBelle and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Son, Mike Flora and brothers and sisters.

Funeral Services were held Sat, July 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor Lester Grant and Pastor Brian Gilley officiating. Interment followed at Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

obituary of son Robert Byron Williams (1940-2012) -

<https://akindavis.funeraltechweb.com/tribute/details/425/Robert-Williams/obituary.html>



Robert Byron Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1482121/person/-168016341/media/9db05dd5-e9d8-4307-8fef-97300acdc0f4>

Florida Marriage Collection, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

[View record](#)

Name	Robert Byron Williams
Gender	Male
Race	White
Marriage Date	14 Aug 1992
Marriage Place	Hendry, Florida, USA
Spouse	Freda Baldwin Baldwin
Certificate	079691
Source	Florida Department of Health

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/-168016341/facts>

Robert Byron Williams

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Robert Byron Williams
Gender	Male
Race	White
Marriage Date	4 Mar 1992
Marriage Place	Orange, Florida, USA
Spouse	Sherry Okcha Lindsay
Certificate	021822
Source	Florida Department of Health

Is this him? https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10187774:8784?tid=59565314&pid=102324654337&queryId=ba1e1656dafa0a4c1437f31396220893&_phsrc=hFB69448&_phstart=successSource

Robert Byron Williams

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Robert Byron Williams
Marriage Date	Jan 1961
Marriage Place	Charlotte, Florida, USA
Spouse	Penelope Louise Dagsen
Certificate	1205
Volume	1940
Source	Florida Department of Health

Is this him? - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2265916:8784?tid=59565314&pid=102324654337&queryId=c458b89d70f839dab558324c098ee934&_phsrc=hFB69449&_phstart=successSource

Robert Byron Williams

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Robert Byron Williams
Gender	Male
Race	White
Marriage Date	14 Aug 1892
Marriage Place	Hendry, Florida, USA
Spouse	Freda Baldwin Baldwin
Certificate	079691
Source	Florida Department of Health

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Florida Death Index, 1877-1998	
View record	
Name	Addie Lucille Williams
Gender	Female
Race	White
Death Date	1945
Death Place	De Soto, Florida, United States

Death of daughter Addie Lucille Williams (1943-1945) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/7014431661/facts>

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Florida Marriage Collection, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001



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[View record](#)

Name	Hazel Vondell Stuber
Marriage Date	Jun 1968
Marriage Place	Lee, Florida, USA
Certificate	26706
Volume	2651
Source	Florida Department of Health

Daughter Hazel Vondell Williams (1945-2007) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/7014437488/facts>

Lee County

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Lewis Graham, 22, and Charlene Estelle Berry, 18.
 Gregory Wayne Stancel, 22, and Sheila Diane Shepard, 19.
 Ted D. Woods, 50, and Hazel Vondell Woods, 34.
 Joe Leonard Sheetz Jr., 23, and Lori Alayne Milner, 18.
 Larry Gene Morris, 24, and Carol Harper Sheets, 28.

Remarriage of Hazel Williams & Ted Douglas Woods – “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press”
 Monday 9 Jun 1980 p 20

TED D. WOODS

Funeral services for Ted D. Woods, 66, will be Saturday, Feb. 10, 1996, 10:00 a.m., at the chapel of Curry Raley Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife, Hazel Woods; four daughters: Lisa Gallagher of Virginia Beach, Va., Teresa Lynn Cloud of Fort Myers, Donna McAbee of Bowling Green, Fla., and Nora Gomez of Fort Myers; three sons: Jeff Woods of West Palm Beach, James Stuber and Nathan Woods, both of Zolfo Springs; his sister, Peggy Bradshaw of West Palm Beach; his brother, Rex Woods of Utah; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Ted D. Woods, Jr.

The family will receive friends TODAY (Friday), 7 - 9 p.m., at Curry Raley Funeral Home, Wauchula.

Obituary of Ted Douglas Woods- "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Friday 9 Feb 1996 p 31

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GERALD R. WILLIAMS

Age 33, of 209 So. B St., Lake Worth, died Friday, July 11, 1980.

He is survived by one daughter, Alisa Williams, WPB; mother, Pearl Williams, LaBelle, Fla.; two brothers, David Williams and Robert Williams both of Baton Rouge, LA; five sisters, Mae Blair; Marie McRae, both of LaBelle, Fla, Shirley Carling, Lake Worth, Wanda Sarver, Pt. Salerno, Fla., Hazel Woods, Ft. Meyers, Fla.

Funeral Services will be held 1PM Tuesday, July 15 at the Gardner Baptist Church in Gardner Fla., Conducted by Rev. Larry M. Lafferty.

Friends may call 7-9PM Monday (today) at the E. EARL SMITH & SON Funeral Home, East Chapel, 1032 No. Dixie Hwy, LW.

Son Gerald R. Williams (1947-1980) – left: Find A Grave 14517476 and right: “Palm Beach Post” (West Palm Beach FL) Monday 14 Jul 1980 p 29



Gerald R. Williams - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/1482121/person/7014437744/media/73eb1a25-bb6d-470f-95c2-ab9a50d96ae9?_phsrc=hFB69456&_phstart=successSource

Grace Wanda Polk

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Grace Wanda Polk
Maiden Name	Williams
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marriage Date	29 Aug 1975
Marriage Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Spouse	Clyde Allen Sarver
Certificate	061808
Volume	3798
Source	Florida Department of Health

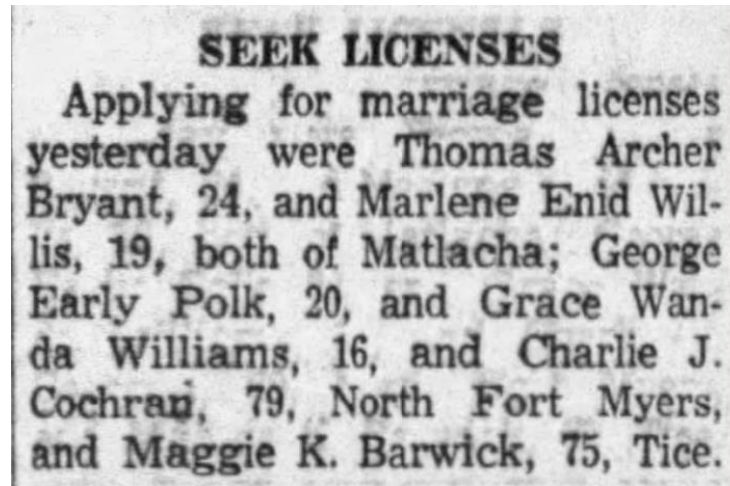
Marriage of daughter [Grace Wanda William Polk \(1944- \)](#) to Clyde Allen Sarver 29 Aug 1975 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10800944:8784?tid=&pid=&queryId=d3a936eb9edc9ed42557662570e77893&_phsrc=hFB69459&_phstart=successSource

Grace Wanda Williams

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name	Grace Wanda Williams
Maiden Name	Williams
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marriage Date	29 Aug 1975
Marriage Place	Palm Beach, Florida, USA
Certificate	061808
Volume	3798
Source	Florida Department of Health

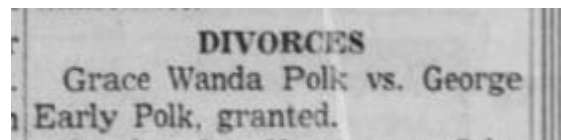
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Marriage license with George Early Polk - "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Wednesday 27 Apr 1960 p 2

Grace Wanda Williams	
in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001	
Name	Grace Wanda Williams
Marriage Date	May 1960
Marriage Place	Lee, Florida, USA
Spouse	George Early Polk
Certificate	13355
Volume	1885
Source	Florida Department of Health

Marriage in May 1960 to George Early Polk - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2183525:8784?tid=&pid=&queryId=295acd9fec4363be75cf93304b4ea22e&_phsrc=hFB69467&_phstart=successSource



Divorce from George Early Polk in Jan 1964 - "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Tuesday 7 Jan 1964 p 5

George E. Polk

MILTON — George Early Polk, 46, of Milton died Wednesday, Oct. 30, in Chalmette, La.

He was a native of Fort Pierce, and had resided in Port Salerno prior to moving to Milton in 1982.

He was a commercial fisherman.

Survivors include two sons, Early of Hopedale, La., and Rodney of Port Salerno; a daughter, Rayma Peters of Groveland; his father, Oliver Ballard of Fort Myers; a sister, Frances Ballard of Fort Myers; his aunt, Ruby Polk of Milton; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday at Aycock Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart, with Pastor John Grayson of Seventh Day Adventist Church, Stuart, officiating.

Contributions may be made to Rodney Polk, P.O. Box 870, Port Salerno, 33492.

Burial will be in Pine Rest Cemetery, Port Salerno.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Aycock Funeral Home, Stuart.

Obituary of George Early Polk – “Stuart (FL) News” Friday 1 Nov 1985, p 10

Grace Wanda Sarver

in the U.S., Index to Public Records, 1994-2019

Name	Grace Wanda Sarver [Grace W. Sarver] [Wanda Saver] [Wanda G Sarver] [Wanda W Sarver]
Birth Date	Mar 1944
Residence Date	2006-2020
Address	57 Hillcrest Ln
Residence	Leesburg, Florida, USA
Postal Code	34748
Second Residence Date	2003-2010
Second Address	42 Ohara St
Second Residence	Leesburg, Florida, USA
Second Postal Code	34788
Third Residence Date	1992-2006
Third Address	3850 SE Salerno Rd
Third Residence	Stuart, Florida, USA
Third Postal Code	34997
Fourth Residence Date	2002-2004
Fourth Address	4274 Fort Adams Ave
Fourth Residence	Fort Denaud, Florida, USA
Fourth Postal Code	33935

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/77671620:62209>

Wanda Grace Polk

in the Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001

Name	Wanda Grace Polk
Gender	Female
Spouse's Name	Maurice O Polk
Divorce Date	Apr 1966
Divorce Place	Lee, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	7218

Is this her? Divorce Apr 1966 from Maurice O. Polk -

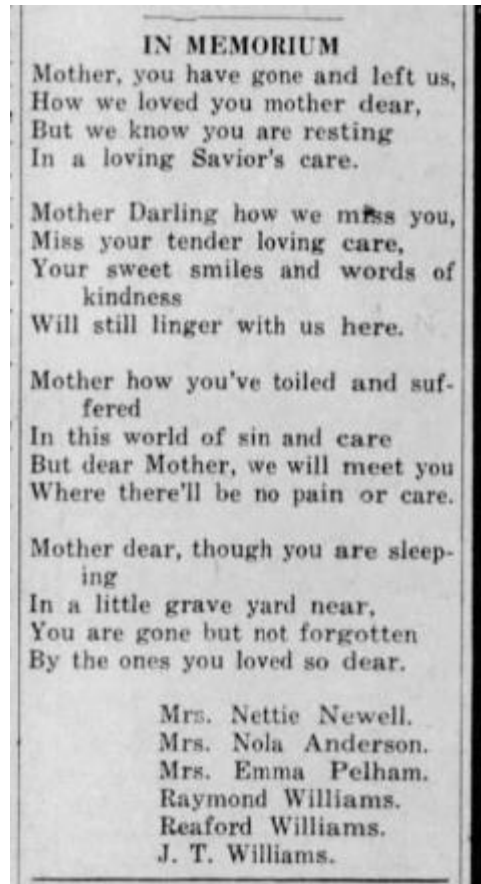
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/953975:8837>

Parents:



parents William Andrew Williams & Ellen Ora Whidden Williams – Find A Grave 14517543

Mother:



"Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Sunday 9 May 1943 p 8

Siblings:



MRS. MARY E. PELHAM
FORT MYERS (Special) —
 Mrs. Mary E. Pelham, 71, of 558 Capitol St., North Fort Myers, died Tuesday. Survivors include two sons, Elmer Pelham, Wau-chula; Willard Pelham, North Fort Myers; four daughters, Mrs. Catie Melton, Mrs. Lelia Melvin, Mrs. Irene Crawford, North Fort Myers; Mrs. Edith Carver, Sarasota; two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Newell, Placida; Mrs. Nola Addison, Fort Myers; three brothers, John P. Williams, Pine Island; Raymond Williams and Eaford Williams, North Fort Myers; 21 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Sister Mary Emma Williams Pelham (1892-1964) with husband Thomas Owen Pelham – left: Find A Grave 26539044 and right: obituary from “Tampa (FL) Tribune” Friday 31 Jul 1964 p 14



Sister Nettie Williams Newell (1901-1989) with husband Bryant Edwin Newell – Find A Grave 26628235



Sisters (left) Nola Naomi Williams Addison & (right) Nettie Williams Newell – Marco Island FL - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/16595890/person/1154134723/media/fb4819b3-fde4-4dea-a43c-4668c3ca1fec>



Sister Nola Naomi Williams Addison (1904-1965) with husband Chester Claude Addison – Find A Grave 14517556



Nola & her daughters: at Lions Park, Fort Myers FL ca. 1964 – from left: Vita Mae, Wavia Lea, Nola Williams Addison, Maargaret (Margie), Elsie Eloise – Find A Grave 14517556



Seated: Nola Naomi Williams Addison & husband Chester Claude Addison. Standing, left to right, their children: Vita Mae, Carl, Elsie Eloise, Margaret/Margie, Claude, Wavia Leah –
Find A Grave 14517571



Brother Louie J. Williams (1906/1907-1940/1941) – Find A Grave 14517512

SERIAL NUMBER <u>362</u>	1. NAME (Print) <u>LOUIE JACKSON WILLIAMS</u> (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER <u>X03</u>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <u>GENERAL DELIVERY PUNTA GORDA CHARLOTTE, FLA.</u> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE <u>NONE</u>	4. AGE IN YEARS <u>33</u>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Barber</u> (Town or county)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <u>U.S.A.</u>	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 25 1907</u> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <u>Mr. W. A. Williams</u> (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)		
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <u>Father</u>		9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <u>Punta Gorda, Charlotte, Fla.</u> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <u>W. A. Sawyer</u>				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <u>Punta Gorda, Charlotte, Fla.</u> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		<u>Louie Williams</u> (Registrant's signature)		

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5' 9 1/2"		147		Sallow	
						Light	
Negro		EYES		HAIR		Ruddy	✓
		Blue		Blonde		Dark	
Oriental		Gray		Red		Freckled	
		Hazel		Brown	✓	Light brown	
Indian		Brown	✓	Black		Dark brown	
		Black		Gray		Black	
Filipino				Bald			

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

Scar on back

KILLED BY TRUCK
PUNTA GORDA — (P)—Louis Williams, 31, Punta Gorda, was fatally injured yesterday as he walked along a highway near here when struck by a truck which swerved to avoid an approaching car. The truck was wrecked.

Louie Jackson Williams killed as a pedestrian when hit by a truck – “Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Saturday 25 Jan 1941 p 12

Punta Gorda Man Killed by Truck; Lakelanders Held

PUNTA GORDA, Jan. 24. — (Special.)—Louis Williams, about 31, was struck by a truck on the Arcadia road three miles north of here this afternoon and died en route to an Arcadia hospital.

Officers arrested Ben Cason, 37, negro driver of Lakeland and Robert Leon Fenton, 27, a white man, also of Lakeland, pending the action of a coroner's inquest tomorrow. The truck was loaded with 8000 pounds of rice for distribution by the state welfare board, and was headed for Lakeland.

Witnesses said the truck swerved to avoid an approaching car and then hit Williams. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, and a brother, Raymond Williams.

“Tampa (FL) Tribune” Saturday 25 Jan 1941 p 3

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and floral offerings at the death of our son and brother, Louie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams and family

Mr. and Mrs. Reaford Williams, Raymond Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pelham and family

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Newell and family

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Addison and family.

“Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Wednesday 29 Jan 1941 p 2



Brother Raymond Williams (1909-1979) – Find A Grave 63279078

RAYMOND WILLIAMS

IMMOKALEE — Raymond Williams, 70, of 3413 Westclox St., died Thursday.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Jane Williams of Imokalee; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Newell of Punta Gorda, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Friendship Baptist Church with the Revs. Babb Adams and Larry Hodges officiating.

Burial will be at the Baptist Cemetery.

Friends may call today at the Brister Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m.

Obituary of Raymond Williams – “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press” Friday 13 Jul 1979 p 22



Brother Virgil Reaford Williams (1913-1965) – Find A Grave 32660632

Car Demolished, Two Men Injured

Two men were hospitalized and a late model car was a total loss in an auto accident on the Pine Island Road 20 miles west of Fort Myers Saturday night.

Virgil Reaford Williams, 49, of Palmona, and Ira Davis, 39, of 564 Ellis St., were reported in good condition at Lee Memorial Hospital yesterday as a result of the accident. Williams has a dislocated shoulder, broken ribs, bruises and lacerations about the face and body. Davis has a broken collar bone and body bruises.

Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Hisler said the car, driven by Williams, went out of control at about 7:30 and ran into a roadside ditch. He said it traveled 1,500 feet along the ditch before it came to rest on its top. Both men were thrown clear of the car.

Williams is charged with wilful and wanton reckless driving. The car was valued at \$1,700.

"Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Monday 21 May 1962 p 2

WILLIAMS, REAFORD V.—Reaford V. Williams, 52, 459 Ellis St. N., Fort Myers, Fla., died Friday. He lived in Fort Myers for the last 20 years. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Anzie L. Williams; son, William A. Williams; daughters, Faye Williams, Jean Williams, Mrs. Alberta Schanery; brothers, Raymond Williams, Fort Myers, John Williams, Palm Beach; sisters, Mrs. Nettie Newell, Punta Gorda, and five grandchildren. Funeral services held Sunday 3 p.m. at the Church of God in Arcadia, Fla. Rev. B. L. Franklin officiating. Interment will be in the Joshua Creek Cemetery. Leo Englehardt Funeral Home in charge of services.

Obituary of Virgil Reaford Williams – "Tampa (FL) Tribune" Sunday 12 Sep 1965 p 18

Disabled Worker Shoots Himself

A single shot from a .22 caliber weapon Friday ended the life of Reaford Virgil Williams, 52, a disabled former employee of the county. Williams apparently shot himself in the middle of the forehead about noon. He died two hours later at Lee Memorial Hospital.

A Leo W. Engelhardt Funeral Home ambulance rushed Williams to the hospital from his home at 459 Ellis St., Palmona Park, North Fort Myers.

Sheriff's Investigator Guy Ballard said Williams wrote a suicide note with a ballpoint pen on the back of a label from a can of beef stew. It said, "Anzie, I love you. Give this note to the police so they will know I did it."

Ballard gave no information as to why Williams apparently shot himself with the .22.

Surviving besides his wife, Anzie are a son, William A. Williams, daughters Fay Williams, Jean Williams and Mrs. Alberta Shanery of Fort Myers, brothers Raymond Williams of Fort Myers and John Williams of Palm Beach, a sister, Mrs. Nettie Newell of Punta Gorda and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Leo W. Engelhardt Funeral Home.

Suicide by gunshot of Virgil Reaford Williams – "Fort Myers (FL) News-Press" Sunday 9 May 1943 p 8

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: John Thomas Williams (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,681 (from Veterans Administration Master Index)

Entered service from: Gardner, Desoto FL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John T. Williams

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father W.A. Williams, Gardner FL

Returned from war on: could not locate

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Thomas Williams - b. 11 Mar 1895 Gardner FL; res: Gardner, DeSoto FL. Married, with wife. Saw milling, [unintelligible] Lumber Co., Gardner FL. Short & stout.

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 18 Sep 1917

Discharged: 13 Feb 1919

Address: Gardner FL

Rank/unit: private, 40th Co., 157th Depot Brigade, Co. L, 371st InfantryBirth & death:

Born: 11 Mar 1895 Gardner, Desoto FL

Died: 18 Feb 1974 Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL

Find A Grave record: 14517462 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL

Cemetery: Gardner

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Florida Pvt US Army WWI

Father: William Andrew ("Bud") Williams Sr., 5 Apr 1860 [also found as 6 Apr 1861] Baker Co. GA – 11 Oct 1944 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Son of Isaac Thomas Williams & Mary Jane Bird (Byrd). Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL.

Find A Grave: 14517527

Mother: Ellen Ora (Eleanora) Z. Whidden Williams, 1869 GA [also found as 25 May 1870] – 17 May 1942 Gardner, Hardee FL. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL.

Find A Grave: 14517543

Parents' marriage: 30 May 1889, with his mother listed as Eleanora.

Family tree at: [https://www.ancestry.com/family-](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/39381803/person/212472152409/facts?_phsrc=hFB69335&_phstart=succ)

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? Spouse: Maud E. Wilson Williams, ca. 1895 –

John Thomas Williams lists himself as married on his WWI draft card (on 5 Jun 1917) & living in DeSoto Co. It seems likely his 1st wife was Maud E. Wilson, who married a John T. Williams on 9 Oct 1916 in DeSoto Co. FL. They were both age 21.

In the 1920 census, John T. Williams lives with wife Edna in Gardner, DeSoto FL.

Unable to trace.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: A John T. Williams married Maud E. Wilson on 9 Oct 1916 in DeSoto Co. FL. In the 1930 census, John said he was age 18 when his 1st marriage occurred.

Spouse: Pearlie Mae Bryant Williams, 7 Sep 1904 GA – 18 Aug 1993 FL. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 14517455

Marriage:

Children: There may be additional marriages for his children.

- Nora Alberta Williams McKinney, 31 Oct 1924 FL – 22 Oct 1947 De Soto Co. FL. Married 6 Nov 1942 in DeSoto Co. FL to Lloyd Andrew McKinney (Sr.) (1923-1997, F: 88893057). Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517429
- John Thomas ("Johnnie") Williams Jr., 15 Feb 1927 – 20 Sep 1959 in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida. John Jr. & his brother-in-law Ronald (Red) Deese (husband of John's sister Wavie) & 3 other men went out on a cabin cruiser named "Capadoo" for a day of fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Their bodies were never recovered. Pieces of the boat washed up a month later. – Husband of Ruby Jean Hight (6 Feb 1934 AR – Jul 1968 Jupiter, Palm Beach FL), the daughter of John Edward Hight (1893-1967) & Annie Lee Hardin (1905-1981). "Jean" was listed as his surviving widow; she divorced John Jr. in 1959, presumably since he was presumed dead. She may be the woman who divorced Charles Matlin on 12 Mar 1962 in Ventura Co. CA. Jean Martin is buried in Pinecrest Cemetery, Lake Worth, Palm Beach FL, F: 134006212)-
- Wavie Mae Williams Grant Deese McAllister McGaw Bush, 6 Mar 1930 Punta Gorda, Charlotte FL – 13 Sep 2009 LaBelle, Hendry FL. – On 12 Jul 1948 Wavie Mae Williams married Alex Lester Grant Sr. (1925-1972, F: 26432292) in DeSoto Co. FL. They divorced in 1953 in Palm Beach Co. FL. – In 1953 in Palm Beach Co. FL, Wavie Mae Grant married Ronald Vale Deese (1927-20 Sep 1959, F: 136165504), who was lost at sea along with her brother John Jr. on the cabin cruiser "Capadoo." The 1959 Fort Myers FL city directory listed Ronald V. & Wavie M. Deese. – Divorced Harold Havelock ("Mickey") McAllister on 19 Aug 1970 in Palm Beach Co. FL. Harold (29 Jul 1929 Detroit, Wayne MI – 6 Nov 2000) was the son of Harold H. McAllister & Mary E. Belcovson. - Mrs. Mae McGaw was a resident of West Palm Beach FL in Oct 1973. Mae Bush was a resident of LaBelle FL in Aug 1993. – Wavie Bush is buried in Fort Denaud Cemetery, Fort Denaud, Hendry FL. F; 136166681
- Alta Marie Williams Gilley Simmons McRae, 25 Dec 1931 Gardner, DeSoto FL – 31 Dec 1994 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Known as "Marie." According to one Ancestry.com record, she had 3 husbands. Resident of West Palm Beach FL in Oct 1973 & LaBelle FL in Aug 1993. – Alta Marie Williams married Melford Gilley on 12 Feb 1950 in FL. - Alta Marie Simmons married John Duncan McRae on 16 Mar 1973 in Palm Beach Co. FL. – Marie McRae died when her car was hit broadside by a car driven by Margie Poncier. Although news reports do not indicate it, the passenger in the Poncier car was Wanda Sarver – and a woman named

Wanda Saver was Marie's younger sister. But there appears to be another Wanda Sarver. – Survived by husband John McRae. Buried in Fort Denaud Cemetery, Fort Denaud, Hendry FL. F: 57096867

- David Andrew Williams, 8 Mar 1934 Punta Gorda, Charlotte FL – 12 Jul 2005 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Resident of North Fort Myers FL in Oct 1973 & LaBelle FL in Aug 1993. Veteran of US Marine Corps in Korea. Listed as having 2 wives on Ancestry.com. – David married Rita Jeanette Polk (1938-2016) in Palm Beach Co. FL. They divorced Jan 1969 in Martin Co. FL. – Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517438
- Rawleigh Williams, 6 Nov 1936 FL – 10 Jun 1938 Gardner, Hardee FL. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517326
- Shirley Yvonne Williams Spurlock Acuff Thornbury Carling, 6 Sep 1938 Arcadia, DeSoto FL – 10 Oct 2014 Lehigh Acres, Lee FL. According to one Ancestry.com family tree, she had 5 husbands. – As Shirley Spurlock, married Apr 1957 in Hendry Co. FL to Jared Rupert Acuff. – Mrs. Thornbury was a resident of West Palm Beach FL in Oct 1973. Shirley Thornbury divorced Billy L. Thornbury on 11 Oct 1973 in Palm Beach Co. FL. – Shirley Thornbury married Charles Lester Carling on 14 Oct 1978 in Palm Beach Co. FL. Shirley Carling was a resident of Lake Worth FL in Aug 1993. – Shirley Carling is buried in Fort Denaud Cemetery, Fort Denaud, Hendry FL. F: 187052604
- Robert Byron ("Bob") Williams, 17 Sep 1940 Gardner, Hardee FL – 17 Jul 2012 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Resident of North Fort Myers FL in Oct 1973 & of LaBelle FL in Aug 1993. Married 14 Aug 1992 in Hendry Co. FL to Freda Baldwin. – Was he the Robert Byron Williams who married 21 Feb 1971 in Athens, Clarke GA to Donna Kay Williams? Served in the US Army. Survived by children. Buried in Fort Denaud Cemetery, Fort Denaud, Hendry FL. F: 156713190
- Addie Lucille Williams, 4 Mar 1943 FL – 12 Jun 1945 DeSoto Co. FL. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26587067
- Grace Wanda Williams Polk Sarver, 25 Mar 1944 FL – Grace Wanda Williams obtained a marriage license with George Early Polk in Apr 1960; they married May 1970 & divorced ca. Jan 1964. – Grace Wanda Williams is noted as divorcing Maurice O. Polk in Apr 1966 in Lee Co. FL. Wanda Polk was a resident of Stuart FL in Oct 1973. – Wife of Clyde Allen Sarver, whom she married 29 Aug 1975 as Grace Wanda Polk. Listed as Wanda Sarver of Salerno FL in Aug 1993. Resident of Leesburg FL as of summer 2023.
- Hazel Vondell Williams Stuber Woods, 23 Sep 1945 Arcadia, DeSoto FL – 30 Jan 2003 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Mrs. Hazel Woods was a resident of North Fort Myers FL in Oct 1973 & of LaBelle FL in Aug 1993. – According to Ancestry.com family trees, had 4 husbands. – As Hazel Vondell Stuber, she married Jun 1968 in Lee Co. FL to Ted Douglas Woods (1929-1996, F: 14517503). They divorced 18 Jul 1979 in Lee Co. FL. Then Hazel Woods remarried Ted Douglas Woods n 14 Jun 1980 in Lee Co. FL. – Buried as Hazel Woods in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 29729799
- Gerald Richard. (Jerry) Williams, 31 Jun 1947 FL – 12 Jul 1980 West Palm Beach, Palm Beach FL. Jerry Williams was a resident of CA in Oct 1973. – Married 16 Jan 1971 in Martin Co. FL to Sherry Rose Tebbetts; divorced in Sep 1972 in Palm Beach Co. FL. – He divorced Cecelia in Apr 1980. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517476

Siblings: There may be additional marriages for his siblings.

- Infant boy Thomas, b. & d. 22 Jan 1890. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL.

- Infant boy Thomas, b. & d. 11 Oct 1890. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26587114
- Infant boy Thomas, b. & d. 18 Oct 1891. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26587117
- Mary Emma Williams Pelham, 16 Nov 1892 Gardner, Hardee FL – 28 Jul 1964 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Wife of Thomas Owen Pelham (1887-1955, F: 26539048). Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26539044
- Millie J. Williams, 26 Feb 1897 FL – 20 Oct 1903 [presumably FL]. Died at age 6 years, 7 months, 24 days. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26587144
- William Andrew Williams Jr., 21 Jul 1899 FL – 9 Sep 1906 [presumably FL]. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26607678
- Nettie Williams Newell, 28 Feb 1901 FL – 24 Jul 1989 Suwanee Co. FL. Wife of Bryant Edwin Newell Jr. (1899-1970, F: 26613012). Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 26628235
- Elesey Williams, 9 Oct 1902 Manatee Co. FL – 22 Mar 1904. Find A Grave record shows difficult-to-read tombstone and indicates the first name may be inaccurate. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 47041287
- Nola Naomi Williams Addison, 13 Sep 1904 Gardner, Hardee FL – 21 Apr 1965 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Married 22 Aug 1920 in Arcadia, DeSoto FL to Chester Claude Addison (1897-1985, F: 14517571). Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517556
- Louie Jackson Williams, 25 Apr 1907 [or 1906] Gardner, Hardee FL – 24 Jan 1941 [erroneously: 1940] on a highway 3 miles north of Punta Gorda, Charlotte FL. Louie was walking along the highway when he was hit by a truck carrying 8,000 pounds of rice, which swerved to avoid another car. Buried in Gardner Cemetery, Zolfo Springs, Hardee FL. F: 14517512
- Raymond Williams, 9 Apr 1909 Gardner, Hardee FL – 12 Jul 1979 Collier Co. FL. Married 25 Nov 1957 to Martha Jane Landrum Beckman (1900-1997, F: 63279041). A note on Martha's Find A Grave says "Aunt Martha" was not buried at that Find A Grave but is in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, F: 61507900, where she is buried with the surname Green. – Raymond is buried in Baptist Church Cemetery, Immokalee, Collier FL. F: 63279078.
- Virgil Reaford Williams, 26 Feb 1913 Gardner, Hardee FL – 10 Sep 1965 Fort Myers, Lee FL. Known as "Reaford." Married Anna Mae Lowe on 25 Mar 1936 in Hardee Co. FL. – Married Anzie Lee Lemacks (1923-1999, F: 156202076) on 2 Mar 1940 in DeSoto Co. FL. They divorced in Apr 1947 & then on 19 Apr 1947, Virgil & Anzie Williams remarried in Lee Co. FL. Reaford committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .22-calibre weapon. Virgil is buried in Joshua Creek Cemetery, Arcadia, DeSoto FL. F: 32660632

Notes:

Family tree at:

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/1482121/person/-1934590806/facts?_phsrc=hFB69362&_phstart=successSource

When John was born in Gardner FL in 1895, it was part of DeSoto County. Gardner became part of Hardee County when it was created in 1924.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 261-34-9306

Censuses:

1900 Charlie Apopka, DeSoto FL – conducted 5 Jul 1900

William A. Williams, 39 GA, Apr 1861, parents b. GA, married 12 years, farmer

Eleanora Z., 30 FL, May 1870, parents b. GA, gave birth to 7 children

Mary E., 7 FL, Nov 1892

John T., 5 FL, Mar 1895

Millie J., 3 FL,

William A., 10 months FL

& mother May J. Williams, 70 GA, Feb 1830, father b. GA, mother b. SC, widow

& sister Mary J. Williams, 50 GA, May 1850, parents b. GA, single

& niece Mary E. Williams, 15 FL, Nov 1884, parents b. GA, at school

1910 Gardner, DeSoto FL

William A. Williams, 49 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, farmer, general farm

Nannie, 40 FL, parents b. FL, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

John, 16 FL, farm laborer, home farm

Nettie, 10 FL

Nora, 5 FL

Louis, 3 FL

Raymond, 1 FL

1920 Gardner, DeSoto FL

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John T. Williams, 24 FL, parents b. FL, driver, farm (?) saw mill

Edna, 17 FL, parents b. FL [wife]

1930 Precinct 8, Charlotte Co. FL

John T. Williams, 35 FL, father b. GA, mother's birthplace left blank, age 18 at 1st marriage, truck driver, transfer, WWI veteran

Pearlie M., 25 GA, parents b. GA, age 18 at 1st marriage

Nora, 5 FL

John T., 3 FL
 Wavia M., zero FL

1940 Buchanan, Gardner FL
 John T. Williams, 44 FL, farmer
 Pearlie Mae, 33 GA
 Nora, 15 FL
 John T. Jr., 13 FL
 Warrie [Wavie], 9 FL
 Marie, 7 FL
 David, 6 FL
 Shirley, 2 FL
 & 2 farm laborers:
 Melvin Williams, 49 FL, divorced
 Austin Williams, 25 FL, single

1945 FL state census – Precinct 15, Hardee Co. FL
 J.T. Thomas, 50 FL, 7th grade education, farmer
 Pearl M., 39 GA, 7th grade education, housewife
 J.T. Jr., 17 FL, high school, Navy
 Wava, 14 FL, 1st year of high school, clerk
 Alta Marie, 13 FL, in 9th grade, student
 David A., 11 FL, in 4th grade, student
 Shirley, 7 FL, in 2nd grade, student
 Robert, 5 FL, at house
 Ida Louise, 2 FL, at house [Addie Louise]
 Grace Wanda, 1 FL, at house

1950 Lake Worth, Palm Beach FL
 Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/83432026:62308>
 John T. Williams, 55 FL, occupation left blank
 Pearly M., 44 GA
 John T. Jr., 23 FL, truck driver, construction
 David A., 16 FL
 Shirley Y., 11 FL
 Robert, 9 FL
 Grace W., 6 FL
 Hazel V., 4 FL
 Jerry R., 3 FL