



## Joanne Williams

April 12, 2005

Williams Joanne Lee Williams, age 40, of Blaine, unexpectedly. Preceded in death by mother, Leila Williams and nephew, Joey Tagg. Survived by significant other, Ross Woody; daughter, Jamie Williams (Justin Opheim); grandson, Andrew; father, James Williams; sisters, Mary Winch (Jim), Lisa Burgess (Lenny); many, many more friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Joanne Lee Williams Memorial Fund at any TCF Bank. Funeral service 11 AM Thursday, with visitation one hour prior to service and 5- 8 PM Wednesday, at: Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. 763-767-1000

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ Mom, It's been a long time. Life has been a struggle to say the least. I am hanging in there though. I feel like I am treading water barely afloat. I have done some things that will hopefully help get me out of this funk. I can't stop thinking about you lately and it's like your in my head. I heard you loud and clear last night and I understand it. Linsey has been going through a very hard time. Her youngest daughter Sydney just had a heart transplant. Now both her girls have had them. I hope that you watch over them. Linsey needs it, it is a lot for any mother to go through. I hope that you can watch over them. I also hope you continue watching over me, I am trying to make you proud but damn sometimes life is a pain. I will continue doing what I can to better my life. You should see Andy, he is way big. He is so grown up, he even has his own cell phone. I sure do miss you! I love you and miss you! Jamie

~

Jamie Opheim,

Blaine, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Jamie Opheim** - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Aunti Jo Jo, I do really miss you and even though people think it gets easier ever day it dont. Your all up there watching over us down here and all I want is to be able to give you all a hug and to be able to see you again. Not one family function goes by that I don't miss you and wish you were there. I still wait every time for you and grandma and spencer to walk through the door. Please give every one hugs for me and thank you for being the best aunt a niece could ask for. With lots of love always and forever, gone but not forgotten!

~

*Ashley Winch,*

*Red Wing, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Ashley Winch** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gone but never forgotten!*

August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mom, It's been almost a year since I wrote. I did graduate and I continued on into my bachelor's. I can't let this site go because it's the last thing I have. Let me tell ya times have been hard. I have been on an emotional roller coaster from hell. I struggle every day but I am holding strong to the fake it til you make it slogan. I am trying to look at the positive around me but to be honest it's an inside struggle. I am doing what I can to try to stay level headed. I do miss you horribly. I have to say it sucks. I love you!*

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*Jamie Opheim,*

*Blaine, Minnesota*

**Jamie Opheim** - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Mom, I miss you so much. They say that time makes it better, but I find that to be untrue. I miss you more every day. Andy misses you, he is still very emotional about it. Delores seen a psychic and he said you are enjoying teasing us and that you are definitely at our house. I am doing my best in school and graduate in November. I feel you with me everyday. There has been a few issues lately and Grandpa was sick, I am glad you watched over him, he was very very lucky. Thanks mom for watching over all of us, I love you and miss you more than I ever thought possible. Jamie

~

Jamie Opheim,

Blaine, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Jamie Opheim** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Hey Joannelt's been awhile since I wrote last but man has my life been insane. I am praying for some strength right now and you were one of the strongest people I knew, so here I am. Madi is going through some tough stuff. It has been a very long rollercoaster ride and we are far from done with it. Have a talk with the man upstairs, will ya? Tell Him that we need His healing for Madi. Miss you!*

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*Linsey Rippy,*

*Blaine, Minnesota*

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**Linsey Rippy** - August 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Hey JoJo, I have a lot of dreams about you Sis, I miss you every day. I miss most our talks and saying to you "I gotta go Jo". I hope you and Spencer are having a blast, playing lots of cribbage. Having lots of laughs. Mean while I miss you both so much and Mom too but I know you are taking care of Spencer, I want him here with us, I miss him so much. Jamie is a good young woman, I know Jo you would be proud of her and Justin both. They both helped the kids at the funeral and Jamie and Spencer were close, they are all missing Spencer and this family has not had a break from loss. I am sure Terri is there with all of you. What an inspiring young woman she was and very courageous. I don't think Jamie knows the effect Terri had on her. Jamie really grew up in helping her Aunt Terri the last months of her life, I didn't know Terri well but I had a great respect for her and if she impacted me that way just imagine what Jamie took from her courage and strength. Well Sis please take care of my boy I will see you when it's my time, till then theirs children, grand kids, neices, nephews, great nephews, oh by the way your little guy Andy, what a great little guy, I try to get him and my guy Casey together as often as I can. He's such a sweet little guy I love him very much, I love you Sis and miss you always.

~

Mary Winch,

*Red Wing, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Mary Winch** - July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Mom, I have to say that life has totally sucked in the past month or so. I have made it through, though it has been hard. Spencer passed away on June 22nd. I can't believe it, it still seems so unreal. I worry about everyone and myself. It is scary how this stuff just keeps happening. He was so young and I know he is with you now, but damn I never expected that. I am really close to felicia and Ashley now so that helps, but this is just so horrible. Please watch out for all of us we could all use it for sure. I miss you and hope you are all together. I Love You, Jamie

~

Jamie Opheim,

Blaine, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Jamie Opheim** - July 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“*Joanne, I miss you. I always looked forward to sharing my time with you. You were a great best friend and I will never find anyone like you. You will always be in my thoughts and hold a special place in my heart. Love, Donny*

~

*Don Hausknecht,*

*Blaine, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Don Hausknecht** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Joanne, You are in my thoughts and prayers, now Terri has joined you the two of you will watch over us all.I still miss you.*Debbie  
Dunnell

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*Debbie Dunnell,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

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**Debbie Dunnell** - October 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Hey Aunti Jo Jo, I have been thinking about you a lot today. Things have been kinda hard. I still don't understand why you and grandma had to leave us so soon. But thank you for always looking out for us. I know you are still here with us in our hearts. Just wish I could give you a hug one more time and tell you how much I love you and miss you.

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*Ashley & Gabe W,*

*Red Wing, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ashley & Gabe W** - June 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



JO

“ Hi mom, I just had to write to tell you I love you and miss you and I just feel like i have a huge hole in my heart. you were such a part of my every day life that still almost three years later i miss you so damned bad. i hope you are watching over ashleys baby he is so cute. He squeaks just like you.and andy is in first grade he is doing so good with his spelling and math. He can read me books. I LOVE YOU AND WE ALL MISS YOU SO SO MUCH,Love jamie

~

Jamie OPheim,

BLAINE, Minnesota

Contact Me

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**Jamie OPheim** - November 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Hello Aunti Jo Jo, I have been thinking about you and Grandma alot latly and wish you both were here to share the joy of a new baby joining the family. Im excited to be a mom but wish you both were here to be apart of it. Wee Wee my rat will be joining you two soon so keep her with curly for me and watch over her for me as well. I miss you alot and thank you for watching over me and my baby threw out this pregnancy. Love you

~

*Ashley Winch,*

*Red Wing, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ashley Winch** - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ (hello mother)Hi, Mom I really miss you. I could really use your help today. These stupid doctors are running me in circles and I know if you were here you would help me and tell me what to do. Well I do suppose it is time for me to grow up, I just dont want to. I made it through another year of your birthday, it was very hard. I wish that we could make the world stop for that day to reconize the greatest person I ever knew. I have a beagle she reminds me of you, she can be very naughty. Something tells me you watch and laugh as she is chaseing me around the house. I do Love you and miss you oh so much. Watch over me.Love ya,Jamie

~

Jamie Opheim,

Blaine, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Jamie Opheim** - March 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“Happy Birthday!! I had a dream about you last night and you kept telling me "I am never gone". No, you never will be, you touched so many lives. Just thought I would let you know that I am thinking of you.

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*Linsey Ruff,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Linsey Ruff** - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*Joanne, I was just sitting here at work thinking about you, it's almost your Birthday and I sure wish we could be together, I miss you more than anything and not a day goes by that I don't think about you. The last words you said to me were " Sure Do Love You " I Sure Do Love You Too. I miss you, your smile and your laugh. Your Sister Lisa.*

~

*Lisa Burgess,*

*Ramsey, Minnesota*

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**Lisa Burgess** - February 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I know you were there when she took her vows-everyone knew that-but I just wanted to tell you that your daughter was beautiful and you should be so proud of the person she is today! (I know you are) She is truckin along like the survivor she is and we are all there for her so don't worry. I will always be there no matter what..she takes care of me too. And in case you didn't notice-I cried enough tears at the ceremony for you and me both!! It was so beautiful and we miss you still every day but especially on days like that.

~

*Linsey Ruff,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Linsey Ruff** - March 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ February 24, 2006

*Today was a special day for us. Our daughter exchanged her wedding vows. Although at times throughout the day (and even the months proceeding) I felt awkward because you weren't there, it suddenly occurred to me that you were there. You were there in the hearts and minds of everyone, and that thought gave me a great deal of comfort. Our baby is all grown up and she is doing well. I think her and Justin make a great couple.*

*You are in my thoughts.*

*Love Donny*

~

*Don Hausknecht,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Don Hausknecht** - March 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Joanne it has been almost a year since you left, It was your Birthday and I grieved, sometimes it's just to much to bare, I am keeping up with Dad and Lisa, but sometimes I feel I fall short, I know what you would say and sometimes feel like I can hear you saying it. I will take all these wonderful things people have said in April and the small urn I have of you and invite whom ever wants to come to the house to share in a memorial for you and read them all to you, my prayer is that you knew how very much you were loved and how terribly you are missed.

All my love, your sister Mary

~

Mary Winch,

Red Wing, Minnesota

*Contact Me*

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**Mary Winch** - February 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MO

“joanne its been a long painful road since you were gone things arent the same i really miss you you were like my second mom to me its a shame this happen so fast i wont forget you this was hard for me to deal with and i cant explane how i miss you may you rest your head on gold and sleep on air cause some day we will meet you up there you tought me more then i could ever ask for wish you were here for ever more to laugh with us day and night oh i wish i wish you were alive as days go by you helps us along saying keep moving forward and catch are falls oh i cant bare to think your gone the love for you will always be strong you may be distance but i can fell your now your in are hearts and we wont let you down watching you was a lesson no one could forget live long and move on love you much

~

*matt opheim,*

*blaine, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**matt opheim** - September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ MOM

*I can't believe that you were taken from me so soon. I miss you something terrible. I hope you know how much everyone misses you. I am not sure what else to say other than I didn't just lose my mom I lost my best friend and a big part of my life. I will make sure Andy never forgets you.*

*I LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU!  
YOUR LOVING DAUGHTER JAMIE*

~

*Jamie Williams,*

*blaine, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

**Jamie Williams** - May 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *"Special" is a word that best describes Joanne...*

*"Special" is a word that is used to describe something one-of-a-kind, like a hug or a sunset, or a person who spreads love, with a smile or kind gesture.*

*"Special" describes people who act from the heart and keep in mind the hearts of others.*

*"Special" is something that is admired and precious and can never be replaced.*

*"Special" is a word that best describes you forever.*

*You'll always be that "special" sister to me.*

*Joanne your "Special" in my heart.*

*Love from me, Terri Hausknecht*

~

*Terri Hausknecht,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Terri Hausknecht** - April 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My Dearest Sister, I can not put into words the pain that i feel, not only did I lose my sister, I lost my best friend. I will miss you more than words can say. Love your little sis*

~

*Lisa Burgess,*

*Coon Rapids, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Lisa Burgess** - April 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Jo Jo

*You and I were the best of friends. We have spent alot of time together recently, comforting each other with the losses or issues the both of us were having. You always told it as you seen it, never holding back. Although sometimes it would hurt to hear what you said, I always respected you for being you. You always gave me plenty to think about. We share a beautiful daughter and you need not worry about her, as she shares traits from the both of us. She is strong, loving and also straight forward. A survivor if you will. I will be there for her when she needs me. Joanne you are gone but not forgotten, and you will always have a place in my heart. Thank you for being my friend. I love you. Your friend, Donny*

~

*Don (Hausknecht) Anderson,*

*Mpls, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Don (Hausknecht) Anderson** - April 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *JoAnn,*

*I just can't believe the news I received last night. I have been trying to find you since you left Coon Rapids. I finally found you, but didn't want it to be this way. You were a great neighbor in Blaine, we had great times together. I've missed you for so long. You will be in my heart forever.(I would love to hear from Jamie, Ross or sisters.) My friend and pal always. Jan*

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*Janet O'Donnell,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Janet O'Donnell** - April 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *When we leave this earth, the love that we've given and recieved remains behind to light the lives of those we touched ... each memory a candle burning light*

*My sympathy to your family and friends.*

~

*Tamara,*

*Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

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**Tamara** - April 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“*Joanne, you will be loved and missed always, you have given us a beautiful Granddaughter & Niece, Thank you.. you are in our prayers..*

*Dianne & Teresa*

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*Dianne & Terri Hausknecht,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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**Dianne & Terri Hausknecht** - April 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Joanne, You will be missed greatly, I haven't seen you in a while although I still see you from time to time in your daughters eyes. we were close @ one time in our younger years and I still feel close to you @ times. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Debbie(Hausknecht)

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*Debbie Dunnell(Hausknecht),*

*Burnsville, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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Debbie Dunnell(Hausknecht) - April 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Aunt jo,  
*It still doesn't seam real. I am trying so hard to keep everything together. Jamie is doing real good and I hope she knows how much every one loves both you and her. I will miss you so much. You and Grandma have lots of fun and keep watching over us. I love you and miss you.*

~

*Ashley Winch,*

*Red Winch, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Ashley Winch** - April 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the unexpeted news of Joann's passing, I had not seen Joann in years , but had finally run into her at the Hausknechts recently, She was looking great and was in great spirits, She talked so happy of her Grandson and Her daughter, I know you will all miss her terribly. I know she is now at peace, and will forever be young, and she will always be able to watch over all her loved ones for eternity.

*My deepest sympathy's go out to all those close to her.*

*Sincerely,  
Bobbie Matos (Buhl)*

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*Bobbie Matos( Buhl),*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Bobbie Matos( Buhl)** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TP

“*Joanne, I will miss you even more now. We unfoutunately lost contact a few years ago. I never stopped thinking of you. I knew of your grandson. Jamie, you are a precious person and I am sure you have become a beautiful women just as your mother was. We had been through so much together and I will never forget either one of you. Love always, Tami, Jerry and Ricki*

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*Tami Provost,*

*Isanti, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tami Provost** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ u left too soon, i will miss you soo much aunti jo jo.....

*love forever, your  
neicey Tasha*

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*natasha williams,*

*st cloud, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**natasha williams** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM



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*Shirley Champagne,*

*Hibbing, Minnesota*

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**Shirley Champagne** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Joanne-

*I can't believe that this is all happening. After being so close with Jamie for so many years I have come to know you as a wonderful and caring mother and friend. I will always remember all the laughs we had and all the nights we stayed up playing Skip-Bo and hanging out "just us girls". You will be greatly missed, but I hope you are at peace now. Love Linsey*

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*Linsey Ruff,*

*Kissimmee, Florida*

*Contact Me*

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**Linsey Ruff** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LC

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*Linette Champagne,*

*Hibbing, Minnesota*

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**Linette Champagne** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I love you Jo. You have been my backbone and strength for 20 years. I cannot imagine a day going by without talking to you about all things in life. Your daughter is amazing. When I look back at her youth and how she is today, you would be proud. She is an amazing woman.

~

*Kari Mueller,*

*Anoka*

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**Kari Mueller** - April 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM