



## Ruth Williams

February 2, 1934 - August 25, 2020

Ruth Valora Williams (nee Sproul) passed away Tuesday August 25, 2020 at her home outside of Elfrida AZ. She passed peacefully in her sleep. She is survived by her children, Robert Williams, and Valorie Nelson, her sister Maryella Cowan, 10 grand children; Glenn, Paula, Ruth, Roberta, Jacob, Russell, Kelly, Randy, JB (Jack Bradley), and Krista. 16 Great Grand children, and 1 Great Great Grandchild. Preceding her in death is her husband Robert E. Williams, 3 sons, Dale, Jacob, and Timothy Williams, and her brother Robert Sproul.

A memorial service will be held at her home on September 12, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Per her request she is to be cremated and Westlawn Chapel Mortuary & Crematory of Willcox is handling that for the family.

Ruth was a life long resident of Arizona and most of that was spent in Cochise County. She was born in Douglas on February 02, 1934 but resided with her family on the ranch in the Rucker area at the northeast end of the Swissem Mountains. She attended school in Douglas through High School then went to college in Tempe at Arizona State University. She got married on June 30, 1953, but continued her education on a part time basis and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1962. She and her family moved back to Cochise County in 1963 when they started farming outside of Elfrida, Arizona. She started working as a teacher in the fall of 1963 and continued as a teacher and administrator in Douglas, Ash Creek and Elfrida through the 1983/1984 school year. She was elected to the Elfrida Elementary School

Board in 1985 and served until 1992. She was a long time member of the BPOE Does organization in Douglas and served on its local board for several years. She was present at the founding meeting of the Cowbelles along with her sister Maryella as her mother Irene V. Sproul was one of the founding members and was a life long member. She loved country western music and dancing to the music with her husband. She loved turquoise jewelry and wore it often. Also she played the accordion and would perform many polkas. She was a wonderful cook and taught 4H cooking and sewing classes for many years. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a donation to the Charles Wm Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644 or on line at [www.willcoxhospice.com](http://www.willcoxhospice.com) they were very helpful the last months and eased Ruth's condition and the family sends them their thanks.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

SEP **12**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Williams Home  
4775 W. Courtland Raod  
Elfrida, AZ 85610

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Williams*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Mrs. William's never missed a little league game. She and my Dad went to a one room schoolhouse in Ashcreek.*

*It's been over 50 years since she encouraged me as I sat on that bench and a wanna be Mickey Mantle. Love her and miss her.*

*Steve Stephenson*

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**Steve Stephenson** - August 27, 2020 at 03:55 PM