



## Tommy Williams

July 6, 1940 - September 26, 2025

Tommy Carroll “Tom” Williams, age 85, died in his home in Springdale on September 26, 2025. He was born July 6, 1940, in Childress, Texas. He was predeceased by his father, Gladney Williams, and by his mother, Autie Williams. He was married to Doris Gaskill Williams for 62 years. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Ann Gaskill Anderson of Little Rock, and by several nieces and nephews.

Tom Williams grew up in Texas and graduated from Childers High School. He then earned an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts at Lubbock Christian College, a B.S. in Art at West Texas State University, and a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Oklahoma. He spent his career enthusiastically teaching students first at Oklahoma Christian University and then for 36 years in the Department of Art and Design at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

He played a major role in building the highly respected art history program at Texas State University. His passion for art, whether contemporary or ancient, drew students into the subject and enriched the education of thousands of Texas State Students. He could make a conversation about the history of American film enjoyable to anybody who had ever watched a movie, and he loved doing it.

Tom and Doris enjoyed traveling. They brought back pictures and stories from

historic art sites such as the Parthenon and Stonehenge. He had a quick but understated humor. He is remembered by his students and colleagues as a kind and caring and generous person who readily took time to help students and colleagues when help was needed. He loved the outdoors, had an impressive gun collection, and was an avid turkey hunter.

There will be a memorial service at the Brashears Funeral Home chapel in Huntsville at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11. His ashes will be buried in the Sparks Cemetery in Huntsville at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Sparks Cemetery

Missouri Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
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<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>