



## Evelyn Williams

February 28, 1934 - January 4, 2020

Earthal Evelyn Williams, 85, of Trenton Fl. passed away on Jan 4, 2020. Born in Cumberland County, Ky., her parents moved the family to New Castle, Indiana, where she grew up with 13 other brothers and sisters, fell in love and married her first husband and father of her two sons, Wallace Maynard and Esau Maynard, Jr.

Evelyn, as she was lovingly called by family and friends, worked most of her life in Food Service management. She married twice more with her third husband being a Korean War veteran. She then became a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. She most recently was an active member of Sebring VFW Post 4300, in the Women's Auxiliary (now known as the Auxiliary) for over 20 years. She was well loved and respected for her work ethic, as well as for her reliability and willingness to "be there in a pinch".

Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband Milton Williams and brothers James and Estill Criswell. She is survived by her sons Wallace Maynard (Donna) and Esau Maynard, Jr. both of Trenton, her brothers Fred Criswell (Shirley), Rex Criswell (Darlene), Tim Criswell (Donna), Gene Criswell (Joyce), and Joe Criswell (Pat), her sisters Louise Crabtree, Barbara Mullins (Ed), Lorene Hurt, Kay Watson (Steve), Rose Fisher (Bill), and Darlene Runyn, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and other extended

family members.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Family and friends are invited to gather at Evelyn's home after the funeral. Evelyn will be interred with her husband, Bill, at Florida National Cemetery near Bushnell, Florida on the following Monday. There will be no graveside services performed at that time. The family requests donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050 and Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland  
1301 N Young Blvd  
Chiefland, FL 32626  
(352) 493-0050  
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

## Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Evelyn Williams*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Evelyn Williams*

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January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM

DM

“ Evelyn Williams was a devoted Life Member of VFW Post 4300 Auxiliary for many years. She served as a wonderful volunteer and an officer in our auxiliary. I worked with her during two terms as a Trustee--making sure our books were complete and accurate. She was a great friend and working partner. I worked with her many times in our Post kitchen. She especially enjoyed Thursdays--Bingo day---serving hamburgers, fries, etc. to our members. We could always count on her being there and doing a wonderful job on that grill and the fryers. She was a joy to work with and we had lots of laughs and good times together through the years. I will always remember her comment to me when I complained to her about making grilled cheese sandwiches when someone ordered them. I suggested we not bother with them because we had a very varied menu. She said, "Oh for heaven's sake Bonnie, I will make the grilled cheese sandwiches---stop whining. And I did and she did. She introduced those great grilled cheese sandwiches made with rye bread. What a hit and to this day they are made exactly like she made them. I have lots of great memories of our times together. We all loved her--Post Officers and Auxiliary members alike. She will always be remembered for her many many years of volunteer service.

Bonnie Smart, VFW POST 4300  
Sebring, FL

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Donna Maynard - January 13, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ Ms. Evelyn was a true auxiliary member in the fact that she knew what the purpose of our auxiliary is. She worked very hard for the Post. I met her 20 plus years ago when I moved to Florida and started working in the kitchen. She was a real joy to be with. She made work a fun thing. She loved her "Billy" and all of us knew he loved her.

*She first taught me to make the "famous" patty melt using, of course, rye bread. We still offer that on our menu at the Post. She had so many useful and amazing ideas.*

*I could tell stories for a long time but there is not enough space here to describe all the wonderful things about our beloved Ms. Evelyn.*

*Ms. Evelyn, take a break and know you will be missed . Thank you for all you gave to us and to our veterans. I love you!*

*From Donna Thomas,  
VFW Post 4300 Auxiliary  
Sebring, FL*

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**Donna Maynard** - January 13, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ We shared many years of friendship. We worked together and played together and have seen alot of New Years come and go.S Evelyn was small in size but could back you in a corner in a minute. Rest in peace my Friend.  
*Helen Coffey, Indianapolis, Indiana*

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**Donna Maynard** - January 13, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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“ Prayers for the grieving family.

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**TJ Walsh** - January 10, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ *Broken Wing Pendant was purchased for the family of Evelyn Williams.*



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January 10, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *VFW post 4300 has lost a very dear friend. Always available for serving the Veterans causes. Serving many meals on all occasions. As past Auxiliary president I could call on her at a moments notice for a response “ I’ll be right there “ Rest In Peace my friend you will always have a special memory in my heart.*

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**Bea Ross** - January 10, 2020 at 08:18 AM