



## Cynthia Gerithia Williams

April 2, 1954 - November 25, 2025

Cynthia Gerithia Williams, 71, of Gainesville, TX, passed away Tuesday, November 25, 2025 in Gainesville, TX. Cynthia was born April 2, 1954 in Denton, TX to Emanuel Velder Sims and Ellen Louise Blocker. She married Lendon W. Williams in Denton, TX on August 12, 1978. She was a teacher and coach for 37 years.

Cynthia is survived by her husband Lendon of Gainesville, TX; son, Joshua Blake Williams and wife Masha of Encino, CA; granddaughter, Penelope Jane Williams; brother, David Sims and wife Jan of Denton, TX; sister, Jackie Lynch of Tyler, TX; mother-in-law, Rebecca Jane Williams of Gainesville, TX; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Emanuel; mother and stepfather, Louise and Al Perkins; two brothers, Danny and James Sims; and brother-in-law, Doug Lynch.

Visitation will be held 11:00AM-12:00PM, Monday, December 1, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX and the funeral service will begin at 12:00PM with Chaplain Jack Duitsman officiating. Interment will follow at Little Elm Cemetery in Little Elm, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

DEC 1 (CT)

Little Elm Cemetery  
End of King Road (Frisco Main Street)  
Little Elm, TX 75068

# Tribute Wall

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“ My heart hurts for all of you💔💔 We share so many memories with Josh and Colt growing up. I'm praying for all of you at such a difficult time.

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**Luann Knost** - December 01, 2025 at 09:32 PM

BJ

“ Aunt Cindy, What you mean to my family and how you connected with each of us individually will always be remembered. You were not just available, you loved us. I will always remember your love and support for Holly, the boys and myself. Love you Aunt Cindy

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**Brady James** - December 01, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“Cindy, you were more than a mentor—you were a friend, a teammate, and a steady light in so many seasons of my life. Coaching together at Denton Ryan for nearly ten years was a gift I’ll always treasure. You taught me more about coaching, patience, and heart than you ever knew.

You spoke about Len and Josh with such pride and love—your boys were your world, and anyone who heard you talk about them knew it instantly.

And of course, I can’t forget the great middle-name mystery. We begged, guessed, and tried to pry it out of you, but you never cracked. You told us if we guessed it, you’d tell us—and we never even came close. Now we finally know: Gerithia. After all those years of trying, I can just hear you laughing and saying, “Told you you’d never get it!”

Cindy Gerithia Williams—what a name, and what a woman. I’m grateful for the time we had together, the things you taught me, and the memories I’ll carry forever.

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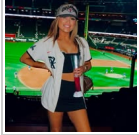
**Addie Mack** - December 01, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“Coach Willa, you made such an impact on my life! I wasn’t the best athlete, in fact I did what I could to get out of working out lol, but you wouldn’t let me quit. You pushed us girls with encouragement and helped us see our strengths. Thank you for being a positive role model in my life! Rest in Peace.

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**Sally Blackmon** - November 27, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *As soon as I saw your face on my screen, I was like Coach Williams? With out even reading anything. You were my coach 20+ years ago, and I would never forget you. It brought you so many memories that I hadn't thought of in so long. Such a good childhood with people like you in school making a difference. Rest in peace!*

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**Stephanie Martinez Lara** - November 27, 2025 at 03:23 AM



“ *A Tribute to Coach Williams*

*My heart is so heavy right now. I just found out that my high school coach passed away, and it truly shook me. She wasn't just a coach, she was a blessing in my life. She prayed with me after my dad passed, at a time when I was hurting more than anyone knew. She stepped in with kindness, strength, and love when I needed it most.*

*She was also the one who introduced me to volleyball, the sport that became my absolute favorite. She pushed me, encouraged me, believed in me, and helped me find something I loved. I'll never forget those moments with the girls' track team, the trip to Austin, and that dog pile we did like a bunch of silly, happy kids. Those were memories full of joy, and Coach Cindy Williams gave us that.*



*I always wondered where life took her... now I just pray she knew the impact she made. Rest in love, Coach Williams. Thank you for seeing me, believing in me, and lifting me up when I needed it most. I will never forget you. 🕊️💔 Trina Trammell Bishop*

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**TTram Bis** - November 27, 2025 at 02:09 AM

KT

“ Cindy was my sweet sister-in-law. We made many great memories together. She was loved much by our family and will be greatly missed by us all!

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**Karen Talley** - November 27, 2025 at 12:26 AM

RW

“ Coach Cindy Williams ! What a motivational and inspiring person. Her dedication to our girls program during her years at Whitesboro High School was so inspiring—thank you, Coach! Roger and I , as parents of one of the girls that she coached more than a game but life lessons as well. We also became friends through the sport of volleyball. We will always treasure our memories and all the team dinners together. My heart goes out to your family. Prayers and sending our deepest condolences and sympathies to all . Ronda and Roger Winter .

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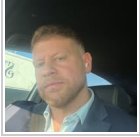
**Ronda Winter** - November 27, 2025 at 12:06 AM

JL

“ Cindy my sister my best friend will ever live in my heart. Words can't say what I am feeling right now. Since my husband passed away five years ago she has called me twice a day until the last couple of weeks. She is my hero! My heart is broken! However she is with our Lord and our mother and she has no more pain. Sweet sister see you one day soon! Love you!❤️

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**Jackie Lynch** - November 26, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Coach was one of those rare people that was really likeable, she was down to earth, genuine, intelligent, relatable, and gave great advice. The type of person that just made your day better. She was easily one of my favorite teachers and coaches. I used to run into her randomly after high school and it was always great catching up with her. She knew I loved basketball, and every time we would see each other she would ask how I was doing and then we would talk about her son and how he was doing in life and in basketball. Although I never met him, it was easy to see how proud of him she was, in all of his endeavors. Breaks my heart to get this news. Rest in Peace Coach.

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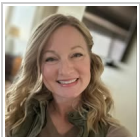
**Michael Sissney** - November 26, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Coach Williams was a wonderful person and I enjoyed her class. Unfortunately I lacked athleticism but she was always kind about my lack of skills. Prayers for peace and comfort to her family and friends.

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**Kelea LaRue** - November 26, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ My heart goes out to Cindy's family. She made a lasting impact on my life, and I'm so thankful she was my coach. I learned numerous life lessons from her, and I thought of her often as I coached youth volleyball.

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**Janet Adams** - November 26, 2025 at 04:52 PM