

Williams, Bobbie (Finley) 1926-2024

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Bobbie Finley Williams passed away on Dec. 16, 2024, in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 98. She was the wife of the late John H. (Jack) Williams, of Avon, Connecticut. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wiley H. and Sallie G. Finley, her brother, Wilson Finley and her sister, Mary Jo Helm. Bobbie was born on Aug. 30, 1926, in Alvord. She had fond memories growing up in Alvord, and later Decatur. She loved sports from a young age and had a shared interest in baseball with her father. Her mother was a role model for helping family and friends in need. She adored her brother Wilson, who was her hero in life and later in death when he lost his life during WWII. Bobbie was in

awe of her sister Mary Jo's talent and creativity in all things fashion and design. Bobbie's character was greatly influenced by her faith, family, and the collective values of the communities she grew up in. She often mentioned that she was proud to be part of the greatest generation.

She was an avid supporter and alumnus of Baylor University, where she was privileged to have been a student of Dr. A.J. Armstrong. After graduation, Bobbie worked for the Lone Star Gas Company as a home economist in Dallas. In 1949 she met and married Jack Williams. Together they created a loving family and rich experiences that took them from Dallas to Los Angeles, then South Bend, Indiana to Avon, Connecticut. Bobbie made dear friends everywhere she lived, and often surprised family and friends alike with her wry sense of humor. She loved being a homemaker, and her meals were not only delicious but beautifully presented. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing bridge with her friends in Avon. Bobbie was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in South Bend, and later the Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon. She worshipped and served in both churches in many capacities, including the youth fellowship, Sunday school, and bible study.

In the weeks leading up to her passing, she made a point to share her love and gratitude with each of her children, and for the wonderful life with which she was blessed. Bobbie was a cherished mother, grandmother, and aunt. She is survived by her children, Dr. Mark Williams (Jackie), of Greenville, North Carolina; Dana Roccasecca (Perry), of Carmel, Indiana; Amanda Post, of Greenville, North Carolina; and Scott Williams (Terry), of Wilton, Connecticut. She leaves behind eight loving grandchildren, Allison Koscal, Matt Sobbe, Ashley Peat, John Mark Williams, Brett Williams, Drew Williams, Scott M. Williams and Jack Williams. She was blessed with thirteen great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bobbie's life will be held at a later date in Avon, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Garden Fund at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 867 W. Avon Rd, Avon CT, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Wilkerson Funeral Home & Crematory, Greenville, NC. Online condolences at www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com.