



Joshua Williams

January 21, 1999 - November 7, 2025

Joshua Williams, a cherished member of the Centralia community, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2025, at the age of 26. Joshua was born in Centralia, Illinois, on January 21, 1999, and he continued to call Centralia his home throughout his life.

Joshua is survived by his loving grandparents, Billy E. Williams of Sandoval and Mary J. Williams of Centralia, his devoted mother Mary J. Williams of Centralia, and his beloved brother, Ryan J. Williams of Centralia. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Martha Jane Williams, and his great-grandparents, Delores and John Groff, as well as various aunts and uncles who had been part of his loving family.

Joshua was known for his kind heart and his passion for helping others. His dedication was evident in his active involvement with the City Hope Church community, where he was a familiar and friendly presence. He had a genuine enthusiasm for trains and a deep love for football, both of which brought great joy to his life.

Joshua's family would like to express their gratitude for the warm support received from all those who knew him. Arrangements are being handled by Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the City Hope Church in Centralia with Pastor Seth Baltzell officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Josh's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting <http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com> and the Funeral Home's Facebook page. As we gather to bid farewell to Joshua, we remember the joyful spirit he brought into our lives and the love he shared with all. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM.

City Hope Church

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I am so saddened to learn of Josh’s passing. As his 6th grade teacher, I could never forget how much of a delight he was. My heart is broken for his family. I am sure the Father welcomed him with open arms. My prayers are with you all.

Sherri Johnson - December 02, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AN

“ Didn't Know Him Through His Adult years only grew up with him and went to elementary with him was such a good kid god rest your soul josh and my condolences are sent to all the family and friends



Anonymous - November 15, 2025 at 01:03 PM

CM

“ As a former classmate of Josh, I’m sorry for your loss and hope the pain eases soon for anyone struggling.

Chelsea Mays - November 15, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ Josh & his brother Ryan were former daycare kids of mine. I will forever remember Josh as having such joy of reading a phonebook or a Centralia Sentinel newspaper, while the other kids played with toys !



Susan Kleinedler - November 15, 2025 at 05:21 AM

VH

“ Sending prayers for/with family and friends!

Vickie & Wayne Houser - November 14, 2025 at 07:00 PM