

Peter William "Pete" Willingham, son of Charles "Jack" (1921-1998) and Jeanette A. "Jean" (Fraser) (1926-2008) Willingham, was born 30 September 1948, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Pete was an intricate part of the Okemos High School state champion wrestling squad 1965-1967. He was inducted into the Okemos Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. Pete graduated from Okemos in 1967 and



furthered his education with a 1970 Associate Degree in Business from Lansing Community College.

Okemos Dominates Circuit Mat Meet

O'Rafferty High School wrestlers won the Capital Circuit championship on its dual meet record, but Saturday night it was all Okemos in the finals of the league meet at Haslett.

The Chieftains gained six individual champions, while two others took consolation honors. O'Rafferty managed only one titlist, Frank Perrone at 103 pounds as he handed Howell's Dave Hasbrock an 11-0 drubbing.

The Okemos champions are Dave Martin, 112; Don Stacks, 127; Pete Willingham, 133; Dan Curtis, 138; Bernie Kraai, 145; and Mike Droucher, 154.

Gabriels had two winners, Tim Yungfer, 165, and Tom Eiden, Heavyweight. Eiden scored the only fall in the finals when he pinned Mike Sparr of Haslett at 3:31.

Pete married Marty Jane and the two celebrated 35 years of marriage before his death 27 July 2019, Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida.

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Peter William Willingham, 70, of Cape Coral, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape



DAVE MARTIN
State Champion

MIKE DUROCHER
State Champion

PETE WILLINGHAM
Runner-up

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Peter William Willingham

Cape Coral

70, 27-Jul, Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Obituary: Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service

Peter William Willingham, 70, a resident of Cape Coral, FL since 2009, formerly of Jackson, MI, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019 in Fort Myers, FL. He was born September 30, 1948 in Ypsilanti, MI to Charles and Jeanette Willingham, now deceased.

Peter grew up in Okemos, Michigan and became an avid wrestler for Okemos High School. His team won state championship for 2 years in a



row and he has recently been inducted into the Okemos Hall of Fame. After high school he attended Michigan State University and became a loyal fan. Pete was a successful man in several entrepreneurships, including top salesman in various publications, real estate, network marketing and teaching Dale Carnegie sales classes.

Because of Pete's strong faith in Christ and unyielding belief in others, he influenced and reached hundreds of people for Christ. Pete will be forever known for his affection, love and kindness to everyone he met. His smile, laughter and sense of humor will truly be missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Marty Willingham of Cape Coral, FL; two siblings, Douglas Willingham (Karolyn) of North Fort Myers, FL, and Janet Oesterle (Brian) of Mason, MI; six nieces and nephews, Carolyn, Jonathan, Kristin, Jennifer, Heather, and Sandi; as well as many special friends.

Memorial Services will be held 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Alaiedon Township Hall, 2021 West Holt Road, Mason, MI 48854. Memorial Services will be held in Florida at a later date. Details to be announced via www.MullinsMemorial.com

1967 Okemos Tomahawk



Row 1, l. to r.; K. McGilliard, D. Martin, D. Stacks, P. Willingham, S. McGilliard, S. VanDeventer, Row 2; Coach Reese, J. Figy, M. O'Donnell, S. May, M. Durocher, B. Krahl, G. Gilmore. Head Coach Reynolds.

State Champs



Mr. Reynolds watches with confidence as the team wins another match.

The Okemos wrestling team, coached by George Reynolds, tied a national record by capturing the state title for the third consecutive year.

Paced by seniors Dan Curtis, Mike Durocher, Dave Martin and Pete Willingham along with Sophomore Steve VanDeventer, the Big Chiefs easily outscored second place Livonia-Clarenceville 56 to 43 in the state meet.

Dave Martin, who has placed in the state meet since he was a freshman, won the 112 title for the second consecutive year.

Mike Durocher won the 154 crown. Mike scored 17 points in the tournament, to break the school record.

A heart-breaker can best describe Pete Willingham's match as he placed second in the state for the second consecutive year.

Steve VanDeventer placed fourth in the state and, only a sophomore, will return next season.

Monetary Contributions in memory of Peter William Willingham are suggested to assist his family with funeral expenses. Please make checks payable to Marty Willingham and mail to: Mullins Memorial, 1056 NE 7th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33909.