



Donald Martin Willis

June 12, 1947 - June 16, 2017

Donald Martin Willis of Centreville, MD, died unexpectedly on Friday, June 16, 2017, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown. He was 70.

Born on June 12, 1947, in Easton, MD, he was the son of the late William and Helen Field Willis. On June 17, 1965, he married Linda Waters. They made their home on Kent Island until 1984 when they moved to Centreville. Donald worked for various service stations around Kent Island from an early age. In the mid 1970's, he purchased the American/Amoco Gas & Service Station in Stevensville. He was also a school bus contractor for Queen Anne's County for many years following the death of his wife, Linda. Donald was a member of the Centreville Church of God.

Donald is survived by his two children, daughter Laurie Aaron and her husband Raymond of Centreville, MD, and son Billy Willis and his wife Whitney of Chester, MD; three grandchildren, Raymond Jr. and Jared Aaron, and Emma Willis; his twin sister, Donna Stakey and her husband Bill of Arcadia, FL; sisters-in-law Barbara Wilson and Betty Willis; brother-in-law, Wayne Waters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 46 years, Linda, in 2012, and his sisters, Peggy Larrimore and Joyce Towers, as well as his brother, Frank

Willis, and grandson, Jonathan Donald Willis.

The family sends a special thank-you to Goodwill Fire Company and Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services.

A memorial service will be at 11 AM on Wednesday June 21, 2017, at Centreville Church of God where family and friends may visit from 5-7 PM on Tuesday June 20, 2017.

Memorial donations can be made to the Centreville Church of God, 101 Gray Fox Lane, Centreville, MD, 21617; the Goodwill Fire Company at 212 Broadway, Centreville, MD; or ARF, PO Box 396, Chester, MD 21619.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Church of God
101 Gray Fox Lane
Centreville, MD

Memorial Service

JUN **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Church of God
101 Gray Fox Lane
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 19, 2017 at 01:29 PM



Beautiful family, kindness just pours out of them. God's Children. It was my honor to have known them.

Kathy Roberts - June 20, 2017 at 06:55 AM

TK

Donald, you and Linda were such good people and it was an honor to serve in church with you for so many years. Two of the most loving and caring couples I knew. You two are in the arms of Jesus and one day we'll all be together again. Laurie and Billy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss once again. Love you all

Tammy Kelley - June 20, 2017 at 11:42 AM



You will be forever in my heart. You are now with the love of your life for ever and ever Amen! Will miss seeing you driving # 80. Love you Popeye.

Dawn Wilson Eber - June 20, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ *Donald Martin Willis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Donald Martin Willis

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Donald Martin Willis

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Donald was a prince among men. It would be hard to count the multitudes of families he helped out in that garage on Kent Island, but I know my family was among them. Kind, funny, smart, a just plain good-to- people person, that was Mr. Willis. Look at that great smile in the picture on this sight, that says it all! Thank you Donald for all you did for everyone you met in this world, thank you for your family who carry's on. You did good work here, you will be missed!



Steve Burkhart - July 20, 2017 at 05:17 AM



“ Wendy Hampton lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Wendy Hampton - June 27, 2017 at 06:38 PM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Willis and Aaron families. Rest peacefully Mr. Willis.*



Shelly Parker - June 23, 2017 at 09:19 AM

RG

“ *Mr. Willis drove the bus for all of our children, he was a very kind man and I am saddened to hear about his passing. We spoke on the last day of school and I begged him to drive one more year until my daughter moved on to Middle school! I will miss his friendly face and funny comments ! He was the a gentle, kind man and we will grieve his passing as we did his wife Linda.*

Rebecca Garcia - June 22, 2017 at 09:02 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - June 20, 2017 at 02:17 PM

PD

“ Donald I have known you for many years. You were one of the funniest person to be around. You were going through some hard times. Then when Carolyn came into your life you had a will to go on with your life. Sorry the life you and Carolyn had was short. But our whole family loved you. You surely will be missed. Rest in piece.



Phyllis Duncan - June 20, 2017 at 11:30 AM

FT

“ Franklin and Bev Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Martin Willis.



Franklin and Bev Thomas - June 20, 2017 at 11:07 AM

LJ

“ Lorraine Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Lorraine Jenkins - June 20, 2017 at 10:24 AM

LF

“ Lorraine Jenkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Lorraine Jenkins and Family - June 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM

LF

“ *Lorraine Jenkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Lorraine Jenkins and Family - June 20, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ *Billy,
I will always cherish the romantic dinner Pop & I shared in Vegas, drinking red wine, even though there were ten of us at the table, one of my favorite stories. Truly I will miss Pop and can only pray he is exactly where he wants to be. Ron and I are truly blessed to have known and spent time with Pop.*

xoxoxo

Deneen

Deneen Schock - June 20, 2017 at 09:43 AM

NH

“ *Donald may have been the quite twin but "Oh No"! I spent many sleep overs with his twin Donna and he never left us alone. Donna and I were great friends, and Donald always remarked "no matter where you girls go, the guys you meet are always friends, and double dates never ended. I could always count on Donald for updates on Donna. You are with with your Lady Miss Linda and your great parents Miss Helen and Mr. Bill.*

P.S. I can still hear Miss Helen coming through the door, opening ice box and yell, "where has the bacon gone!"

The Island has lost another true Kent Islander

Nancy Hall - June 20, 2017 at 08:41 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 20, 2017 at 08:15 AM



“ *Bernie Holden lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Bernie Holden - June 20, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ *Condolences to the Willis Family. Both Donald & Linda were wonderful people. Loved by the community and everyone who's lives they had touched.*

Amy Wiscott - June 20, 2017 at 06:31 AM



“ *Steve Radcliffe lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Steve Radcliffe - June 19, 2017 at 06:40 PM

AW

“ Take care of one another in your time of grief. Glod bless you.💔

Annette Lavelle Wilson - June 19, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Sharlene Bullen lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Sharlene Bullen - June 19, 2017 at 03:56 PM



Paul and I are so sadden to hear of Donald's passing. He always came into church with a smile and shaking hands. We will miss you Donald. But we know you are just fine in the arms of Jesus. We will see you again in another time and another place. My condolences to the family..Your father was a great man. We will always remember his smile.

Sharlene Bullen - June 19, 2017 at 04:01 PM



So sad to hear about Donald, he and Linda were great neighbors. And now they join together in Heaven with our Savior. Good People.

Kathy Roberts - June 20, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.



June 19, 2017 at 01:54 PM

BC

“ *Bruce Cohee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



Bruce Cohee - June 19, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 19, 2017 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ *Prayers to the family*



Judy Thompson - June 19, 2017 at 11:43 AM

BW

“ *I love you Dad. I'm proud to be your son. Love Billy, Whitney, Emma and Jonathan Rest easy now.*

Billy Willis - June 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM

PJ

“ Our deepest condolences to you Billy and Laurie and the rest of the Willis families. Sherry and I will miss him greatly. Donald was liked and loved by so many. He probably knew most everyone on Kent Island. He was so kind to us and our girls. But, not to be missed are the untold stories of his mischief on different trips to Tennessee and his shenanigans at the Centreville Church of God; we will forever cherish our time spent with you guys as you made us a part of your lives. Love you and keep you in our prayers. PJ and Sherry

Paul R. Jones - June 19, 2017 at 11:20 AM

AG

“ Amy, Bo And Benton Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Amy, Bo and Benton Greenwood - June 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

LC

“ Larry, Peggy, Adam And Alex Cole lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Larry, Peggy, Adam and Alex Cole - June 19, 2017 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ Mike and Kathy Shea purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald Martin Willis.



Mike and Kathy Shea - June 19, 2017 at 09:59 AM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - June 19, 2017 at 09:51 AM

GP

To the family: Our many blessings and prayers are with you at this time during your loss. God is with you and we always ask why, but only God knows the answer. God bless each and everyone of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene Palmatary - June 19, 2017 at 09:52 AM

WF

“ With Love, Fred Greenberg and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Martin Willis.



With Love, Fred Greenberg and Family - June 19, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 19, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Cherie & Gary Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Cherie & Gary Hollingsworth - June 19, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 19, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mr. Willis.*

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Dunn, Jr.

Principal

Bayside Elementary School

Lawrence Dunn - June 19, 2017 at 08:40 AM

DX

“ *Mr. Donald will be missed by so many. The children and their parents that trusted him to deliver their children to and from school safe everyday. But none more than his children Billy and Laura who love their Dad so very much. Prayers and thoughts for the entire family.*



Diaen Xander - June 19, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 19, 2017 at 08:16 AM

SE

“ *Mr. Donald, you always made everyone around you smile. Your joking ways and friendly smile for my kids on the bus each morning just made my day. I knew they were always in good hands with you. I will be forever grateful for the love and friendship you and my Aunt Carolyn shared. We are all better for knowing you, and I really pray that you knew how much you were cared about. You will be missed very much by all of my family, and I wish you could have had many more years here. Rest in peace, your memory will live on in all of us.*



sandy eshelman - June 19, 2017 at 08:16 AM

SE

“ Billy,

I am so very sorry about the loss of your beloved dad. I am blessed to be able to have gotten to know him so well these past five years. He truly was a kind hearted and generous man who I know has his place in Heaven now. I hope that all of your happy memories will comfort you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Sandy Eshelman



sandy eshelman - June 19, 2017 at 08:10 AM

KS

“ Aunt Carolyn,

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart is breaking for you. I know that you loved and cared for Donald in the little time you had together which was way to short. And I also know the love and caring he had for you. You had such a beautiful friendship that everyone seen when they saw you together and you have all of those wonderful memories that you shared that you will hold on to forever!!!!!! I love you! Love, Karen

Karen Stanavich - June 19, 2017 at 07:55 AM

CB

“ Carol& Joe Blodgett lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Carol& Joe Blodgett - June 19, 2017 at 07:06 AM

DW

“ *David Wenck lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



David Wenck - June 19, 2017 at 05:05 AM

JC

“ *Jenny Molnar Cook lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Jenny Molnar Cook - June 18, 2017 at 10:13 PM

JC

Mr. Donald was one of the most nicest person I know. I will always remember his smile. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jenny Molnar Cook - June 18, 2017 at 10:16 PM

AM

“ *Wonderful man. Mr. Donald will be sadly missed. Prayers to the family.*



Ann and Richard Martin - June 18, 2017 at 09:48 PM

BC

“ Laurie, Billy and family
I am so sorry for your loss Mr Donald was one
of the he nicest people I have ever met .
Prayers to you all



Bonnie Coleman - June 18, 2017 at 08:50 PM

MR

“ Melissa & Mark Rousseau lit a candle in
memory of Donald Martin Willis



Melissa & Mark Rousseau - June 18, 2017 at 08:29 PM

MR

*Mr. Donald, you will be missed. You were such a generous kind man.
Thank you for your love for my Aunt Carolyn. A lot of wonderful
memories made between you two. Life was cut way to short for you.
Rest in peace.*

Melissa Rousseau - June 19, 2017 at 08:08 AM

ML

“ Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of
Donald Martin Willis



Michelle Leatherman - June 18, 2017 at 07:43 PM

 Karen
Reed

“ Laurie, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Thinking of you and your family.

Karen Reed - June 18, 2017 at 07:02 PM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



David and June Clark - June 18, 2017 at 06:45 PM

DF

“ David & Annie Gardner & Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



David & Annie Gardner & family - June 18, 2017 at 06:00 PM

RV

“ A man with a Heart of Gold
Quick with a smile, or a good laugh
I shall miss you
You are with your Beloved Linda, I can her her now
"Donald" !!!!!

Ronnie Valentine - June 18, 2017 at 05:17 PM

DS

“ my memories go as far back as the cradle, we shared a crib, playpen ,toys, childhood friends. we never spent a day apart until we were seventeen. you and I doubled dated together. the pranks you used to pull on me, and your love for laughter was my greatest joy. We had our children at the same time....you are and always will be my heart beat . Not a day will go by that you will not be missed and loved my me. all my love always your twin sister Donna Willis Stakey!!!!!!!!!!

donna willis stakey - June 18, 2017 at 03:11 PM

RJ

“ Your in God's hands now Uncle Donald. We will meet again some day. Your nephew Ron. God bless

Ron Jones - June 18, 2017 at 02:56 PM

BW

“ I will miss you so much but I no you are with the love of your life that is what you could not wait for you would tell me that all the time. I hope you are dances on the stars with Linda and having the time of your life. Love and miss you. Your sister in law.

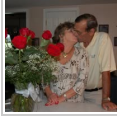
Barbara Wilson - June 18, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ Janeen Jewell lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Janeen Jewell - June 18, 2017 at 12:58 PM



So very sorry to the Willis family for your loss.

Janeen Jewell - June 18, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 18, 2017 at 12:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Martin Willis.*



June 18, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ *April Hollis lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



April Hollis - June 18, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ *So sorry to read of Mr. Willis passing. He was such a sweet man and always had time to talk.*
Fred and Pam Edwards

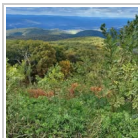
Fred Edwards - June 18, 2017 at 10:42 AM

SA

“ Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - June 18, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ Melvin Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Melvin Pruitt - June 18, 2017 at 09:35 AM

MM

“ Mary Martin lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Mary martin - June 18, 2017 at 09:13 AM

MM

Rest in peace my good man

Mary martin - June 18, 2017 at 09:14 AM

HS

“ *Heather Smith lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Heather Smith - June 18, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Jim Ewing - June 18, 2017 at 08:33 AM

KD

“ *Kenny Duncan lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



kenny duncan - June 18, 2017 at 07:52 AM

HD

“ *Howard & Doris Ann Donovan lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Howard & Doris Ann Donovan - June 18, 2017 at 05:37 AM

HA

Prayers to you and your family during this sad time. Great memories from planting strawberries in the dark by truck light. to laughing at silly things. Our thoughts are with you all.

Howard & Doris Ann - June 18, 2017 at 05:44 AM

KR

“ *Praying for comfort during this difficult time for the family. Sending our love. Scott and Kim Ruth*

Kim Ruth - June 18, 2017 at 05:20 AM

AL

“ *So many wonderful memories together at church. We loved you and Linda very much. 💜*

Angela Lancaster - June 17, 2017 at 09:42 PM

AB

One of the nicest people I new , great couple.never forget when Donald and PJ wore their wives dresses, I think it was for Pastors appreciation day, so funny,

Anna Bowman - June 17, 2017 at 09:57 PM

AL

That was an epic moment in the history of centreville church of God!

Angela Lancaster - June 18, 2017 at 07:27 AM

PD

“ *Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis*



Peggy Dashiell - June 17, 2017 at 08:13 PM

DH

“ Will always remember when you would tease my Husband and ask him why I let wear pink pants o church you see my husband bass blind bless you!

Diane Hoxter - June 17, 2017 at 07:06 PM

DH

“ Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Donald Martin Willis



Diane Hoxter - June 17, 2017 at 06:56 PM

KD

“ Our daughter started kindergarten this year and Mr. Willis was her bus driver. His smile and his wave will be missed in the mornings. Our condolences to his family.

Katie Davis - June 17, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ Theresa and I always enjoyed being around and talking with Donald. He could always tell a story that would make us smile. When a man can make you smile just by being there, you know he is a Soldier of God. We will miss you Donald you were truly a good man.

Jim and Theresa Goddard.

James Goddard - June 17, 2017 at 05:15 PM

SH

“ Uncle Donald , I love you and will miss you terribly . You were a very caring generous person with a Heart Of Gold you always listening when i needed a ear or just to say Hi and have a good conversation with a good laugh . I can't believe you are gone from this world but i know in my heart you are with Aunt Linda the Love Of Your Life with no more pain <3 To The Entire Family I pray for comfort for us all to get through this very sad time and be as one as family should. To Laurie and Billy I love you two you are my cousins i am here if there is any thing you guys need ...Rest In Heaven Uncle Donald You Will Be Missed Bus # 80 Forever

Susan Hart - June 17, 2017 at 05:05 PM